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What difference does it make whether somebody who made a translation into English from the Greek Testament in 1897 used Tischendorf's text or von Soden's text, or the particular edition of the TR? It is important for us to do such study as to determine where there is question on the text, which is most probable. Personally where I think there is a real question of the text the most important question is which is ~~more~~ not which is most probable but ~~more~~ what are the truths that are equally taught whichever we use?

But we often lose the main truth because we're so worried whether it is this or that of two possibilities that really do not differ a great deal. But to spend time and energy on a historical question like which was the text, the Greek text that was used in a particular translation that nobody is reading today probably. To do that for 100 of them, that is the sort of scholarship that we find a great deal of and in my opinion it comes exactly under the title that was given by the Apostle: food for the stomach and the stomach for food and both will be destroyed. God has given us our minds to use, but He wants us to use them to build on the foundation that he has laid.

He wants us to be building on that foundation--not constantly preparing to build on it! He wants us to prepare thoroughly but he wants us to build while we are preparing. The hungry sheep look up and find no food. All over this country we find that situation.

I heard of a man not long ago who was a skilled cabinet maker. He had some training in Bible. I wish he had more. He had a keen mind, and did a great deal of reading so perhaps in 10 years of reading he got the full value that he would have gotten --a good part of what he would have gotten in our M.Div. course. But he had the desire to preach the Gospel as Paul did. To preach the gospel where it was not preached. So he went to Chillicothe in Ohio. I happened to visit Chillicothe to speak at a meeting held there. I ~~met~~ met him and heard the story --his story from others.

He went to this place, and he got himself a--I refer to it as Cabinet work. He looked about to see if he could find a sound church. He visited a number of churches and none of them were preaching the Gospel. So he set to going about in his spare time from door to door asking people if they would care to have a Bible class started. After a certain amount of time, he had a little group of people who wanted a Bible class. He met with them and taught them the Word of God. Gradually he built built up this group while still supporting himself with his cabinet making, until he reached the point where they wanted to have regular church services of preaching.

Then they found a place 10 miles South of there where they -there was a building they could use with rent that they could afford. They rented the place and held services there. For the next 2 or 3 years he built up those people. He taught them