

Now these first two, God knows when he puts us into a particular body he knows exactly what those genes are. So Scripture says, What hast thou thou hast not received? One person has got a brain that gets things quickly, and another person gets them much more slowly. The person whose brain is much more slow has no reason to feel sad about it because the Lord knew when he gave him that particular body that the Lord had purposes in it.

And the one who has it quickly has no reason to feel that --- no reason to feel the least bit egotistical about it, because after all the Lord gave him these particular abilities in order that he could use them for the Lord's purposes.

The same is true to some extent about the influences that bear upon us. The particular school we happen to go to. The teachers we happen to have. The particular influences on us in childhood. We are all moulded to a great extent by these things. These two are external. But I believe it is inescapable, though difficult to prove, I think it is inescapable that there is an immortal spirit which is really us, I think, and that immortal spirit is responsible before God for what use you make of the particular abilities you have, and how you react to the particular circumstances, in which you find yourself.

I have great regard for the person who with few abilities pushes and works hard, and accomplishes. Compared with the fellow who has considerable abilities who is lazy and does not utilize them. I think what matters in God's sight is this this third-- it is our spirit, and what this spirit does. Whether we overcome the influences or are overcome by them. Whether we make the utmost use of the abilities God has give us, or whether we simply coast along, with what we have.

I think it is important that we differentiate these three. Some people perhas have a temper they have inheritted that makes them always wanting to be doing something and going ahead and being competitive. They don't deserve much credit for that. It's k just what they've inheritted. But I think all of us can accomplish far more than we do, if we make the best possible use of the abilities God has given us.

Any further thoughts along these lines? If not, then we were speaking in our historical survey about the development of Faith Seminary. It was very thrilling to me to have the freedom from old traditions we had. We started practically a new situation. I was the only one there who had any experience in teaching. Old traditions did not hold us. We could work out the best way of accomplishing. That was grand.

The disadvantage was we did not have the financial (support) available we would like to have had. And there was the disadvantage that we had the dominant force in the Board who had certain definite ideas. Those ideas did not really affect us