

One thing that has impressed me as strange is the different ways people react. Now Dr. McIntire and Charles Woodbridge both have this tremendous chrisma. When I was in Berlin, and Charles was there too--he had been born in China and been in China a fair amount, and when we were there there came a great crisis in China. In the American church there knowing he had lived in China they asked him to speak on Sunday afternoon and explain the great crisis in China. This was in the '20s. In view of all that's happened since this would be regarded as a minor crisis. At that time it seemed pretty important.

So they had a good crowd in church. He stood up fromt and in his very effective way of speaking and gestering he spoke for 20 min. For the first 15 min. he kept saying over and over in different terminology, How I wish I could make you understand how important the things are that are happening in China. How I wish I could make you understand what the real significance of it all is, but I've only got a few minutes this afternoon. There really isn't time to get into it, etc. He talked for 15 min. that way and said absolutely nothing. Then in 5 min. he gave some good information. I thought the last 5 min. was very much worthwhile. But I was quite disgusted with the first 15. Then when he got through everyone was saying, I never understood China before. That was marvellous. You would have thought the whole thing was a grand talk. I just felt it was his personality.

Some people have that kind of personality. That kind of way. He and Dr. McIntire are two are about as high in that ability as almost anybody I've ever known. Most of us don't have ability like that. Although one can tremendously increase it. I personally have seemed to have been better received when I speak to a crowd than then I talk to an individual. I don't know why. I seem to be that way.

When I was in Berlin that first year, I attended the American church. I met different people and had nice contacts with different ones. Then one day I gave a sermon which I felt was a fairly well-worked out sermon in German. I don't think my delivery was particularly good. After it was over one of the fellows that I'd seen off and on came up to me and said, Oh, I got an entirely different idea of your personality this morning. He seemed to get such a different impression from my speaking.

I've been surprised so often, even from people who know me well, people who I have much contact with, and I give a presentation somewhere and they seem greatly affected by it. I talk to them individually and they are ready to disagree with me on many of these things. I've had this experience with a number of people. Actually I've not had a great deal of individual dealing with people in my life, compared with the amount I've been teaching.