

But even more important than this, I think it is vital that we approach the Word in two different ways, and that we consciously realize by which of these ways we are approaching the Word. If we use only one of the two, our Christian life will not be what it should be; we must use both. As we are approaching in this way, we may find help in this direction; as we approach in this way, we might find help in this direction. But it is vital we put our emphasis at one time on one ~~and-at-another~~ ~~time-on-the-other~~ or the other of these two and that we keep these two in balance.

Now I do not know exactly how best to express these two; I haven't yet thought out a good alliterated arrangement that will present them in a way that can be easily remembered. I don't even know just an exact word that just exactly gives it, but I want to get the idea to you. One of them is: GO TO THE WORD OF GOD AS A SOURCE OF FACTS, as a source of knowledge; and if you do not do this, you will not be able to direct your Christian life/^{in other features} as you should. Go to the Word of God/^{to get} for the information that it gives you. And the other type of approach is, GO TO THE WORD OF GOD FOR ITS DIRECT RELATION TO YOUR LIFE. If you go to the Word of God just for that which will have immediate application for you,^{however,} /you may find much material that you study/^{which might} ~~that-will~~ be very vital to you next month or ten years from now that will at present seem to have little interest for you, and you will tend to develop the habit of opening at random and saying, What do I need today? That isn't the way God wants to feed you. God doesn't want to give you the knowledge for today, today. He wants to give you each day the knowledge that will build you up and make you ready for the crises/^{that} ~~which~~ are ~~XX~~ ahead, so that you won't have to draw immediately what you need but you will have a storehouse of knowledge and understanding from the Word. So it is vital that you go to the Word and say, What does it teach;? exactly what is (he) driving at? It may not have any immediate importance for me that I can see, but it is vital because God has given it. In other words, I think we should approach the Bible a large portion of the time with the scientific inductive method. People talk about the science here and the religion over here as though they were utterly different, and I think that they are entirely wrong