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so strongly, and what we want to do that we cannot listen to what He says.

We feel we want to this, or that. We have this desire. The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, ~~the~~ and the ~~lust~~ ^{lust} of life are so strong within us that we cannot hear the voice of the Lord. The first step in guidance and the most important step in fact is this: to quiet everything that is not God's will. Here is a man who says, which of these two churches shall I accept called to? Well, he says, this one over here pays twice more than what this one does here. He says, I like to ~~figure~~ figure out salary and I will go to that church. He is deciding on the basis that is wrong. He is deciding on a personal basis, of advantage, and then he says, ~~this one pays less~~. But here is another man who says, Look at ~~this~~, these two. He says, this one pays less, and I must be humble, I must take the hardest thing. I must accept the one that ~~pays me least~~ is least attractive. And he may be led by a false humility that may lead him to the ~~in~~ direction that is not ... that is not what the Lord wants him to do. We must become so free from our human desire that we will not take the advantageous things because we their advantages, but neither would we take the ~~disadvantageous~~ things in order to be thought well of. But we will think only of the Lord's will, and what will accomplish His purposes. And it is only then that we can hear His voice. That is the first and the most important step in guidance. It is to learn to get rid of the insistent ~~of~~ calls that are within us that make us want certain things, which make us feel that certain things will make us happy, that make us feel that certain things will make us happy, which make us think that we are going to get great reputation, and we will be looked up to by others, or we will have many good things in life. Then we will be praised by the self-sacrifices that we have made... and the ~~the~~ things that we do without, and anything else which appeals to the human flesh either in the sense of gratitude, or in the sense of being seen of ... self-supporting or self-sacrificing... or giving things up, but we must be where it is God and His will and His purpose along ... with man... when we get to a ... situation, it is usually not difficult ~~o~~ to know what the will of the Lord is. Now, one thing that makes it often hard to know what the Lord's will is is that we are not able to know which decisions are the important ones.