

man swept away, and the minister was able to bring comfort and consolation and help to those people in a way that he could never have done, but God had made him go through deep-deep-deep water in order to prepare him to be an effective instrument for God's work in the situation that was ahead, but which he didn't know anything about but which God knew all about. Well, then, if the circumstances are not to be our guide, because God works them for our good, but doesn't necessarily show us the way to go. How about the Bible, let's open the Bible and see what it says, God-That's not what God wants us to do. God wants us to study the Bible and learn its principles so that they become a part of us, so we can depend on He can guide us with His eye. We understand His principles, we can understand the way that He wants us to do. Oh, if we just open the Bible at random, we are apt to be like the man who didn't know much about the Bible but he said I think that God is going to guide, Let's see what He will say, so he opened the Bible at random, and he read, Judas went and killed himself. and he said that's not much help, let's try again. So he opened again at random, and he read, Go thou and do likewise, well, he says, those two tries weren't much good, we'll try once more. So he tries again, and reads, What thou doest, do quickly. How then are we to learn-- learn what the Lord's will is for us, Well, he tells us in the Psalms, He will guide us with His eye. He wants us to study His Word, to learn its principles. He wants us to learn to put Him first in everything, He wants us to get to the position where we don't care. I know people who think Oh, I wouldn't want to be a minister that would be awful, If God would only let me do something else, I will serve Him in every possible way. And I know other people who think, Oh, my, wouldn't it be wonderful to be a minister and stand up and give the truth of God to the people