

others, because we usually cannot judge ourselves fairly in these regards. There is no limit to what God may choose to accomplish through one of us in a certain way, if we have certain abilities there that God knows and we may find out about them, but <sup>which</sup> if we don't have we may simply waste our lives in working in those -- that particular direction.

You all probably heard the story of Michaelangelo, how there was a piece of marble ~~marble~~ that was lovely marble, <sup>a</sup> great big <sup>piece</sup> ~~piece~~ of lovely marble but it had a big ~~flaw~~ cut in it, a great big flaw that took out a sizeable section of it and people said, With that shape absolutely nothing can be done with that. that is worthwhile. And Michaelangelo asked that he might be given that piece of marble because he looked at <sup>the marble</sup> ~~that piece of marble~~ and he saw an angel, and others looked at and saw a broken piece of marble. He saw in that marble the possibility, disregarding the flaw, not needing the section that was broken out, just cutting that ~~the~~ section out he saw in the rest of it the possibility of making something that became a great <sup>masterpiece.</sup> ~~masterpiece~~ And that which lay there discarded <sup>became</sup> ~~because~~ of great value because Michaelangelo saw ~~that~~ those possibilities. And there are possibilities in everyone of us which we do not know but <sup>which</sup> if we can learn through the grace of God through the Lord's leading and through the advice and help we can get through others ~~may~~ be used tremendously in His kingdom.

I talked last night with a man who is meeting for business purposes with people <sup>various</sup> from ~~various~~ educational institutions all over the country, and meeting with many older people too, and he said, It really is sad, the number of people of real <sup>talent</sup> ~~talent~~ and real ability who go ~~through~~ through life accomplishing very little because they don't learn what their abilities are and how to utilize them. Now you look at the tribes of Israel and you say, <sup>Well,</sup> Which of these was the biggest? And right away, you would probably say, "Probably Judah. And actually it was. People say, Things are not always what they seem. No, but they often are, and in this case it is. Judah we find in Numbers 1 had 74,600 men of military age. It was the largest of all the tribes. And so your guess