

We pray for guidance. We must be in a situation where it is really our primary desire that we do what the Lord wants rather than that we have hidden in our mind a thing we want.

There have been many satires about the minister who gets a ~~call~~ call to another church. And the call has a larger salary than the first one, and he says he knows that it is the Lord's will that he should go there. Well, it may be. The salary may be an indication of the opportunities involved in the place. It may and it may not be. It may simply be an indication of the amt. of money in the congregation & it may be a place where the opportunities are far less and one cannot serve the Lord so effectively. The important thing is that we are not putting money or things, personal pleasure, personal desires anything ahead of a real ^{desire} thoroughgoing desire to do the Lord's will. Ps. 84:10 says, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. That word doorkeeper is perhaps not a very accurate trans. there. It is the Hiphil of a vb. which means - well it is the only case where the vb. occurs but ~~it~~ it is related to the noun for the door. And so it might perhaps ~~it might~~ be I'd rather be one who stands over there by the door, one who is in a very menial position, in the house of the Lord than to have a secure place in the tents of wickedness. The question is, Do we sincerely to the bottom of our hearts feel this? Is this very very definitely our purpose and desire in life. Christ expressed it in very very strong language in Lk. 14, vs. 25-33 where we read: (Reading text) __

Now the Lord did not mean we should hate our parents. He did not mean we should hate ~~those~~ those who are near to us. But He meant that if we truly are to be His disciples, our desire to serve Him and to put Him first is so strong that even the closest ~~feelings~~ feelings in life seem almost like hatred in comparison with our love to Him and our real desire to serve Him. It's a tremendously strong statement. And that is the real heart of the matter of Christian guidance. Are we really putting Him first? A woman said to ~~me~~ me one day, Our minister is preaching modernism, unbelief. It's terrible. She said, I do during the week to meetings where I get real Christian teaching and I listen over the radio. But she said I won't leave that church. She said, I was born a Presbyterian and I'm going to die a Presbyterian. Well a yr. later I heard she had left the church and was a member of a separated church in the same town, and I was glad to hear it. But at that particular point where she spoke to me, she was letting a denominational affiliation, or a background in