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years of life, ~~next~~ or if I had 30 more years of life, to spend all of it doing that would be extremely foolish. Our learning is for a purpose; it is not simply for the sake of getting knowledge. It is for the sake of getting training which - we can use for the Lord's service. And we should relate our training, our preparation, to what we are going to accomplish, and we should try to determine, with good advice of others, and with objective tests and in other ways, what are the particular abilities the Lord has given us, and then we should ~~not~~ step out and do in (?) with (?) them. And oh, how often I have found people who are determined to do a certain kind of work for the Lord, and they don't think anything ~~was~~ else matters. And then they find that other people feel that while and they accomplish a ~~fair~~ fair amount in this they could accomplish many times as much in some other ~~time~~ line for which they are thoroughly fit. I know a young man who was one of the finest evangelists I ever knew, that is, as a student. As a student he went out in summer teams and did a tremendous work for the Lord. But he was impressed with the great importance of ~~the~~ Semitic studies for the defense of the Word of God, and he saw its great importance so much that he went to ~~Germany~~ Germany to study Semitic languages. And it took him six years to get the doctor's Doctor's degree there that is normally secured acquired earned obtained in three years. And then after that he asked for a place in the ~~British~~ British Museum. And some friends of mine, under whom he had studied, received letters asking recommendation for him, and they felt that he was not ~~particularly~~ particularly fit in the linguistic line. I think they wrote as nicely as they could about him without saying anything that they couldn't truly believe, but he heard that the British Museum decided that since they had only one applicant for the position they would not fill that position just at present, which I thought was a nice way of saying, thought he had his Ph.D. from Germany, they didn't feel he was fitted for this position. Eventually he secured a position as a lecturer in a British college, and he did do a real work for God. I think his life was well worth while, but I feel he had particular evangelistic gifts with which he could have accomplished many times more, if he had utilized them, and