

You need to get busy and work on your speaking and get back somewhere near where you were when you graduated from seminary. You need to get a good many things that have slipped. You need to work hard on. But there is not reason yet you cannot make your life really count for the Lord. Oh he said, But I failed to go to that ch. off in that particular place. The Lord galled me to go there as a candidate and I turned around. Now I have to go back to that place and apologize and ask them now if they can hear me now. He had had no contact with them. Ten yrs. had gone by. That's ridiculous, but it's just the way that some -- a lot of people get of these temporary things. ~~what~~ Some people feel God has called them to be a missionary in a certain place, and if they can't be a missionary in this particular country, or this particular town they are disloyal to the Lord. Now I do not deny there may be cases. There doubtless are cases where God prepares a man for a particular work and God wants him in that particular place, but I'm quite sure they are rare. God wants us to do the best we can wherever we are. And if we do the best we can where we are, God will lead us if He wants us to be in a different place. It isn't what your -- It isn't where you're working but what you are doing that God is interested in. But how sad it is, how many people you meet in later life who look back on a lost opportunities. Look back on time that has been lost. Look back on the way they have put secondary objectives ahead of what the Lord wished to be first in thier lives. Or look back and see how they have been led ~~away~~ aside by their longing for temporary objectives, and have failed to push on as God wanted them to. To take the land, to conquer the land that God wants them to conquer. To do the part that He wants them to do. We all will have lost opportunities. We all will have many failures in our lives. There is no one of us that can expect to accomplish a fraction of what we ought to accomplish, but if we push forward and put Christ first we can accomplish a great deal. And our lost opportunities, they may easily be such that we will regret all our lives. Or they may be such that we can come back and repent and make it up and go forward. Let us pray that we will never be like the Israelites here who refused and then God said, Yes you shall wander in the wilderness 40 yrs. And then they said, Well, we're going. And then they went. They failed both ways. They failed through not going, they failed when they did go.