

Lord that need to be fixed. And they step right out and assume a leadership that they have not yet earned or been appointed to in any way, and they denounce that which they see that is wrong ~~and~~ and declare that things have to be done in a certain way. And as I've seen it I've admired their enthusiasm and their zeal and their determination to take a stand for what they thought was right, but I have felt that they were doing it sometimes in a manner ~~which~~ sometimes in which they could accomplish nothing. A manner which was secondary in relation to the great duties to which the Lord has called us, and a situation in which they instead of accomplishing something would merely put themselves in the way of a force that they could not overcome. And I've seen them shattered by it. I've seen them laid flat on their back and shattered and humiliated and it grieved me to see it, but what has grieved me more has been to see them then loose their zeal, their enthusiasm, their determination to go forward and step off into a corner and mope perhaps and never be heard of again in accomplishing something for the Lord. The Lord wants us to be enthusiastic to step forward to right all wrongs, but He wants us to look realistically and to realize that everything in life is a mixture, because Satan's power is felt everywhere and there is sin in every human heart. And to put our emphasis and our force where we can accomplish something and to try perhaps to get ourselves into a position where we can deal in an effective way with things that we can't deal with in an effective way at an earlier time. And if we do step out and make a stand for something and get ~~defeated~~ defeated and thrown on our backs He ~~wants~~ wants us then to gather ourselves together and to eventually be able to accomplish something ~~instead~~ instead of going off and leaving it.

Now of course this is not said here to be Moses' attitude. The Lord said, Separate yourselves from among this congregation that I may consume them in a moment. I feel that here is a case where the Lord does not express His mind, His will, or His desire. But where the Lord expresses an attitude which would have been an easy attitude for Moses to get into, in order to test Moses' character and to see what reaction Moses will take to it. The Lord does not say He is going to do this but He certainly implies it, he certainly suggests it as a possibility. And knowing the character of the Lord we must interpret a statement like this in the light of our knowledge of His character throughout ~~the~~ the Scriptures.