

falling into either or both of these two errors. We ~~ll~~ look about us and we see great need. And we step back and we say, How could I meet this need? What could I do? And we sit back and the need is not met. We underestimate our ability or we underestimate the way in which we could meet a certain need. The world about us is filled with needs for the presentation of the gospel; filled with needs for the presentation of Christian truth. And you ~~la~~ people have had more exposure to Christian truth ~~l~~ than ~~l~~ of the people of your age in the world. Far more. But Oh how often we hold ~~f~~ back and we wait for somebody to invite us or to designate us when there is a situation where there is a position, when there is an opportunity which we could step out into and accomplish for God. God wants us not to be timid or slow to do that of which we are capable in order to accomplish for Him ~~l~~ I've seen sometimes some people with little knowledge, little training but tremendous love of the ~~l~~ Lord and tremendous enthusiasm, go out and present the Christian truth they know and simply move great numbers of people with that. And I've often thought if those of us with training, those of us who have knowledge had as much initiative, as much enterprise, as much willingness to step out for God as many do who have little training, think what God would do through us and think how ~~l~~ we could avoid making the mistakes that such people often make later on when they have ~~la~~ ~~l~~ built a real movement and then they don't know how to lead it aright, but they don't have the sufficient training to deal with the ~~l~~ problems that come ~~l~~ up. It is very easy to go from one extreme to the other.

I remember one time I was connected with an organization and that organization needed an active leader. And they had in mind a man to be the leader of the organization but he was not available; he would not be available for about 6 months. And so they wanted someone to fill in in the meantime, and they took a man out of the group and decided that he would be capable of handling the job for the period of 6 mo. or so until this man would be available. And so they asked him if he would on a temporary basis take this leadership, take this particular position for the next six months. And the man just shook with fear, with timidity that he could not possibly handle it. Oh he said, I couldn't possibly do that I'm just not up to ~~la~~ that. And they knew he was perfectly capable of handling it on a temporary basis, but they could hardly persuade him to. He was so sure he wasn't up to it.