

purpose. He knows every human spirit that He puts into this world, and He puts us here in order to mould us and shape us by the particular circumstances that He feels will make us into that sort that He wants us to be. And when we leave behind our bodily characteristics, we leave behind our mental characteristics in so far as they are inherited from our parents. We leave behind all this that is earthly and our spirits go to be with Him, what He is interested in is how has that spirit been developed here on this earth. Has that spirit been developed/^{and moulded} first by believing in Christ, then through going on and growing in grace and in knowledge of Christ till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Now one can be greatly used of God as an evangelist, and yet can utterly fail in that which is of utmost importance -- his own personal growth in grace. I doubt if anybody can grow in grace in any way that is effective in God's sight if he does not have an interest in evangelism, if he does not do what he can to win souls for Christ. But one can be a great evangelist because he is a wonderful speaker, and because he has a good ~~mat~~ mind that gathers things together and presents them in an effective way, and yet in his heart can be full of ~~wid~~ wickedness and one who will never receive God's approbation. Paul said, I keep my body under lest after I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. He said in 1 ~~C~~ Cor. 9:27.

If we're going to grow in grace we must be interested in producing the fruit in others of leading them to the Lord. But most important in God's sight is Are we ourselves, in the situations in which we find ourselves, with the particular qualities we have, are we developing the way God wants us to? That is tremendously important in His sight. The same is ~~s~~ true of ^{helpfng} helping others to grow in grace. I was greatly impressed when I heard Dr. R.A. Torrey ^a tell of an experience he had once. He said he talked to/man and this man said to him, Torrey, You and I are the most effective workers in Christian