

I'm sure we all have this problem. Very frequently we get engrossed in something that we know is temporary. We get so interested in it that we forget all about things of greater importance and then suddenly we look at the clock; we find the time has gone by. We've been devoting ourselves to something that we enjoy temporarily but was not half as important, ^{however!} as the ^{next} things that are in line for us to do. We are here in this world for a comparatively few years. The things that we see, our bodily conditions, our bodily situations, it is temporary. But that which we do not see is eternal.

You look at a person. You see them. You see certain things they do. You see certain attitudes which you enjoy. Particularly if you look at a little baby, at a little child. You find something very attractive, ^{and pleasant} We love to see little innocent children. We also love to see little innocent lambs playing about or little puppies. What is the difference between a little lamb, puppy or a little child? We can get the same sort of pleasure in looking at one or in playing with one ^{that} ~~that~~ we get from the other. How do we separate between that which is temporary like the lamb, like the puppy and that which is eternal? We can't draw a sharp line of separation but that does not mean that there will not be a sharp line of separation drawn some time. The day will come when we shed this body when we leave it, this home that has been helpful to us for a brief time for a few years behind, and we go on into the long stretch ahead. What will survive? What will last? Some of us have the ability to grasp things quickly. We can learn a language fast perhaps, or we can understand concepts quickly. Another person finds it slow going. Is that part of his spirit, that which lasts? Or is that something that is simply part of the house that God gives him for a brief time? We cannot separate. The two are in this life intimately related, closely connected. ^{our} ~~our~~ body affects our body; ^{Spirit} our body affects our ^{body} spirit. But there is a distinctive === a distinction. There is a difference. God puts us here in certain situations which He feels is what our particular spirit needs. We have nothing to be proud in the things we inherit, in the