

environment we happen to be in. That is temporary. God is interested in what we do about that which will last, that which is permanent.

There is a commentator whom I have greatly enjoyed reading. For some years I have read his comments in one of the magazines, and when it folded up he went to another magazine -- both of them very prominent magazines. And whenever I would get either of these I would immediately look for his articles. I found them very interesting. I liked his attitude. I liked his general outlook. I did not agree with everything he said, by any means. But I did like to read them. I felt almost as if I knew him. Then a book came out written by ^{him.} ~~him~~ I looked in ^{to} the book, and I enjoyed reading in it just as much as I did the articles. Then I turned to a page which had a picture of him and his family ^{with} and another page which had a picture of him as a young man. As I looked at these two pages I said, "If I had seen that man as a young man, or if I had seen him yesterday with his family - I knew nothing about him before - I would have looked the other way and shown not the slightest interest in ever becoming acquainted with him. There is something about ~~him~~ his looks that definitely does not appeal to me at all. I don't know why it is. Maybe he reminds me of somebody I knew once. I don't know. But he's got a look that I might never have read one of his articles if I had seen him first, talked to him first, seen a picture of him. But I was impressed by his articles. The things that are seen are temporary, but how easy it is ^{for us} to pay our attention to things that are seen instead of things that are lasting. How easy it is ^{for us} in our relations with other people to be impressed by the things that are seen, by their manner, by their voice, by their appearance. Now of course we are greatly impressed by these things and we can expect others to be impressed by these things, and therefore we have a duty when we are servants of the Lord to try to make our external features such as will draw people to our ~~lot~~ message rather than that which will drive them away. We have a duty to think about these things ourselves to a certain extent in order