

that's a pretty good indication of whether I look upon the things that are above and am doing Christ's will no matter what, or whether there are things below ~~that~~ of trying to do that which will give us pleasure and that which will give us satisfaction.

One of the saddest things in my life has been in recent years to know of at least several - I'd better not count them, but I've known of several cases -- of ministers who as far as I know were preaching the Word of God in a way that God was using them. They were thoroughly orthodox. They were presenting His truth, and as far as we could see souls were being saved and then this is in several cases I know where this has happened. All the sudden we found the man has left his wife and gone off with another woman. Paul says the pray for him that having preached to others he not become a castaway.

Before you get married think very definitely, is this the woman I want to spend the rest of my life with? After you have married you have made your commitment and if you are going to serve the Lord and your life is going to count for Him, you are tied to her for life. What is there for a minister to do who has run away from and left his wife? What can he do? What kind of work is he good for? He's not trained for anything else. What can he accomplish for the Lord or for himself or for anything else? Yet I've know of several who have done that just recently. If you truly love the Lord and you have entered upon a marriage relationship that is an obligation which you have taken for life, and it is up to you to be satisfied in that part of your life with that one with whom you have entered into that relation. Keep your eyes on that which is above, and keep them there. That does not mean you should not have relaxation.