

So we are training people whom we hope will be able to give the great central truths of the Bible in a way that they will get them across.

But we here have a greater objective than that. We want to train those who can go to the Word and see exactly what it means and what its truth is as it relates to situations as they change.

So there are two duties of our graduates and of people of the calibre we hope our graduates will be. There are two different duties. One is learning what the Bible means, and the second is getting to people the great truths of the Bible. I believe we should keep these two sharply separated in our minds.

So I think it is vital that where you can't be sure what a passage means you don't jump to conclusions, but you see what the possibilities are and as you study some other passage or situations change you may then see exactly what it did mean and how it fits in with the insights you've gotten from some other passage or with the changing situations in the world. So I believe it is tremendously important that you study it very carefully. That you have a certain number of people who are able to say. This verse is absolutely clear. This verse has two possibilities and we are not at present in a position to decide between them. This verse has two possibilities one of them I feel ~~is~~ almost sure is correct, but I'm not going to build a truth on that except as I find support from other passages.

That is a very important part of your work. That is you understanding of the Word. And a very important part is getting people the truth you == they need without confusion without confusing them.

Now right there there is really a second element in this question. Some people are very touchy about anything in what their version says. As someone said, If the KJV was good enough for St. Paul, why isn't it good enough for us? Well, we all know that was not the case. That the KJV came 1500 years after St. Paul wrote, yet I got a printed piece of literature yesterday from a very active Christian worker who actually said in it, Are we to believe that God left us 1900 years without knowing what the true Bible is? Which certainly implies that KJV is the Bible that St. Paul had!

We know that the KJV was a translation made by godly men and excellent scholars aware of the situations of their day using a language ~~is~~ that nobody can speak today! There are == we can understand it fairly well. But there are many words in the KJV that very few people today understand, because some of them are not used and some of them have changed their meaning. Most of it we can figure out fairly well what they mean. And there are places where the translators certainly erred in their decision, though on this ground I find many cases where I think the KJV translators, as far as meaning is concerned, did a better job than any recent interpreters have done.

But now that the Bible that is most widely used is in a language that most people == that nobody living can understand