

through our efforts, but above all through our trust in His \_\_\_\_\_, through our leaning on Him, through our letting Him become more and more a part of ourselves, a part of what He wants us to be.

Paul said, Lest I become a castaway. Paul could never be lost. His trust was in Jesus Christ. But Oh how far short we can fall of what the Lord wants us to be. How we can fail in developing in the that He wants us to. You go out to this country where you work and you toil, you think and plan how to reach people with the Word of God and then the forces of the communists sweep over the country and it is illegal anymore to even mention the Name of Christ. And your work was a failure. But it was not a failure. God knows the end from the beginning. God knows the \_\_\_\_\_.

Oh, you work and you toil and you accomplish seemingly very little and this other person just reaches thousands for the Lord. Your work is a failure! No! It is not a failure. But what the Lord intends is your development through success, through failure, through whatever happens God has His purposes. He accomplishes what is His will. He chooses and He does that which He ~~des~~ desires should be done.

Be not foolish--don't be foolish, but be understanding what the will of the Lord is. How am I going to understand? I come to a turning point. I come to a point. I don't know what I should do. How am I going to know? First, He wants us to take all the facts. He wants us to gather them together. He wants us to think what have I ~~failed~~ failed to think of? What is there I need to know and investigate? He wants us to get all the information that we can get. Often people take a step in the dark. They don't stop. They don't think. They don't gather information.

Then God wants us to evaluate the information. He wants us to consider exactly what ~~w~~ should be done. He wants us to talk with others who can see things perhaps in a way that we cannot see them. How often someone comes to me and say, I don't know whether I should do this or that? Well, I've said, What is your object in life? They say such and such. I say, Well if you want to accomplish that which of these would accomplish it? They say this one! I say there you have the answer haven't you? They say, Yes. Thank you for your wonderful counsel!

Nine chances out of ten all you need to do is to ask the person a few vial questions that bring to mind what they already know. God wants us to quiet the emotions of our heart. He wants us to get rid of selfish desires that creep in and keep us from seeking His will. He wants us to get rid of the feelings that have grown up with us from childhood and have no particular reason for them, but that affect our thinking. He wants us to see exactly what the situation is and then to make our decision on it.

Then when we have made our decision and we have decided what we should do, then He wants us to pray, Oh God if I have made a wrong decision close the door; prevent me from carrying it out.