

Catholic Popes particularly, whatever about the priests, were men of integrity, upright men. So I went to my priests and I asked them a question, 'Tell me, were there any bad Popes?' Of course, I expected them to say to me, 'Well, who put that idea in your mind? Of course, not! Bad Popes! The thing is grotesque and ridiculous!' But instead of saying that, they said, 'Of course, you have to consider the circumstances of the times. Very often they were very troubled periods in the history of the church and so on. Today the same defense the Jews make and somebody told us that there were bad clergymen or bad times in the history of the church,' but that shows me that not only did the Jew believe it, and I knew you wouldn't say it unless you believed it, but it was actually true. That was the first thing that turned my mind to the acceptance of the truth."

Now I give this practical word to you--Watch for the breaking of prejudice. Then step in. You talk to people, and talk to them and talk to them and it seems that it is a big wall that you are up against and that you are making no headway. Then some chance remark maybe directed by the living Spirit of God who knows more about them than you do, breaks down their prejudice. Then they are ready to listen. Then is the time when the opportunity is given you to enter in and give them the full gospel of God's redeeming grace. Another thing I say in my experience is that you can't do it in the stroke of a hand. Through much tribulation we enter the ~~king~~ kingdom of heaven. I believe that one of the weaknesses in a great deal of our evangelistic effort is that we don't take trouble. So many people say, "Oh, you don't accept what I say, well, then, I've given you the gospel and I'm clear of your blood. You are damned and I have nothing more to do with it." That is not the attitude of the Christian worker. It may be perfectly true, but our business is and others, saved by fire, hitting even the garments spotted by the flesh, and on some have compassion, making a difference. Watch your man; study his beliefs, consider his temptation, and slowly, patiently, ~~xxx~~ dependent on the power of the Spirit