

you hold at it, you may go out to make a fool of yourself, a bigger fool than God made of you. You have got really to face that fact. Study, take pains. All these labors are not merciless, not ineffective. As a matter of fact the Christian Church *and of!*

I have had the experience of addressing as large audiences as most people. I have spoken five times in the Abbott Hall when it was crowded--Abbott Hall, London. The Abbott Hall is supposed to seat 10,000. Some believe that it only seats 8,500, but when you look at the audience you wouldn't miss the 1,500. I have spoken in the Kinsworth Hall and in Queen's Hall and in my own church in Dublin we had a congregation in the morning of 200 and in the evening anywhere from 400 up to ~~xxxx~~ 1,000 or 1,500. And yet as I look back over my life while all these things have been valuable, and I thank God for them, I believe that the best work I ever did was sitting over a fire talking to an individual. Take pains. Don't look for great things. Seeketh thou great things for thyself? Seek them not. Try to understand men. Try to penetrate into people's difficulties. Be content to sit down and unravel an anxious problem for a single individual. Study. Take pains. And take pains with your work. God can use the poorest and the meanest of us. God can bless ignorance. If He didn't, we might all resign our office. Certainly I would have to surrender my position right off. But there is a difference, ~~My~~ sisters and brothers, between ignorance and ~~xxx~~ culpable ignorance. There is a difference between lack of opportunity and neglected opportunity. So many people expect the Lord to work a miracle and to supply them with ammunition. They won't take the trouble to collect it. Notice the miracles of our Lord. He stands before an open grave and says, "Lazarus, come forth." Then he says, "Loose him and let him go." Of course, it would have been quite easy for the Lord to have stripped the ~~xxx~~ grave clothes from Lazarus. But you could do that. So the Lord said "Do it." I do want to press on you that if you neglect any gift that God has given you, you cannot