

of your mistakes, but that doesn't give you any excuse for making mistakes or being careless. Trust in the Lord and do good. It does not mean merely be good. It means ~~active~~ in such a way so as to accomplish things for God. Do good. Both meanings are in the English; and both meanings are in the Hebrew.

About that same time I met a man I had seen when we were both classmates in the U. of PA. We were both working for our doctor's degrees. He was a Jew and was now teaching in a Jewish institution. I have to run along he said. And he asked what I was doing and when he heard he was so happy. My, he said, it must be wonderful to teach in a theological seminary where everybody is good. It must be wonderful. But of course, he said, you would not think of flunking anybody. I said, We not only think of it but we do. We want our students not merely to be good, we want them to be good for something.

The Lord said, Trust in the Lord and do good. He means not only that we are to trust him at the beginning of our Christian life; we are to trust him all through our life. We are to trust him at the end of our life as we look back, and are not able ourselves truly to judge whether our life has been a success or a failure. He means that he wants us to give our thought, our energy, our time to thinking and considering and working to accomplish for Him the task for which He has called us. Trust in the Lord and do good.

As I speak to preachers, I think particularly of the fact that you have felt the call to preach the word and to reach souls for Him. In 1 Cor. 9, Paul speaks particularly to preachers