

another church, somewhere, who was a good fellow, he knew the truth, but he didn't have the underlying, basic good qualities that would make for eventual growth of the church. But he had gotten busy and worked in this, and trained himself in being able to get across about four good sermons. And they were real good. And the ~~fn~~ fellow went over there, and the church happened to hear of him. And they asked this ~~friminx~~ friend of mine, do you know him. Oh yes, he said, I know him well. Well, would you recommend him. Well, he said, I don't think he would quite suit your church. But, they had him over and they heard one of his good sermons. And that sermon was just grand. He had every word just right, and it was really tops. I think they heard two sermons from him, and they were just absolutely fine. And he just laid himself out to be grand. He was a nice fellow, but not the standard that they wanted. But he laid ~~n~~ himself out. And they told ~~this~~ my friend, the only thing that we are afraid of is that we won't be able to get him. He is not sure that he cares to leave the place where he is now. And my friend said to them, I think that over the course of a few weeks or months you will find any one of these other four fellows would ~~bx~~ please you much better. Oh my no, they can't be as good as this one. So they gave him a unanimous call, they got him for their pastor, and my friend saw one of their leaders two or three months later, and he asked him how they were getting along. Well, he said, after he got over his four sermons he was not so good. He is a nice fellow but he didn't have that which would really ~~grax~~ lead the congregation. Right now he is working in secular work. He was not the right choice for that church. And it was a discouragement for him when he failed. And it meant a discouragement for the church.

The people are very prone to judge on superficial characteristics, and they are very prone to overlook basic things. I know of a fine church down here in Philadelphia. Many years ago they had a wonderful preacher and pastor, and he just died. And the church immediately sent to one of his good friends and asked him to become their pastor, and he refused to come and he was very busy. So they hunted around, and somebody told them of a man out in central