

prominent and desirable positions. Rather be anxious and determined by diligent cultivation of your gifts and graces to be worthy workers in any portion of the vineyard. It is not the places you fill so much as the spirit and manner in which you discharge your duty to God and man that is important. The true man of God is sure, in due time, to reach his right place. He may be deterred, and even buffeted, on his way to it, but that will be to his advantage. The Spirit of God and His sovereign providence will cause seemingly unpropitious circumstances to work together for good, for the moulding of his character and the development of his spiritual power, so that the cold, capricious world may ultimately recognize his merit. And should it refuse to do so, it matters not, so long as the "well done, good and faithful servant" of the Master is his reward. Therefore, he that believeth should not make haste.

Depend upon it, that if you are fitted by the possession of superior talents and attainments and by thorough consecration to the service of God, and the Church to come to the front, the call will reach you at the proper moment; but it is your part to leave others to do you that honor. The demand for men of the right sort is sufficiently keen to save you from being left in perpetual obscurity. Gold and diamonds are for a time concealed among quartz and common substances, but in the long run they are discovered and brought to the light.

Be patient, therefore, and prayerfully attentive to self-culture and in due time the Saviour will guide you to fields in which you are to be His representatives,

Inasmuch as you are to speak for Christ, to beseech men in His stead to be reconciled to God, see to it that in all your teaching, public and private, you are unmistakably clear and definite. Vague and aimless sermons are a curse. If you are "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" there will be no uncertainty in your creed and meaning, in what you believe with full force of conviction, and what you will earnestly press upon the acceptance of others.