

VIII. And by Way of Summary

The problem I have been trying to work with in these talks is the problem of not making the fullest use of the people we have in a fellowship. I understand that if the fellowship is only two or three people this might not be the case but in many meetings the numbers of uninvolved people is surprising. The fact is that many of them do not know they are uninvolved....they enjoy the fellowship and are thankful for a spiritual base. That they do not know this status is a fault that may be passed on to the rest of us who are so concerned with our duties, etc., that we fail to make room or provide guidance for others.

We have for the most part plenty of people if we get the most out of them that is possible by the grace of God and the urging of the Spirit. It is not a matter of compulsion or brow-beating but simply a recognition that every one should have a share in the glorious work of God and to that end we encourage all the participants in a fellowship to be doers, not just watchers. In many cases, however, before we dare think of helping someone else, we need to survey our own participation. But I have said that often enough that it will be allowed to rest right now.