

hopefully it will be, it teaches us a great deal. It teaches that work of the heart is the permanent sort. It teaches that the true strength is internal and spiritual and so forces us more to rely on spiritual exercise and strength. It also shows us we can trust God to work "within us". And, in some cases, (2 Cor 7) it shows us vividly the nature of our path and acts as a corrective under further circumstances.

4. Conviction: How is it met? Having determined it is a truly Biblical matter, the individual prayerfully seeks to carry out what he is to do. Failure to do this results in a loss of personal peace and fulfillment. The completion of conviction will not exceed the personal limitation discipline that we mentioned earlier...but it will strengthen the individual and challenge him to further advances in dedication and use of his skills.

C. Conclusion

Some fear to act to a positive biblical conviction as "bottle" it up within them. Others make every thing they want to do a matter of conviction--some even to the point of doing wrong--and try to justify themselves on the basis that they were "convicted." You must walk between these extremes. And you must not let the reality of them keep you from honoring what the Word of God puts on the heart of the committed Christian. It is hard to estimate how many of our ideas and projects might falter if it were not for the compulsion of conviction.

VI. Summary

Training is a necessary part of life. We ought to value every thing that God brings to us that is calculated to enable us to live more to His glory. In these notes we have sketched but a few and in the course of life you will see more. Remember: The Wise Father knows the needs of the child