

# What Is in Thine Hand?

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“If we could see beyond today, as God can see,  
If all the clouds should roll away, the shadows flee,  
For present grief we would not fret,  
Each sorrow we should soon forget,  
For better joys are waiting yet for you and me.

“If we could see, if we could know,” we often say,  
But God in love a veil doth throw across our way,  
We cannot see what lies before,  
And so we cling to Him the more,  
He leads us till this life is o’er, oh, praise His name.

For someday toil and care of life shall cease,  
In that land my Lord shall have full sway,  
Naught can mar its wondrous joy and peace,  
Someday, someday, when the shadows flee away.

Someday when the shadows flee away,  
Sorrow shall be o’er, care be known no more,  
Someday when the shadows flee away.  
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Author Unknown.

Before we begin our study tonight, I think some of you might be interested to know of a meeting that’s going to be held next Monday night out in Utah. The president of the general conference, Elder Pierson, is going to visit our little self-supporting school, Castle Valley Institute, near Moab, Utah, and speak there next Monday night and spend some time Tuesday. I thought you all would like to know that—the growing interest in this type of work.

Now, turning to our study this evening, the text is Exodus, the fourth chapter, and the second verse. Moses had spent 40 years as a shepherd in the land of Midian. And now, the Lord from the burning bush is speaking to him, calling him to be the leader of the great exodus movement. But Moses is hesitant, timid, self-distrustful. God asks Him a question:

“And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand?  
And he said, A rod” Exodus 4:2.

This was the stick that Moses had been carrying around that he used as a shepherd as he led his flock from one place to another.

God said:

“...What is that in thine hand...” Exodus 4:2.

He said, “This stick.”

Now, the 17<sup>th</sup> verse of this same chapter:

“And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs” Exodus 4:17.

The word “signs” as used here means miracles, wonders. With this rod, Moses opened the Red Sea. With this rod held above his head, he brought victory to the armies of Israel at Rephidim. With this rod, as He struck the rock, he brought waters gushing forth to satisfy the thirst of two million people. Yes, this rod was used to accomplish a mighty work. Just a wooden stick, that’s all. But God used it.

And notice, it was something that was in the hand of Moses when he was called. It was not something that he had to go to Egypt and buy or to go to Canaan and hunt up. It was right there in his hand.

“...What is that in thine hand...” Exodus 4:2.

Moses said:

“...A rod” Exodus 4:2.

“Just a stick.”

God said, “We’ll use that.”

“...take this rod in thine hand...” Exodus 4:17.

“And with it, you’ll do wonders.”

You know, dear friends, we are so inclined to measure things according to our own experience, which is very natural, according to our sight which is reasonable. But faith enables the child of God to look way beyond all past experience and way above all that the natural eyes can discern. Faith enables a man to venture out with God and attempt a great work with tiny tools, apparently inadequate resources.

Tonight, I’d like to ask you, “Now, what’s in your hand? What’s in your head? What’s in your heart?”

Jesus says, “Take what you have, and I’ll use it to do wonders. If you let Me use *you*, the resources that you have will prove to be sufficient.”

Turn over to Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, the 38<sup>th</sup> verse. We’ll see a New Testament illustration of this same truth. Jesus was out in the wilderness, a great company of

people had gathered there, and He'd had taught them all day long. As the great Medical Missionary, He had healed their sick and taught them the good tidings.

And now, as the sun is sinking in the west, the disciples come to Him with the question, "What's going to happen to all these people? Where are they going to get anything to eat?"

And Jesus puts the question back to them, and in Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter and the 38<sup>th</sup> verse:

"He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see..." Mark 6:38.

This same God that had asked Moses what he had in his hand and said, "I'll use that," now said to the disciples, "Take inventory and see what you have available."

"...And when they knew, they say, Five [loaves], and two fishes" Mark 6:38.

Now, this was to feed 5,000 men besides the women and children. And the disciples very naturally threw up their hands.

They said, "This is impossible. We can never begin to satisfy the hunger of this great crowd."

Jesus said, "Bring me what you have."

"He said, Bring them... to me" Matthew 14:18.

"...Bring them... to me" Matthew 14:18.

Now, notice these steps.

First, take inventory, "What do you have?"

Second, "Bring it to me."

These are the two steps that I would like to encourage you to take tonight. What do you have in strength, in time, in money, in wisdom, in experience, in position and influence, in opportunity? What do you have?

"Oh," somebody says, "Brother Frazee, I don't have very much."

Well, that's all right. It isn't a question of whether it's big or little. The question is, find out what it is, and then bring it to Jesus. And as He took the five loaves in His hands and the two fishes and asked God to bless them and started *using* them, the supply proved adequate as it was multiplied by the creative power of Christ.

The bread multiplied in the imparting. It was not given first to the disciples to feed them. It was given first to the multitude. The disciples ate with Jesus after the others had all been fed. You see, our problem so many times is we want to take what little we have and use it to take care of ourselves, and then if we have a surplus, use that to help others. That's the natural heart.

Some people, of course, are so selfish they wouldn't even want to use the surplus. They're like that man that Jesus told about that as the Lord blessed his crops, he had so much that the barns wouldn't hold. And so, what did he suggest?

"Pull down the barns and build greater and put it all away, and then I'll take life easy."

But the Lord said, "You're a foolish man. Tonight is the end. It's finished" [a paraphrase of Luke 12:18.]

And so, friends, God is calling us away from the selfishness of looking at things we possess as, first of all, to take care of ourselves. He's challenging us to lift up our eyes and see the great needs around us. And then, He's encouraging us through the eyes of faith to see in the comparatively small resources that we may have the means that God will use to satisfy the great need and opportunity. This is what He wants us to learn.

In *Volume 6*, page 467, I read these words:

"Let us waste no time in deploring the scantiness of our visible resources, but let us make the best use of what we have. Though the outward appearance may be unpromising, energy and trust in God will develop resources"  
*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, page 467.*

This has been our experience here, friends, on this campus through the years. When we came here, we didn't even have enough money to make a down payment. But the Lord has, again and again, stepped in, and as man and the Master have cooperated, the resources that God has supplied have met the needs. This is how building after building on this place has been erected. As teachers and students have met together in prayer and claimed the promises of God, used what they had, and God has multiplied the resources in their use.

This is how the old sanitarium was built 25 years ago. This is how the new sanitarium has been built. This is the lesson that those who have *learned* the lesson have gone with, in various parts of this country and in foreign countries, and following these same principles have spread the work. It is a wonderful thing, my dear friends, to be fully satisfied that God knows what He is about and that He is able to use the little that He has put in our hands to fully meet the needs.

Think of David, 17 years old, coming down there to visit his brothers and Saul's army, and there he finds that for 40 days the army of Israel has stood baffled and thwarted, frustrated as that great giant Goliath comes out morning by morning and issues his challenge.

Well, he listens, and then he goes to the king and says, "I'll go. I'll meet that fellow."

"Oh, you can't go. You're just a boy. And this man's been a warrior ever since he was a child. And look at his height and look at his armor. You can't go."

David says, "Yes, I can go. The Lord will help me."

"Well, what have you got?"

"Well, I've got a sling. I've got a sling. That's what I've got."

"You mean you'd go meet that fellow with a sling?"

"Yes. Yes, I'll go. I'll go."

And you remember that Saul offered him his great expensive and elaborate armor. And David tried it on and started off. Pretty soon, he came back.

He said, "No, I can't go with these. I haven't proved these. I'm not acquainted with these. Let me work with what I've got, what I know how to use."

And away he went, and you know the result.

Friends, it's a wonderful thing to have that simple faith and confidence in God! But do you know how you get it? You don't get it by becoming a millionaire overnight, no. You get it by working with what you have. That's the only way you get it.

You know, I can't read anybody's mind, but I'm just as sure as I can be that there's somebody here tonight that's going to get a blessing that's going to make life different for you from now on. It's for your sake this message is given by God. God wants some heart that has been waiting for more resources, more opportunities, better position, greater opportunity of some kind. He wants you to grasp the fact tonight that you have in your hands the tools with which God can accomplish a special work. You have them, those tools, in your hand.

"Oh," you say, "where are they?"

Well, what did Jesus say to Moses?

"What's in your hand?" [a paraphrase of Exodus 4:2.]

"Nothing but a stick" [a paraphrase of Exodus 4:2.]

God says, "Bring it along. That's what we're going to use."

"A stick?"

“Yes.”

Did you ever hear a person say, “I’m just a poor stick”?

Well, that’s all right. Be a poor stick in God’s hand. God can use you if He can get *hold* of you. What did He say to the disciples?

“How many loaves do *you* have?” [a paraphrase of Mark 6:38].

Their minds were off in the surrounding towns. They were thinking of sending a shopping party to town to buy bread, bring in loads of it to feed those people. They didn’t have the money to pay for it in the first place, and it was a long way to town and back.

Jesus said, “How much have you got on hand, right here, right now? Take inventory. See what you’ve got” [a paraphrase of mark 6:38].

God looks ahead, friends. And He has something there that will meet the need if you let Him use it.

You know, just the other day, we were walking along the shore, and the little sandpipers were running out, and then as the waves would come in, they’d run back. They’d run out as the waves recede and stick their little bills down and get their dinner. And all of a sudden, we noticed that one of those little fellows had only one leg. Just one leg! But believe me, he was keeping up with the others.

Now, if you know the little sandpipers, you know the ones with two legs, the normal ones, they just really go. They have to, to keep out of the way of that big wave that’s coming in. And then get back there as it recedes and get their morsel before it comes back again. But this little fellow with the one leg he had, he was making one leg do the work of two, and he was just getting his dinner.

And I thought, “Now look at that. He hasn’t asked to get on relief. No, sir. He’s using what he’s got. And he looked as well fed as his brothers. My friends, I thank God for the spirit that He puts in even the little creatures to use what they have. What do you say?

Well, can you do as well? Can you do any better? I don’t know how anybody could do better. Just use what he has.

Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter 31<sup>st</sup> verse, see if you don’t like this one:

“Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof” Matthew 13:31–32.

I know quite a number of you are going to be stirring up the soil and putting in seeds. And people who are used to gardening expect to get more than what they put in. They put in tiny seeds, lettuce seed, carrot seed, beet seed, radish seed, and what you get back is bigger than the seed, isn't it? Sure.

Here Jesus uses the mustard seed. Why did He pick it out? Because it's such a tiny seed.

He said, "My kingdom, My work is like that" [a paraphrase of Matthew 13:31].

Now, if you didn't know anything about gardening and somebody would put a few seeds in your hand and say, "Now, if you'll get out here and stir up the ground and make some little rows just about so deep and put these seeds in and cover them up, by and by you'll have something to eat," if you didn't know anything about how that works, you'd say, "Nonsense. That won't work. You mean out of that little thing? Why, I wouldn't even get enough for breakfast."

What makes it so? The life of God, my friends! The mighty power of the Creator is at work! And God says His kingdom is like that. That's the way He likes to work.

Let's turn over to Luke the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter 11<sup>th</sup> verse. Let's make this very practical about this seed. See if you have any of this kind of seed.

"Now the parable is this: The seed is..." Luke 8:11.

What?

"...the Word of God" Luke 8:11.

Have you got any seed?

"Oh," somebody says, "Brother Frazee, that's the trouble. I wish I knew more."

Well, what would you do with it if you knew more? You'd do exactly what you're doing with what you know now. That's right. And if you think that if you knew twice as much, you'd really get out and do something and you aren't doing anything now with what you know, I tell you, you're just fooling yourself.

"...The seed is the Word of God" Luke 8:11.

Why not plant what you've got? Why not use what you have?

"Oh but," somebody says, "I don't know very much."

That isn't the point. The lesson tonight is this, what's in your hand? What's in your head? Do you know *anything*? Do you anything about this book? Do you know one text?

Somebody says, "Yes. I know John 3:16."

Okay. Use that. It's good seed, friends. Inspiration tells us that if that were the only text in the Bible, it would be sufficient to help a sinner find salvation.

Wouldn't it be an awful thing if a man were drowning in a body of water to have people stand on the shore holding a life preserver and say, "Oh, if I only had twenty life preservers, I'd do something for that man out there"?

Let him drown, wishing, hoping, planning for 20 life preservers! And what the man needs is what? One! And I've got it in my hand.

Did you ever do that? Did you ever wait till you knew more texts, more promises, had a deeper experience? Oh, my friend, use what you have! Will you do it? Will you use what you have? What is in your hand? Only a stick? Let God use it. Just five loaves? Let God have the loaves. Oh friends, God is in the business of taking the little that we have and using it to His glory.

Bring to God your gift, my brother,  
He'll not need to call another, you will do.  
He will add His blessing to it,  
And the two of you will do it, God and you.

Now, I'm going to read that again because some people weren't getting it. They were watching something else. Now listen carefully, because I don't want you to miss this.

Bring to God your gift, my brother,  
He'll not need to call another, you will do.  
He will add His blessing to it,  
And the two of you will do it, God and you.

Will you do it, friends? Will you give God what you have? Tell me, if you're going to do it without God, how much more will you need to have? Friend, if you had a million times more than you've got tonight, it wouldn't be enough without God. Do you believe that?

"...Without Me ye can do nothing" John 15:5.

That's what Jesus says in John 15. Do you believe that? Well then, why are you trying to pile up more and more and more before you do something? More money! More strength! More experience! More knowledge! More something! Some people want more experience, and the only way to get experience is to go get it. That's all. It is in the water, not on the land, that men learn to swim. Isn't it? Yes. Oh, I'm so glad that the success of the enterprise depends not on us, friends, but on God. Not on us, but on God.

*Patriarchs and Prophets 554:*



“The most complete system that men have ever devised, apart from the power and wisdom of God, will prove a failure, while the most unpromising methods will succeed when divinely appointed and entered upon with humility and faith”  
*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 554.

Think of the armies of Israel going up in their first battle in Canaan as they crossed Jordan. There is that mighty fortress of Jericho that had scared their fathers 40 years before.

And Joshua was praying, “How are we going to get this fortress?”

God met him and said, “Joshua, I’ll give you the plan.”

“What is it, Lord?”

“Have all the armies come and march around Jericho.”

“Fight?”

“No.”

“Say anything?”

“No. Just let the priests take the ram’s horns and blow as you go around the city. Go clear around the city. Do that today. Do that again tomorrow. Keep that up for seven days, and on the seventh day, march around seven times. And then, all of you shout, and the walls will fall down flat.”

Well friends, would that work? Well, it’ll work if the angels are there to shake the walls. It wouldn’t work at all otherwise, would it? Friends, there isn’t enough money in this world to win a soul. And there aren’t enough Dale Carnegie courses in this nation to teach a person how to win a soul to Christ. It is not the money of men, nor the skill of men, it is not the techniques that people learn. It is bringing to God what you have and letting God use it. This is what will give success.

Bring to God *your* gift, my brother,  
He’ll not need to use another, you will do.  
He will add His blessing to it,  
And the two of you will do it, God and you.

And do you know why God delights to use poor simple folks with obviously inadequate resources? Do you know why He delights to do that? Because that way He gets the glory! Everybody sees that it’s God that’s at work. And He says:

“...My glory will I not give to another...” Isaiah 42:8.

Think of Gideon up there threshing wheat in the winepress, afraid that the Midianites will find him and take away what little grain he’s got.

The angel of the Lord comes to him and says, “Gideon, God has chosen you to deliver Israel.”

“Oh,” he says, “what could I do? My father’s family is just a poor family in Israel, and I’m the least in my father’s house” [a paraphrase of Judges 6:15].

God said, “Never mind. I’m going to use you. I’ll be with you” [a paraphrase of Judges 6:16].

Well, through a series of experiences, God developed his faith, and finally, he went down there. But by the time he was ready, the time had come for the battle. All he had was 300 men against hundreds of thousands, my friends. But God told him how to do it.

He said, “Take some pitchers and some torches and some trumpets. Give every man a pitcher, every man a torch, and every man a trumpet. Put the torch in the pitcher. And come up there at midnight from all sides of the camp, and then break the pitchers, blow the trumpets and start charging saying, ‘the sword of the Lord and of Gideon!’” [a paraphrase of Joshua 6:3–5].

Did it work? Yes, it worked. It worked, friend. The enemy was so surprised and confused that they just started running and fighting and slaying one another, and not one of Gideon’s 300 got hurt. God won the victory. My, how the Midianites were defeated! God’s ready to do things like that today for people who will be willing to let God use what they’ve got.

But my dear friends, do you know what happened to those pitchers that were used that night? Do you know what happened? What happened to them? They got broken. Would you be willing to be broken so the light could shine out? Would you?

Sometimes the methods that God uses are such that the pride of man is humbled. Are you willing to lose your reputation so you can win a soul? Are you willing to be thought crude, awkward, blundering, bungling, in order to get something done for God?

“Hark, the cry goes forth abroad,  
Pitchers for the lamps of God,  
Not the beauty of the make,  
But oh, the willingness to break  
Marks the vessels of the Lord,  
Meet to bear his lighted Word.”

Yes friend, God has something for you to do if you’re willing to let Him take *what* you have, *all* you have, and use it any way He wants.

What keeps people from letting God use what they have? Well, two or three things I’d like to have you think of for a moment. In the first place, some people are inclined to compare what they have with others. Paul tells us something about this in 2 Corinthians 10:12. Put it down in your notes. He says people that do that aren’t

wise. Well, if they're not wise, what are they? Well, they're foolish. It's a foolish thing to compare what you have with somebody else.

Did you ever see somebody in a certain position and think, "Oh, if I just had that man's opportunity, think what I could do!"

Or, "If I had this man's talents, think what I could do!"

"If I could just play the piano like this person, or sing like that one, or preach like the other one, or give Bible studies like that one, or do surgery like this doctor, or teach health classes like this teacher," or so on and on.

Friend, listen, what's in *your* hand? What's in *your* hand? To compare yourself with others, the Bible says, is not wise. Well then, why not quit it? What do you say? Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if we'd settle right here in this chapel tonight, you and I, that we're never going to waste time again comparing what we have or don't have with somebody else? What do you say, friend? Let's do that. God would be pleased.

There's another thing that keeps people from just putting all they have into the work and letting God use it. They want to see instead of trusting. They want to depend upon their eyesight instead of faith. But friend, wouldn't you like to see a miracle? Wouldn't you? Do you know the only time God works a miracle? When some child of God has ventured out beyond the realm of sight, and in obedience to God's command is out on a limb with God, and God *has* to work a miracle or see that man fail, and God isn't going to let the child of faith fail.

Oh, I've seen Him do it over and over again, friends, work miracles to get people out of a hard situation. Well, look at Moses there at the Red Sea, two million people, and the Egyptians are behind about to take them back into slavery or slaughter them. There are the mountains on either side. There are the rolling waves ahead. What's going to happen?

Listen friends, if God hadn't worked a miracle, the exodus movement would have stopped right there. Wouldn't it? God *had* to work a miracle or else the whole thing was a failure. And God wouldn't let it be a failure. Faith had ventured on the command of God, and they went forward. God's just as willing to do it today.

Out there in the desert, no bread, they'd eaten up all they brought from Egypt. And there aren't any supermarkets out there in the desert, no. Nothing was growing that they can eat. And the children of Israel wonder what's going to happen. Moses cries to God.

God says, "I have it all arranged. We're going to rain the food down out of heaven."

And so it came to pass, friend, and for 40 years, they ate what the angels brought.

Some people here tonight are going to have that experience again, my friends. Do you believe it? Do you believe there's somebody here tonight that's going to be fed by angels before Jesus comes? Oh, I'd hate to think friends, that it was going to be some other generation way in the future, wouldn't you? Well, how are we going to learn? How are we going to get ready for that? Will it not be by venturing out on the promise of God in obedience to the command of God, letting God use what we have, and not waiting until we see how it's to be done. What do you say?

But do you know the deepest reason of all and the hardest to see and get rid of is this tendency I alluded to a little while ago, the tendency to want to take what we have and solve our own problems before we help others? This is a self-defeating mechanism. I'll tell you what I mean by that, friends. I watch it.

One of the advantages of getting some gray hairs is that you've had an opportunity to watch things work over years and decades. And you know what I've seen again and again? Here's a young man. He wants to do a work for God, and he means to, but he's got some things he has to take care of first. What's he got to do? Well, he has to get an education, and he has to get a wife, and he has to get a home, and he has to get an automobile, he has to get furniture. You can guess the rest, can't you?

Did you ever watch it happen, friends? Did you ever watch it happen?

"Well," you say, "Brother Frazee, don't people have to get all those things?"

Well, that isn't what I'm discussing, folks. I just watch how this thing works, and I want to tell you something. Now and then, you find a young person that's going to work for souls *now* and let all those other things do the waiting instead of soul-winning be the waiting one. Now and then, you find a man who becomes one of Gideon's 300 that gets his water lapping it up as he goes through the stream instead of bowing down on his knees to drink. Now and then, you find a David who's more interested in meeting Goliath than he is in any selfish human desire for comfort or convenience.

This is the kind of spirit that will finish this work, dear friends—the one consuming burden to help Jesus finish His job. And once we get that settled friends, we'll not confer with flesh and blood, our own or others. We'll not wait to be carried to the vineyard or have the vineyard carried to us. We'll not wait to have all our creature comforts taken care of and all our wants supplied. And then, if we have a little surplus, do something with it.

We'll say, "No. My job is to win souls. My job is to be used for God, and I'm going to start using what He gives me. Instead of making it my first job to take care of my problems, I'm going to make it my job to take care of God's problems. And I'm going to believe what He says in Philipians 4:19:

"But my God shall supply..." Philipians 4:19.

What's that next word?

“...all...” Philippians 4:19.

What is that?

“...all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:19.

Oh, it's a wonderful thing, friends, to know that we have a credit card on the bank of heaven. And we can venture out wherever God's providence assigns. This is the way the work is going to be finished.

Now, Jesus hasn't asked us to do anything in this line that He hasn't done Himself. He came down from heaven and left all the glory, all the riches, He left it all *up* there, and He came down here and was born in a stable, grew up in a very poor home. A home poorer than any home that's represented here tonight, my friends, Jesus grew up in. And I doubt if there's anybody here 30 years old or older that has put in as many hours in hard manual work during those 30 years as Jesus did.

And then, He went out to work. With what resources? Just His two hands and faith in His Father and love for men and a willingness to take what God supplied and use it to help others.

He said:

“...The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head”  
Matthew 8:20.

But He didn't say, “After I get My problems solved, then I'm going to do something.”

No, no, friend. The consuming burden of His soul was to get the work done.

“...My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work” John 4:34.

“I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” John 9:4.

So, if there's anybody here tonight that's been waiting until you were wiser, start using what you know tonight. If there's anybody been waiting until you had more money, start using what you have tonight. If there's anybody been waiting until you get more experience, get it by using what you already have.

Whatever you have in your hand, bring it to God. The barley loaves, the shepherd's stick, bring them to God and say, “Master, here I am. Without You, I can't do anything, but with You, these little resources blessed by Your miracle-working power shall accomplish what *You* have in mind, and that's all I want.”

How many of us would like to send God the word that we're with Him on that sort of program? May I see your hands, friends? All right.

Now, I'm sure there are a number that would like to speak to this point. Come right up any of you that would like to and bear your witness. Just express whatever the Lord lays on your heart, and I know God will bless. Several can be coming while our brother speaks.

[Testimony meeting follows]

[The following comments were made by Elder Frazee during the testimony meeting.]

[Elder Frazee] Brother Hurst, would you like to tell them what you told me last night? Would it be all right? You told me how much you'd lost. It would encourage somebody here tonight if you'd tell them that.

...Brother Hurst, when I see you up there in Jersey, you know what you're going to be doing? You're going to be leading some men out on a reconditioning trail showing them how it's done. That's what in your hand. You use that. All right.

...Brother, let me have that. Where was it? Wasn't that tremendous? Listen:

"Many who claim to be Christians are working at cross-purposes with God. Many are waiting for some great work to be brought to them. Daily they lose opportunities for showing their faithfulness to God; daily they fail of discharging with wholeheartedness the little duties of life, which seem to them uninteresting. While waiting for some great work in which they may exercise their supposedly great talents, and thus satisfy their ambitious longings, their life passes away"  
*Messages to Young People*, page 148.

We're not going to make that mistake, are we? We've got that settled tonight, haven't we? Thank you for adding that paragraph. Wasn't that right on the point? Good. Thank you so much.

...Do you know, if you'd start telling us all the things you can't do, we'd be here as long as Paul was at Troy. What's in your hand? What's that stick?

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