

One of the curses of modern Christianity is inadequate instruction...
Joke: Mother instructed her boy who was going to church camp,
"Put on a clean pair of socks everyday." By Friday he couldn't
get his shoes on!

GOAL OF CHRISTIAN LIFE: Not service. Not being ordained a
deacon. MBBC deacon who said the worst thing that ever happened
in his Christian life was being ordained a deacon. He thought he'd
arrived and stopped growing.

NOT BEING A SUCCESSFUL PREACHER. A Kansas preacher inquiring about
the revival in our church and my life asked, "How would you term
your ministry before this happened?" I answered, "Successful."
I could preach well enough to hold my church, we were growing.
As the world calls it I was successful but I was a failure in the
way a man is a failure who sells reducing aids to others and
they lose weight but he keeps getting fatter. As my people were
getting more spiritual, I was getting more carnal.

REASON WE MISS THE GOAL. We look at the immediate goal...faithful
in church attendance, tithing, involved, support pastor, etc.
We never measure things in the light of the ultimate goal.

CHANGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT-- The work of the Holy Spirit is to
make us like Jesus...not to speak in tongues, etc..

GLORY TO GLORY --gradual growth...those who teach instant growth
thru "baptism of Spirit."

Seeking A Sign: Jesus said those who seek a sign---seeking after
signs is the mark of 1. Infidelity --"adulterous generation.."
and 2. Incredulity...unbelief.

*By seeing Jesus continuously = not
some shattering experience. Carnal Christians who
live from crisis to crisis, from experience to
experience
Jesus = some seem to think you begin w/ Jesus
or then advance to something else.*