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4. Gospel caused him to tremble.

1. It is function of gospel to <sup>create sense of</sup> condemn sin.

2. To create fear in man of "setting himself against the law of God", lest it crush him. (Matt 21: 44)

3. Fear of no value in itself. - It is a warning to get off of dangerous ground. Pain is of no value in itself - but to warn of impending death. Invitations not meant to back.

4. Felix - vs - Philippian jailer

Have you used that sense of evil wrong doing which God has aroused in your conscience to lead you to Christ or have you stifled it?

II. Why Do Men Deceive Themselves?

① "A more convenient N. Union, 7/19/40  
new very million season 7/19/40  
T.H. Rowal  
Scripture 55 no. 18, 1936.  
Matt 21: 33-46.

Text: - Acts 24: 25

Int: - My text is the answer of a man whose conscience had been aroused by pointed reasoning of the apostle Paul about three great themes: righteousness, temperance, judgment. That was a great moment in his life when he was face to face with an aroused conscience.

I. Felix Did not want to close door for good.

1. wants to get rid of it for present.

2. lives his conscience a "hop"

3. hoodwink himself.

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Sin

to forget impressions of God.

4. Because you do not like to give up something or make confession.

1. Give up "fleshly lusts which war against the soul". (1 Peter 2:11)

What is there that can be dearer than your soul? If thine eye offend thee, etc.

2. Some Confession you need to make.

Conc. - Now is time <sup>now is</sup> ~~the~~ time to be saved, to turn to God. - now is time to act if you are moved. Flaming conviction burns out & leaves your heart sacred. You may never

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1. Natural, instinctive wish to get rid of a disagreeable subject.

1. not wisdom if you see something wrong - wrong in your soul -

2. Better think about it until it becomes agreeable.

1. Regard thoughts of God in some light as shadows of the grave.

2. Youth must be youth. - Yes but Christian youth. Some think "vice & godlessness belong to youth and virtue & religion to old age."

2. "Time Enough yet." How do you know?

3. Let World Push Out Impression Made

1. Conviction wear off
2. Go into pleasures of

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Again feel as you do  
now. If you are young  
there is never a time  
when you need Christ  
more than now. Why  
should you put off wel-  
coming the best friend  
into your life? Take  
Christ now, because delay  
lays up bitter memories  
and dreadful losses.  
Today, if ye will hear his  
voice, harden not your  
hearts. Come now.