

I was glad to hear that you had been assured that there is nothing wrong with your mind and nerves. This is also my opinion, but I must point out that there is no guarantee that you will always continue to be psychologically normal if you allow yourself constantly to worry and be upset over matters you cannot change.

Right now you have a duty to think over your decisions, and to decide whether you intend to carry through on them.

The first decision is: are you right in thinking that the Lord has called you to get a theological training? Are you right in thinking that it is His will that you should make your life count for Him? Are you sure that you are willing to pay what it costs? Are you ready to endure whatever suffering and misery may be involved in serving Christ? Everything that any of us could ever do for Christ is as nothing in comparison to what He did for us, when He bore our sins on the cross. We owe everything to Him, yet many of us find it hard to be willing to give up things for His sake.

If you decide that you really want to put Him first, then it is your duty to determine that nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of your accomplishing the utmost for Him. Jesus Christ said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." If we are truly to follow Him we must always put Him first. If we do so, we shall find in the end that we have actually done far more good for the people we love than if we put them first.

If you put the Lord first, then you must determine to make your life develop as He would have it develop. One of the most important parts of this development is to learn to go forward with a calm and secure mind, drawing your confidence and joy from Christ, not from other human beings. As an invaluable help toward this goal, I would suggest that you meditate a great deal over four wonderful verses:

1. "In nothing be anxious, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6,7, first part slightly modernized to give the correct meaning.)