

alone, and yet reestablishing and maintaining a friendly relationship with them in which neither side would dominate the other. Until she has done this over a period of two years you would be simply looking for disaster to entertain seriously any thought of marrying her.

If you are to put the Lord first you cannot put any woman first. If your life is to count for Him you have to gain the strength of mind and peace of soul that you need to help others, rather than having constantly to look to others to help you. The Lord can give you this strength. He will, if you resolutely set to work to acquire it. Unless you move forward resolutely in this direction it is foolish for you to think of going further in the Seminary course. Until you accomplish this, it would be very unwise for you to give any thought to marriage.

Please try what I have suggested here. Meditate frequently on these four verses. Determine to draw your strength from God and His Word. I believe that you will accomplish far more in this way than by constantly looking to other people for your strength. God desires that you should learn to become strong enough so that you can help others instead of looking to them to help you. He wants you to learn to keep your troubles to yourself, except perhaps for one or two people from whom you can get helpful advice.

May the Lord bless you and enable you to use the good mind and abilities that He has given you to train yourself and to develop into one who can be a real leader for His purposes.