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I want to thank you for your gracious words about Dr Harris and myself. Both of us would find it a privilege to do everything possible to help in your training for the service of our Lord, particularly, in view of your desire to put Him first in all things. In the end, compromise never furthers the cause of Truth. In all ages it has been necessary for those who stand four-square for God's Word to band themselves together in order that their influence may count for the utmost. If one is in a relationship where he is obligated to cooperate in any way with those who deny the Word of God and present another Gospel "which is not another," he is bound to find that his ministry is seriously hindered. If he stands true to his convictions and does not bend, he eventually is quite certain to experience severe personal loss as well. Apostasy in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., has tremendously increased its power and influence during the past thirty years. A minister is now tremendously under pressure to go along with a denominational program which exalts unbelief and promotes modernistic ideas in many ways. It is far more difficult now than before for one to resist or ignore this program. A few older men are able to keep on with a strong evangelical testimony without much interference: they are considered less harmful and their time is numbered; hence they are not actively opposed. But in case after case in the last few years, younger men who have tried to do this have soon found themselves in great difficulty with the denominational organization. In the end, one is far happier and more effective if he takes an out and out stand right from the start.

As I mentioned to you, I feel that there is no greater need now than for men who are capable of doing real solid interpretive work in the Scripture, to discover in it its vital teachings. For the average person, he can pass on a message without much examination of its details and can do something that is worthwhile. In the end, however, if we are to meet the intellectual and spiritual needs of our day, it means learning the precise teaching of the