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.....very great. And it is not the Lord's will. The Lord is not satisfied with us leaning back and resting, and living our own idle pleasure and the thinking that we have.....1.... "So run that ye may obtain means industry." It means activity. It means learning to make your time count. And if you make your time count here simply with doing what you are required to do, and nothing more, you are ill-fitted for what is ahead. If your minds are active in class, if when you hear something said, you wonder about it what are the implication of this? What about this phase, what about that phase? Let's go and look this up a little. Let's talk to somebody about it. Let's investigate this phase a little. If you are looking for things that broaden you and develop you, and enable you better to look forward to the future, and better to know what your answer should be on this, that and the other thing, you get far more out of your work here, than you will otherwise, but more than that, you are developing habits of mind, habits of mind that will be useful to you in serving the Lord. When I was in Seminary I remember a man who came to conduct our homiletics once when the regular man was away, and he mentioned in the course of the class, how one of his fellow students had remained on a book on Biblical theology, published by the great authority in that field who was in the Seminary, that he had found the book a very useful work after he got out into the ministry to hold the door ~~open~~ open in his study. And this man went on to speak of using his Hebrew Bible for a similar purpose. And he'd never looked at his Hebrew since he got out, and everybody thought he was a very effective Christian worker. Well, you may not look at your Hebrew. You may hardly look at your Greek. And people may think you are just as effective as you would be if you kept ~~up~~ up studying and ....2½.... But in the Lord's sight, if you are preaching what you read in some book that somebody else has ~~written~~ written, if you are presenting what you get from a smattering of knowledge of the English, if you are repeating over things that you have heard, instead of going to the Bible in the original, and seeing what it says, and learning what it means, and presenting it, you are not only being lazy and indolent, but you are failing to get that which God has put there for you, and you may be so running that you will win the approbation of other