

people on this earth, but you are not so running that you will win the approbation of the Lord Jesus Christ, who wants you to take His Word and see what it says in it, and what it means, and present it to people who need the bread of life. Industry, energy, studying to make your time count, and to accomplish is something that we must have if we are going to so run that we obtain. There is a terrific temptation to indolence for Christians, a temptation into which some fall in seminary, and many fall afterwards. I have known of many who have had bright quick minds who were able to grasp the stuff quickly, with hard work they'd make a 90 or a 95, but they are satisfied with an 80 and occasionally an 85, and they go through seminary. And they get out and they are not founded, they are not grounded, they are not equipped. I know one who went off into ~~Barthianism~~ Barthianism, and he had not utilized the opportunities he had in Seminary, and nothing had gone more than skin deep. He had a mind that could pass fairly easily, and should have done first class ~~work~~ work, and the result was, he got nothing. I know of another who graduated, this fellow's roommate, I believe, and he went out to the foreign mission field, and he was there for a brief term and he came back. And the mission does not want him anymore, with which he was connected. And the fellow was one of pleasing personality, and he seemed to have a real love for the Lord. But he didn't get down to work and use his energies in order to make his seminary time worthwhile to have that which he needed, which would count thereafter. Your degree is not going to carry you very far. The degree is only a little bit of spice along the way to encourage you to get down and get the opportunities that you have here. But even more important in some ways than what you can get is the development of the habit of utilizing your energy, of ~~being~~ being industrious, of being persevering, of planning your time, of making your energy count, so that you accomplish much. Now this is a very important aspect of this, "So run that ye may obtain," energy, industry, working hard. But equally important with this is planning your activity. And it is very easy in seminary to have it planned for you. Here is the assignment. Get it. Here is the next thing, get it. Here is the next ~~thing~~ thing, do it. But when you get out, it isn't planned for you. And when you get out it is going to be important that you plan your activities and make your time count for ~~yourself~~ yourself, and it would be vital if you learned to plan now. In fact, if only a person would look