

completing and then we're just worn out. And the person who carries on through a long life of effective accomplishment learns after he works a bit to completely relax and then get his strength back and be ready to go on. As a young man with a little effort anybody can learn. When you get older it's much more difficult. And when you get on in years it may make a difference of 10 or 15 years in the length of your ministry in the Lord's service whether you learn to handle the body and the mind and the nerves the Lord has given you in order to make them last. "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." Are you busy at the things the Lord wants you to be busy at? Are you busy doing His work now, reaching souls for Him now? Are you busy learning to make yourself effective so that you can accomplish for Him in days to come? Will this coming summer be a time when you will be growing in the Lord, going forward, becoming more able to serve Him effectively or will you look back and you'll say, "The weeks went by, the summer is gone." "Thy servant was busy here and there" and "I'm not as well prepared now for the Lord's work as I was when school stopped.

Oh God, our Father, help us each one to avoid being in the position the prophet described. Help us to avoid being in a position where we have to say, "Thy servant was busy here and there, and he was gone." My God, the exams are coming soon. Help us each one, our God, not to get ready the night before but to have done faithful work during the semester. Help us our God to have done faithful work during these coming three weeks, to have the work ready so that we can relax just before the exams and be in first-class condition to give a proper picture of what we really know. Oh, our God, help us to make the summer profitable - at the end of the summer we'll look back and say, "I'm more ready than I was before." Help us to make the years count that lie ahead. Help us, our God, not to ~~like~~<sup>come</sup> up to a need and find ourselves unprepared because we didn't take advantage of the opportunity for getting ready before. Oh, our God, help us above all to live close to Christ, to come to know Him better, to come to know Him so well that when we face emergency in times to come, we will already have our hand in His and be confident of His

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and know that He is not going to be with us. We ask in Jesus' name.