

And Jesus Christ, back in the counsels of eternity began the planning, began the preparation, for the redemption that He would perform for us on Calvary's Cross, the musar that Jesus Christ is planning, that musar has accomplished our salvation if we believe in Him. But if our lives are worth anything for Him we must also have musar; we must have work; we must have <sup>your part?</sup> effort; we must not be lazy like the sluggard ~~is~~ described here; we must make our time count in order to accomplish things; in order to reach (bring)? results. O, how easy it is for our time to fritter (be ~~not~~ frittered) ~~away~~ away; for us to go after this thing, that thing, the other thing; to enjoy this; to enjoy that. And we come to the end, we have sat through classes ~~for~~ perhaps for three years; perhaps we have studied enough to get by on a test, and ~~to forget~~ then forget what we had gained; perhaps we have enjoyed the contacts and something has come in. But if that degree is worth anything we have to show musar; we have to get down and work /and toil, and get it to the best of our ability. And sometimes I feel that the person who has to work real (really) ;hard to get a 75 or an 80, and does it, and gets it, gets far more out of the course than the man who can just pick up the book and look at it, and listen to it in class, and get 90. He can do that; he can get the material, and it slips off just as easily as it slipped in, and little remains ~~of~~ of it. The person who has the ability to get a ~~95~~ 95, and is satisfied with an 85 is wasting his time and wasting the ~~or~~ Lord's ~~time~~ time; he is not displaying musar. He needs to work to accomplish the utmost he can with the abilities that God has given him. But the second element of this is also very important. The man we read? here, 295 the lazy man whose ~~farm?~~ accomplished nothing, is not described merely as slothful, but also as void of understanding. Musar implies careful study in order to analyze how we are going to use our energies and our abilities. There was a book published about ~~40 years~~ forty years ago that for a time was very widely read, written by a professor of journalism in Columbia University named Pitkin, Walter Pitkin. The book was called, "More Power to You." Pitkin wrote a number of other books, with some very good suggestions about efficiency in them, but I