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His word, and to learn to really know Him. We should think of our objectives and think frequently of them. What is our purpose in life? Is our purpose to ket a position that people will look up to us and say, Wasn't that a marvellous message? Thank what a blessing I got out of it. Is our purpose to get a secure place in life where we have a steady salary? Is our purpose to win fame or acclamation? Is our purpose security? Is our purpose the acquisiton of the things that money can buy? Or is our purpose to put the Lord truly first, to be determined that Christ shall be first in all that we do and all that we -- and all for which we expend effort. How much time do we waste in mere? personal enjoyment or personal pleasure of one sort or another. We need a seril certain amount. We need a certain amt. of relaxation. We need rest definitely, but if we are turly putting God first we should sertainly put a limit to the amt. of time that we need to put in this sort of thing. And we need to start putting that limit when we are in the course of our preparation and then it will be much easier to do it later on. The spiritual preparation is most vital. If we don't get that it is all a waste, and yet alas how easy it is to slip back and not to be putting Christ first as we go through our intellectual preparation. It is important that we get the realization of what Christ wants done in the world. He wants us to stand for His truth. He wants us to oppose what x is evil. He wants us to fight against apostasy. He wants us to make a forthright stand on many things, but all of this is not half as important as his primary purpose in those who are serming him which is to help other human beings. To help others come to know Christ as Saviour. To hlep them to know how to grow in grace. To help them in the problems that come intheir lives. Do we increase in our time of Sinai, do we increase in our interest in others, in our longing to help them, in our determination to make Christ real to them? Or does seminary simply become sort of a cloister to us and all this recedes off in the distance and as we read of great movements and multitudes of people in this and that and the other thing. sort of get to think of people simply as statistics instead of as individuals whom the Lord wants us to help.

Just this group here -- if everyone here was filled with determination to make Christ known. was filled with determination to spread the Word of God. to win souls to God and to show them how to grow in grace, this world could be shaken by this group here.