

We must learn to know its great teachings. We must get a general survey of all our great areas of Bible study. We must do that. But we must take small passages and study them carefully to get methods of approach, to get clear understanding. We must check all the points in our big important understanding of great truths by precise verses and precise facts. And so it is vital to have a proper balance in our study of the Bible as a whole. We must get a proper balance in our lives between work and relaxation.

A young woman who taught in San Francisco said to me one day, You know it's miserable in my class. She said, If I talk about the importance they get busy and work. She said Some fellow here that isn't doing much work -- She said somebody that's working right to the limit of endurance will get busy and work so hard he'll get a nervous breakdown. And if on the other hand, I talk about the importance of taking care of yourself and getting relaxation someone that never bothers to study anyway will find an excuse to just loaf more than before. I have much more respect for the person who works hard, and who toils and accomplishes a lot even if he dies very young than for the one who is lazy of course.

But God wants us to find the proper balance that we need between work and relaxation. Sometimes it seems to me that among Bible believing ministers the bulk of them could be divided into two classes: those who work themselves to death and have a nervous breakdown when they are comparatively ~~young~~ young, and those who loaf through life and do very little. It is very easy to go from one extreme to the other. If a man has a nice voice and a pleasant manner and knows how to get along with people he can be in a ch. and ~~make~~ make people feel they have done a good thing by coming every Sunday and sleeping through a sermon, and he can get along in the ministry and be lazy. This is not nearly as much as today as it used to be, at least not in our Bible believing churches. But 200 yrs ago many many a minister gave a good orthodox sermon on Sun. and spent the week trying to raise prize roses or doing some other avocation that was quite remote from the Lord's work. But the minister is not under much observation of people who know whether he is working or not. But on the other hand if a person realizes the value of ~~immortal~~ immortal souls, and realizes how God has given him the message of sal. and people's eternal destiny is at stake, and sees