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would be very very conscious of it, in everything you did and said. All your actions would be affected by your knowledge that this person was seeing you. But God sees us all the time. God knows what we do all the time. How easily we forget the divine knowledge.

After my first yr. in seminary, I went out to New Mexico and I was in home mission work there. One time I was walking along and I saw a young fellow who was working in the mine there and I got to talking with him, and we talked for a few minutes, and every second sentence that he said had an ^{obsenity} ~~obscenity~~ or a curse word in it, and he had some interesting things to say, and I was interested in what he said, but it was most disagreeable the way he spoke and then he asked me what I did. And I told him that I was preaching overhere in the school house where we were having services each Sunday. Oh, he said, Excuse me, excuse me for the way I have been talking, and for the next 5 min. we were together there wasn't a single obscenity, a single curse word of any kind, in his talk. Just the fact of my presence there made such a difference to him. But we're all in God's presence all the time.

The next day I stopped in at an ~~old~~ old miner's house whose daughter had been coming to our services. The man was very pleasant and we talked for about 10 min. and had a very pleasant chat and after I left, I left and called on some other people, and the following day someone told me, he said, You know when you left that house, the ~~minute~~ minute you left it, or soon after you left, the daughter came over and talked to me. Oh she said, My father was in the most discomfort I've seen him in for years, she said. When the preacher was here. She said, When he left he just let out a series of oaths and obscenities and curses for 10 minutes straight. He said, I've been holding that in all the time he was here. He hadn't said a word of that type all the time I was there but it was such a job to hold it in. It just came out in a big outpouring. He was of my knowledge, aware of my presence. But how much more important to be aware of the presence of God. This is a vital fact to the ungodly -- to be aware of the presence of God. But I think we should realize it is also vital for those of ~~us~~ us who are in Christian work God wants us to relax. He wants us to take time to ^{keep} give ourselves in condition, but even then, in fact even ^{as} much then as when we are busy engaged in His service we are in His presence. He knows everything that we do and it is vital that we remember this.