

John Calvin, take John Wesley--practically every one of them is a man who has had the best education that was available in his day. God sometimes uses men with little or no training to do a great work for Him; God can use whom He chooses, but in most cases to do the great work, God chooses men who have been thoroughly trained for the task to which He called them. And so Martin Luther went to the best universities of the time and studied, and then suddenly he gave his father a tremendous disappointment. Suddenly he wrote his father that he was leaving his law course and going into a monastery. And it was the great disappointment of Martin Luther's father's life.

But here is another great thing about Martin Luther: Martin Luther was not simply a great fighter against corruption, he was not simply a man who sought evil and wanted to destroy it, he was not simply a man who raised a banner for the truth, he is all of these things; but he is something more than that. He is a man who has a realization of what sin is; a man who had an understanding of what it means to be lost, that he has turned against God and that he deserves nothing good at God's hands. Martin Luther as a young student came to a realization that he was lost and that eternal misery was ahead unless he could find some way to be saved. So Martin Luther gave away his law books and his musical instruments, and the things that he loved, to his fellow students and went into a monastery. And there in a monastery he dressed himself in poor garb and he went through all the ceremonies, went through all the forms, said the prayers over and over, lay on the floor all night praying to God to give him salvation from his sins, and he couldn't find peace of heart. The picture "Martin Luther" has some very vivid presentations of Luther in this stage of his