

many years of study is content with a little, and the one who would do just as good work with a couple of years feels he must put in several years. Try to learn your abilities, and try to learn from your peculiarities to understand other people's peculiarities. To learn to know them and to communicate.

If these four goals that I have mentioned - if you don't get the first the third and fourth are valueless. You can lead the people of God astray if you don't get the first. If you don't get the second I don't think you'll get the first. We learn to know God through knowing His Word. May God enable us each one to make progress in these four goals during this semester.

Let us pray: Our Father, we thank you for your Word. Through it we learn to know God and Jesus Christ. Through it we learn to know the triune God and see His glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Help us not simply to say, Some day I'm going to memorize the Word. Help us to memorize parts of it now. Help us to make it part of our lives now so it will stick whatever else comes. Help us to learn to understand the Word and get to know it, and above all to get to know the One who is speaking to us through the Word. But O we desire to serve effectively, and we cannot do that unless we learn to know ourselves and other people. In this complex field we learn much from Scripture, and we can learn much from studying ourselves and from reading about others and how they have served God. Help us each one to make progress in these lines. We pray each one here may so direct his activities that his life will truly count for Christ. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.