

He did good work and was a good student and spent all his life getting himself thoroughly prepared. Each year he could find new matters that he desired to study. At last, after fifty years of uninterrupted study, save for brief vacations, the man had died. He had learned a great deal, most of it of value only for this life. Now ~~he~~ he was gone. for only this

God did not send the disciples out untrained, except for brief periods of activity such as when Jesus sent them out to preach. Their principal ~~activity~~ activity during the ~~xxx~~ three-and-a-half years of our Lord's ministry was to learn. All through their lives they would continue to learn. The Holy Spirit was with them to ~~lead~~ lead them into truth, but the time was come when the Lord ~~xxx~~ learning finishes and the activity begins. ~~That~~ That time has arrived for most of the seniors. I hope they will keep ~~be eager - alert - and~~ learning/ be eager alert to learn all the rest of their lives, but their learning is not their main ~~activity~~ activities. They have learned much; now it is to be used. So /it was with the disciples. ~~They~~ They had learned much. Now they were to go forth to use it. So we have the book of the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospels gospels and the Acts of the Apostles shade into one another. There are periods of activity/when ~~in~~ in the Gospels gospels Jesus sent forth His disciples in the gospels and at the end of each of the ~~gospel~~ gospels there is an exhortation to serve the Lord effectively. At the beginning of the Acts we have Jesus still teaching, and throughout it the HS° is leading them into new truth. Yet there is an important turning point here.

Recently I heard of a young man who graduated from a Bible college full of enthusiasm to serve the Lord. He immediately became pastor of an independent church. There he/ preached the Word of God for a few years, and was effective in accomplishing for the Lord. Yet in this particular case, at the end of these years he felt that he had drained himself dry. ~~He~~ He had learned some good ~~xxx~~ truth, but it was not and had given it out, and God had blessed it, but, having given it, all he could do was to repeat the same precious truths