

of us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest field. Because I'm sure each of us realizes that we are not saved because we had sense enough to see the wisdom of accepting Jesus Christ. We're not saved because of something good in us. We are saved because God in His wonderful mercy reached down and picked us out of the mass of lost humanity and saved us and made us to be laborers in His vineyard. God wants each of us to be praying that He will call and send laborers into His harvest field.

If God has not called one of us to be a full time worker with a thorough training in Christian things we can be a part time laborer far more effectively than we possibly could without it. The work you get here is not a professional course aiming to fit you to exercise a particular profession like the training in law or medicine. The training we give here is the training to enable you to be effective in laboring for Christ as every believer in Christ should be. Should you serve Christ full time? Should you earn your living some other way? That is for others to decide rather than you. But you should serve Him to the best of your abilities.

Where should you serve Christ? That's not half so important as what you do. Sometimes people come to seminary and they say, I'd like to have a course in missions in which I could spend all my time learning about the habits and customs of a particular country. If God has called you to go to some particular country, praise the Lord for it. The more you learn about that country the better. But the primary thing you need to do is to learn God's Word. I met a man once who told me that when he was a little boy he had an ambition to go to India as a missionary. As he grew older he constantly wanted to go to India as a missionary, but he lived among people who did not know God. He didn't say it in those words, but