

You can go through life perhaps accomplishing nothing. Just going along living a pleasant life, and Satan may not seem to bother you. But you get out and really do something for the Lord and I'll guarantee that Satan is going to put temptations in your way, he's going to put difficulties in your way, he's ~~doing~~^{going} to do everything he can to wreck your life. We need to ~~p~~ be prepared for it.

So on the day of prayer we could not possibly give too much attention to worshipping God, to seeing the Lord, to bowing before Him, and making Him more and more real to ourselves, but we also need to look at ourselves and ~~x~~ to pray the Holy Spirit to see ourselves as we really are and to find the correction He wants to give to prepare us for the storms that may assail us in the future.

That's the second look, and there is the third look which may not seem so obvious, but which particularly for people in Christian work is very important for us not to ~~x~~ neglect. The Day of Prayer is a time for us to look at God, a time to look at ourselves, but in the third place I want you to think it is a time to look at God's people.

Look at Phil. 2:3-4 ~~p~~= there we have a statement by the Apostle that can be particularly appropriate for students in a theological seminary or members of any Christian group. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain deceit, but in humility consider others better than himself. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others." They say that Michaelangelo once got hold of a big piece of marble; ragged along the edges, not very pretty, just as it had been brought from the quarry. Someone looking at it said it was an ugly piece of marble. Michaelangelo said, No I see an angel. Because he saw how that marble could be chopped away, cut here and there and out from that ugly marble would emerge a beautiful picture of an angel such as only Michaelangelo could sculpture.