

in the dormitory and you were probably more conscious of this than the majority of students who live elsewhere and simply come in for classes. Whenever you live in a family or live with others, there these troubles, these problems, these misunderstandings can come. Oh how the Lord wants us to thank Him for Christian friends and Christian fellowship, for members of our own family and to overlook their weakness, to overlook their sin, to overlook their mistreatment of us, and to realize they probably have more reason to feel critical of us than we have to feel critical of them. And to learn to show forth through Him in our intimate relationships in our families or in whatever groups we are associated the love of God, which in the early days of the Christian church was so influential in the spread of the church as people saw a love for one another. To look at God's people, those people with whom you are associated. It's very important to take time for this and I believe it should have a vital part in the day of prayer. I remember some of the early days of prayer when people would testify in the evening to old grudges, old bitterness that had been talked out and cleared up in the course of the day. It made such a difference in the effectiveness of both parties in the days to come.

Anyone when they start a Christian family tends to think that everything is going to be absolutely perfect from now on. And therefore the disappointment is all the greater when you find your partner is not a saint but a human being. Consequently it is natural for all in close family situations to go from one extreme to the other -- from where the person is perfect to the other extreme where you never ==where you don't know what you ever saw in him! God wants us to learn to show Christian love and helpfulness to those with whom we are closely connected in families or whatever group we are associated.