

He calls every Christian to make his primary desire in life to make Christ known.

After I had finished college -- the college I attended two or three years before I went there was one of the very best Christian colleges in the U.S. Then they got a new president. This president boasted to us that this college in proportion to its size had among its graduates more ministers and more missionaries than any other college in the U.S.

But I saw what he was introducing and what methods he was using and I said to myself, If you have your way (speaking in my imagination to him) it won't continue to be that very long. Two years after I graduated I went back to visit, and an assistant in philosophy who had been a student when I was there saw me coming down the hall and called out Here comes a funnymentalist; he believes in the virgin birth! Thus I was at the college not when it was at its worst or at its best, but when it was in a stage of transition.

I'm naturally of a skeptical disposition. As I heard the views that were being presented I was able to see great flaws in them. I did not see any view that I felt I should adopt as a substitute for what I believed before, but my faith in what I had believed before was rather shaken when I graduated.

After I graduated and took an extra year and took a master's degree there I went to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles a year. There we spent most of our time studying Scripture, discussing various areas of Christian work. We had some very good work in apologetics by a very excellent man in that area, but I felt that year was one of the most valuable years I ever had in my life. I had associations with many very fine people.

There were no academic requirements to enter the school, and there were some there who were quite different in their general attitudes from most of us. I did not get to know many of them very well. I remember one fellow I was calling on in his room and he showed me a very nice trunk. He was intending to go as a missionary. He showed me this trunk. It was something that would open up to make a desk out of it. It had drawers. It was just ideal for a person who was going out into a place where he could not carry much with him, and could have most of his conveniences together in a narrow compass. You could not find one of them to buy. It was very very well built. For his purpose it was excellent.

He said to me, You know such a fellow (and he named a fellow I hardly knew) he is an excellent carpenter. He built this trunk for and he's put in hours and hours working on it. Then he said, You know I had liberty to take time from learning these verses and studying these things to work on that trunk, but I don't have any liberty now to keep it. So you take it." So he took it and he was glad to get it. He said to the other man, Now you will have time to study your verses and learn the things you should be learning here. He said Yes. And the next day he said to him, You know, I have liberty again to build a trunk like that. I'm going to build another trunk for myself." One day he had liberty; one day he did not have liberty. I don't think God leads that way.