

Hold fast to MUSAR, the Scripture says. There was a book written some years ago called INHIS STEPS. it was widely used. Many people liked it very much, but some evangelical Christians did not like it, because they said the important thing is faith in Christ, not trying to follow him.

Well, if we just try to follow in his steps we will find it hopeless. We cannot do it in our sinful humanity follow Christ perfectly. But we must not lose the truth that we should do our best to follow in His steps. He was a Saviour, but also an example. It was His MUSAR that saved us. It was His active obedience to God; his active going to the cross; his active enduring of that which was necessary in order that we might be saved. We are to hold fast to MUSAR.

God wants us to hold fast to MUSAR, and in the first place that means that we must work, we labor, that we try and undertake. Many of us fail simply because we do not try hard enough. God wants us so to work that we succeed.

But MUSAR means a good deal more than just blind energy. MUSAR means working in such a way as to get results. It does not mean slamming your head against a stone wall. It means finding a way around the wall. There are good Christian people who are like the little paper I referred to a minute ago, writing to slam and knock anybody that says a statement that they don't feel is exactly in line with orthodox Christianity.

Now I believe it is vital that we oppose all that is contrary to orthodox Christianity. I believe that is vital. But I believe it is most vital we do it in such a way as to win people, not to drive them away. To do it in such a way as to put our stress on the great vital things.

MUSAR implies not merely hard work. That is necessary if one is truly to serve the Lord. But hard work that is wisely directed to accomplish the end desired.

Sometimes I have felt that every new subject I have tackled was like climbing up a mountain ~~side~~ - a mountain. You try this way, and you try that way, and the other way. Eventually you find a way that is possible, and I get to the top of the mountain and look down and see all the distance I have come entirely differently from what it looked when I was down on the earth looking up. As I can now see it I say, Oh my, I could have gone over here, a little bit left here, a little bit right, a little up here and I could have gotten up with half the effort.

MUSAR means trying hard, but it means finding the best method to get through. I learned the 300 Babylonian signs. There are 300 common signs, and another 2000 lesser. I learned them at the U. of Berlin with great hard effort. After I learned and understood them, I saw how I could have learned them with 1/3 the effort. I saw the system, I saw the principles involved.

I met a young fellow who had a Ph.D. in French, but he was now interested in archaeology. He was teaching and taking some work