

approval. I remember one time a fellow came to me and said, I don't suppose you'd lend me your car would you? Well, it's very easy to say No when they ask you that way! If the fellow had said, I wish you'd let me use your car, I really need it today, I would have been very embarrassed in turning him down. He came then with a smaller request and a smaller request, but every one was in such a negative way it was very easy not to give him anything. And another fellow who I was not as half as interested in helping came with a request in a positive way, in a way to win approval and tho I did not want to do it I did it!

That's the way people are. Learn to deal with people to utilize your knowledge. To speak in a way that gets your ideas across.

But above all, learn really to know Christ. We believe everyone who has come here knows Christ. That everyone of our students has been born again into his kingdom. But tho your sins are washed away forever-- your sins, past, present, and future as far as guilt is concerned, you have begun a long road of getting really to know Christ. Don't wait until you are out of seminary to make further progress on that road.

When I was at seminary there was one time I never neglected my devotions, and that was during exam period, and that was because it was so easy then to say, I'm too busy, I'll spend twice as much time after they are over. God wants us to make primary out personal knowledge of Christ as our Saviour and Lord. Though we have all knowledge, tho we understand all the mysteries and do not know Christ, what we do is a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol. Let us pray:

Our Father, we pray that you will help us at this beginning of the semester to start off with full vigour to make every day