

don't believe you can get quite the course we give anywhere else. I don't believe you will get quite the emphasis we put. I believe they are emphases that are very vital and helpful for every Christian worker

I don't say you should not take this course unless you are sure God has called you into full-time Christian service. I know people who have taken our course and who are active engineers, businessmen, active in other lines but who are teaching Sunday School classes, serving in the leadership of their churches, and accomplishing a great deal for the Lord. And what they are accomplishing is far ~~xxx~~ more than they could have accomplished if they didn't have the course.

We believe this training we are giving can be extremely helpful for any kind of Christian work. But it takes hard work to get it. Now there are three major emphases. The first is what we've already stressed: to know Christ and to make Him Known. We should always start with that. We should always end with that. This is the most vital. If you don't have this you have nothing.

It is easy for us to forget it with all our figuring out Hebrew verbs, studying philosophy, church history, etc. But don't forget to keep up your spiritual life. I remember when I was in seminary there would be times when I was tempted to neglect my spiritual life. But when we came to exam time, when the pressure was on, I said, Now is the time I will not neglect my spiritual life above all things. Because now above all things I need the presence of God with me. There is no point in a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ if you do not keep up your spiritual life. If you don't develop those qualities God wants you to have.

So that is primary in our emphasis. It is easy to lose that emphasis. Often theological seminaries have been called cemeteries. It's easy for a seminary to become a cemetery. If we become so interested in scholarship; if we become so interested in knowledge; if we become so interested in these things we are studying that we lose our strong touch on that which is all about us, and so a warm spiritual life we believe is absolutely vital and essential. We need the help of every one of you in keeping it at the level at which it should be.

Our second emphasis is our emphasis upon the Scripture. We call ourselves Biblical Theological Seminary. We find that most seminaries, no matter what they say about the Scriptures, most seminaries tend in the course of years, even if they stay orthodox to be putting their stress on the ideas of men, instead of on the Word of God. Putting their stress on comparing this commentary with that commentary.

Fifteen years ago I talked to a couple of fellows who had graduated from our seminary and were taking doctoral courses at another institution, a sound institution quite a long distance from here but I happened to be in the area and they came to see me. They said, We have a tremendous advantage. The other students for doctoral work who graduate from this seminary, when you give them a problem they immediately say, What does this man say, what does this man say, etc. They compare commentaries. They compare