

of other areas of Christian service. But I would not want to have them because in 3 years if you want to truly learn to interpret the Scriptures you've got a big job and if you take much time away from it you don't get that job done. But there is one thing that we feel is so vital we put tremendous stress on it here. That is learn to communicate God's truth.

Learn to speak to people can understand what you are saying and understand the thoughts you are trying to present. So it gets across to them. That is a very discouraging thing to try to teach because nobody ever hears himself speak. We all hear something inside our heads and that's entirely different from what you hear outside. Entirely different. We hear that inside and think it's mighty good and other people wonder what we're talking about! It is one thing to sound good to yourself but the important thing is to be clear to other people and get your thoughts across. That takes time and effort to learn to do well. So we stress it in Homiletics, on learning to communicate and express our thoughts well and effectively. If you get that and get the knowledge of the Scripture, how to interpret it and get it into your mind and if there is nothing else you get while you're here you will have something that is tremendously useful for your life.

If you learn all sorts of things about methods and ways of doing Christian work and if you don't get these two things, you do not have the foundation for that which is most essential for getting doing the work the Lord wants you to do in any phase of Christian work.

Those are the emphases we're trying to make here. These are matters that are vital for everybody who would like to be wise and who would like to shine like the brightness of heaven, and who would like to lead many to righteousness. May God enable each one of you to reach that goal.

There's one other thing. I would like to assure you that each of us on the faculty is tremendously interested in the progress you are making. It is very easy for a little problem to begin and to be bothersome to you and to grow and to eventually wreck some important part of your work. Perhaps wreck your whole course. It is easy for that to happen. It's important to recognize ~~that~~ those problems at the start and to deal with them. The members of the faculty among them have had some of these experiences personally or by talking with others of almost any sort of problem that you are apt to meet. I want to assure you that everyone is vitally interested in the progress of every one of you.

I am at a great disadvantage in this because as I mentioned before there was left out of my nature somehow the ability to recognize faces. I know some people who can see you once and they will recognize you 20 years from now. With me I usually have to see you 8 times and hear your name spoken. After that I can