

A married person in seminary needs to give thought to his wife's spiritual welfare. To give thought to give thought to having time with her each week. Each day some times. To give thought to really doing his part as a husband with her. The devil can so injure us in that regard.

There are many wiles of the devil I would like to say a word about, but there is another one I think it is important for us to think about. As you are students, and you desire to make your life count for the Lord, you look at other students and you see where those students are falling short, and you see the errors they are making, perhaps the sins they are committing. It is very easy to feel, I must rebuke that man. I must show him what he is doing wrong. There are times when it may be your duty to do that.

But I would say that it is important we think of this. There is nothing Satan would more like to have us do than to have us get into a situation where even though we see very clearly the faults of others, nothing we say will have the slightest effect on them. It is easy to get into such a situation.

~~In 1 Pet. 99 here I'm looking for it in the hymbook! It may be in the hymbook somewhere, but I would not know just where to look.))~~ In 1 Pet. 5:15 -- "If you suffer it should not be as a murderer or as a thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler." KJV says, Not to be a busybody in other people's affairs. There is nothing Satan would like to do better than to cut down our possibilities of helping other people by making them see us as a meddler, as a busybody in their affairs.

I would recommend we be watching for the wiles of Satan in this regard, and that we follow certain definite lines. First, when you see someone else with some characteristic, with some attitude or something you feel is wrong and you ought to warn them about it, you ought to advise them against. Stop and look at yourself. See if perhaps they are a mirror of you. Because there is nothing you are more apt to be disgusted at in ~~than~~ someone else than in the very thing that we do ourselves.

If you are doing it yourself, you can be sure that they will not listen to what you have to say to them and help them. So that is the first thing. Look at yourself.

The second is: God has indeed given us as Christians an important *duty to* ~~that will~~ help others grow in grace. Consider how you can help them grow in grace. You cannot help them grow in grace by getting them irritated at you. There are occasions when it may be necessary, but such occasions are few and far between. If you are going to help some other Christian, you are going to have to win their confidence. To win their interest in your ideas. If you ~~need~~ ^{find} someone whom you feel badly needs counselling about some characteristic in their life, why not pass on the suggestion to some member of the faculty. Pass it on to me if you feel so inclined. I will be very glad to hear it. Who knows but what a student might