

But for most of you you will want to work under the auspices of some organization. Oh how Satan does like to set organizations of Christians against each other. How he likes them to pay tremendous attention to secondary points, and in putting so much stress on whether you believe exactly as they do in particular secondary points of doctrine or of activity that you are apt to find difficulty in getting that sort of backing unless you know how to make a clear strong stand on what is right, and how to have a certain amount of flexibility on minor points and not allow them to interfere with opportunities to serve the Lord.

The modernists have been clever in this regard. I remember a man said to me some years ago, I was so disgusted when I was examined for ordination. He was a man who had come to what ^{was} a fine godly Christian seminary, but had come largely under modernist control. He said, When they examined me for ordination instead of asking me about great important things like how to bring about justice among the nations, and how to help the poor all over the world. Instead of asking me these important things they asked me little things like whether I believed in the virgin birth." I said, What did you say? He said, I told them I believed in the value of the doctrine." I said, What did you mean that you believed in the value of the doctrine? He said, Oh I meant that I could see how it might have value if somebody believes it!

I don't think he thought that up himself. I think he was given help in his institution for it. I asked, What did they do? He said, They argued for about 20 minutes and then they ordained me." The modernists have come in with deceitful ways and doctrines ~~and~~ into Christian groups and have gotten in control. We must never resort to deceit. We can learn a certain amount of reasonable tact, in putting our stress on what is vital and while we are working with a group taking a position on minor points that will not irritate.

I think that in these days it is important to think some of these things through. Particularly important as a person graduates from seminary. I've known of some occasions where a man has graduated from seminary, joined a group, and worked with them and done a fine work and they liked him, and approved it. But then he has found that as he studied the Word there were certain things they were stressing that he just could not stomach and it reached a point where he left the group and gone into some secular work for a number of years in order to get the approval of a different group where he could work and in which he's doing good work now.

In this particular case I'm thinking of, both groups have their good points. Both groups I think have their errors. I'm happy that today he's doing a fine work with one of those groups but I feel that he wasted a number of years as far as ~~his~~ his ultimate accomplishment was concerned. There are secondary matters on which it is vital that you decide when in seminary. If you think this is important enough that you must stand with those who hold this position, or that you think it is very important that