

But I've been perplexed by the difference in so many people's attitudes. Before they go to seminary they say, Oh three years! Four years! Must I spend all that time? Why can't I get into the Lord's service now? Then they finish the seminary course and somebody says, Yes, I got this degree now where can I go to study some more. What shall I take next? Well the Lord wants some to study more but most of us if we learn how to interpret the Bible, if we learn how to go to the original to get exactly what it means, we want to step out and use it and use it for His purposes.

If we have learned how to master the subjects in seminary, if we have learned to go to Hebrew and Greek and understand what they mean and get it exactly and see exactly what words mean, what=~~is~~ why in just about any phase of Christian life, Christian activity, Christian work that you want to go into there are good books and magazine articles that summarize for you the results of peoples study and of people's observations and people's activities in these lines and the person who can understand the words of the printed page and who can figure out from them exactly what they mean can find in them most of what you need to know for various types of Christian activity.

I've been rather disgusted in these last few years at the number of seminaries introducing departments of missionology! It's a new term as far as I know. Just originated in the last few years. I never heard of it till the last three or four years. Why do you need to study missionology? We have a mission. A mission to bring the Word of God to people and to show people what the Bible says, what it means for their lives and we should go out and spread it. We need to do that in this country. We need to do that in other countries. I don't see why we need a department of missionology!

We have good biographies of missionaries in which an intelligent person can read. We have articles and discussions on ~~the~~ phases of missionary work. And if a person has to go to a class to hear discussion of methods and all this sort of thing, I question if he has the intelligence to serve the Lord effectively! If a person has learned to go into the Scripture and read it and understand it and find what God has there for him, he can find plenty of books and discussions on these subjects. But what he can't learn from books and discussions is the ability to go into the Word of God and see exactly what God has said there and compare Scripture with Scripture and see what God's message is.

There are many passages in Scripture which 200 or 300 years ago they exactly fit the need of their day, and ~~if~~ if people read them they would see the answer to their problems. Some of these may be very hard for us to understand today. Other passages at a glance we can see what the message ~~is~~ is which God has for us which 200 or 300 years ago did not seem to have much application to the problems of that day and people might have marked them down as serious problems Because the Bible