

How many Christian workers are afraid somebody will think they are just a servant instead of the head one? But Paul said, I make myself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became a Jew to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law though I am not under the law. So I might win those who were under the law. You don't have to argue about the points of difference with everyone with whom you come in contact. But you can see what their need is-- their essential need is to come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour. If they are already Christians you can see how you can help them to grow in grace and that may be far more important than arguing with them about some theological point.

The time may come when you can help them in a theological point in which they may be in error. Paul became like a Jew to the Jews and a Gentile to Gentiles, not doing anything wrong, not misrepresenting himself in any way, but using tact and thinking things out, in order to accomplish the work that God had laid before him.

One thing incidentally I think I should mention here. Develop a good filing system. Now that doesn't mean that you go and spend a lot of money for a very extensive filing system. There's no need of that, but there is great need that everyone get good filing envelopes and keep and preserve material in a way that he can use it later and not have to say, Oh I heard about that--something about that three years ago. What was that reference? Learn how to keep things so that you can find them. There are so many things like this that are important in serving God effectively. And we don't need to take a course to learn them! We don't need to go and take some extra work in methods in order to learn them.

But we need to think. We need to apply ourselves. We need need to put the truth we know into action. Theological students sometimes think they have it pretty hard. But medical students on the average have to work twice as hard as any theological students. Sometimes you wonder how they get through with their healthunbroken, with the hours and hours of intensive work that just about every medical student does. The sleeplessness, the long periods through the night and through the day in the course of their training in many program. They do it to make the body last a few years longer and then it crumbles into dust.

And we who are laboring to help souls to live through all eternity will we work less hard than those who are working to study in order to merely help the human body. May God help us to run the race as He wants us to run it. To trust in Christ, to lean upon Him. This makes no excuse for laziness, but to move forward and accomplish the training He wants us to get in order that our lives may count as He wants them to count. Let us pray.

Our father we thank you for the manysided truths of your Word. We thank you for the way it meets all our needs; for the opportunity of learning to dig into it and find for ourselves what it means. Help us to take its teaching and use it effectively for our Saviour. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.