There is a third inxthexeken element in the verse to which I think direct your attention, particularly at this if very important to call point in your seminary work. I am thinking particularly of the seniors now but also of it is of great importance for all of us. This is an inference implication entirely inference from the Scripture. He that looks back is not worthy of the kingdom of God. The inference implication is that one should not look back but look ahead. Commentaries tell us that this is at the very heart of the warms thought of the verse. Yet/people to whom Jesus spoke were familiar with the activity of the peasant in driving his plough as an ox and the primitive plough was behind him and the man would hold the handles of the plough and so direct it as to make a stright furrow. If he was looking me around, looking back, not diverting his attention he could not plough the straight furrow that was needed. The inference of the verse is not merely that we should not look back or that we should not stop the work to which the Lord has garded called us, but that as we push forward with /it we should look shead and should see where we are going and should do our best to plan intelligently. Sometimes life would be very much easier it seems as if it would be very much easier t in life if we could be an automatica automaton, if God would simply press a button and we would go this way or that way. That is not God's desire for us. His desire is that we should develop into creatures able to follow Him and planning / making and using the brains He has given us to make our lives count to the utmost for His purpose. He wnats us to get our minds so filled with the Scripture that its teachings will be ever present to us and as we face each situation in life we can the HS° can immediately bring to our minds the #Griptural teaching that we have already studied that applies to the situation. We must look ahead at what is immediately before us, but it is particularly important that we look further ahead and see what is more distant. (nc) Look V up (?) future think of your course. You are not Your purpose is not simply to get some credits. It is not simply to get a degree. It is not simply to master a

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