

missionary. I'm strong for foreign missions, and I hope that the Lord will send many to the foreign field to serve the Lord. But when I was a boy the attitude was if you were a real Christian, if you really loved the Lord that's what you should do. If you loved Him somewhat but nothing like what a missionary does, then you'll be an evangelist in this country. If you love Him still less then you'll be a pastor. And if you love Him hardly at all, you'll teach in a seminary and train the next generation.

Today you see the results of that. Fifty years ago American missionaries went to every corner of the world nearly and thousands were led to know Christ. All our great denominations at that time, everyone of them had great numbers of consecrated Christians serving in the foreign field. And every one of them had unbelievers teaching the next generation of pastors and missionaries.

That wonderful group of missionaries that our denomination sent out 50-70 years ago who did so much that was wonderful in the far corners of the earth, has been succeeded in practically every mission field by the same missionary organizations now under control of modernists sending out unbelievers to destroy the faith of the younger generation of Christians' descendants in those lands.

I am strong for foreign missions. It is very important. But to my mind one of the neediest mission fields in the world today is the U.S.A., and one of the most important mission fields is in the U.S.A. The thing that has always disturbed me has been the fact that when a person says, I'm going to be a foreign missionary then he goes around and tried to get people to support him and gets help and everyone says how wonderful it is that this man is giving his life for Christ, but a man that is going to work in this country seems to think that somebody has to take on his support. He has to have a position that is right open for him or else he'll decide that God hasn't called him to His work at all and he'll go into secular work.

I believe the same spirit is needed in this country that we expect the foreign missionary to have--the spirit of going out and dealing with the real, but keeping your eyes on the unseen, keeping your eyes on the Lord and finding ways of making Christ known. Why are we here in this world? I believe we are here for two reasons? We are here that we may come to know Christ as Saviour. And we are here in order that after we've come to know him as Saviour we may grow in grace and develop into the sort of people that God wants us to be.

I believe that equally for each one of us we have a duty to become God's instruments to lead others to become Christians, and God's instruments in helping others to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. But how easy it is for the seen--the things that we deal with day to day--