

Q: How old were you when you left Faith Theological Seminary?

A: I was 69.

Q: How did you have the courage to start something from scratch at that age?

A: God gave me a great vision when I was a young man. I could not bear to see that vision end. It was for that reason that twice in my life I was willing to make a new start. I felt I must keep my eyes on the goal that the Lord had set before me.

Q: Many people facing the situations that you have faced would have turned rebellious and even thought of abandoning the Christian faith. We might not have had the strength that you have shown in these situations, and could easily have turned completely aside.

A: Surely I could have done so myself, if it were not for the grace of God.

Q: Did you have feelings of bitterness or strong dislike against those who had turned against the ideals that you thought so important and thus made it necessary for you to make these new starts?

A: God graciously kept me from developing personal grudges. He enabled me to keep my eyes on the main objectives and to realize that there was a great deal of good in those from whom I found it necessary to depart in order to make these two new starts. In each case I tried as far as possible to avoid any public opposition or criticism of them. Instead I devoted myself to building up the new organization with which I was connected.

It is very easy for any of us to fall into dislikes or grudges against other people when they cause us difficulties. God wants us to learn to leave all judgment of the personal faults of other Christians in His hands. One can hold a copper coin in front of his eyes and shut out the sun. It is easy for a person to turn his attention away from the important tasks the Lord wants him to fulfill. If we keep our eyes on the Lord all such problems can be overcome.