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his sermons, he is in the situation of grabbing the stuff, writing it on his examination paper and going out and forgetting about it, except that which he is immediately using, and the Word that you get in seminary that you take^{in,} write it out and forget about it, some little of it may stick to you.

You may get good marks, you may get your degree, but it is a question how much good it does you. The Word which will do you good is that that gets deep down into your soul, is that that you meditate over—you think of the implications of it, you see its relation to other things in your heart and life, you see its relation to your life's aspirations. We can't force you to work things through, we can't force you to meditate over them, we can't force you to bury them down into your hearts, that is between you and the Lord, but if you do that the value you'll get from it will be a thousand times what it will be if you merely take it in, write it on exams, and forget about it. That does you comparatively little good. We can't see the heart. The Lord can see the heart, and your later results will show the effect on your heart of the work which you do, but whether the soil of someone else is shallow or deep, you may not be able to affect much, but you can affect your own soil. You can break up the ground underneath, you can make it deeper, you can meditate. Christ says here that the man receives it with joy and then has no root and when trouble comes he just is offended and all too often when a man receives the Word we are happy if he goes right out immediately and becomes a great testifier for the wonderful things the Lord has done in his life. He is going to be a Christian worker who is effective at once. That isn't what Paul did. Paul went off to Arabia for three years to meditate it through, to think it through, to get it, to get down into its roots in his life and the conversion that is most important may not be the one that shows immediately wonderful results but the one that gets down in and gets the roots there, that will last and will stand and in time will accomplish something worth while.

Now, we'd better not say more than just a word about the third type, the