

Sometimes when I think about the coming of the Lord and we do not know when He may come. He may come very soon. He might come tonight. There's absolutely no way of saying He won't come tonight. He said, In such an hour as you think not the Son of Man cometh. Sometimes when I think of that I think everyone of us ought to get right out and spend every minute we can telling people about the Lord, winning souls for Christ, doing immediate active energetic work for Christ.

But the Lord desires that we should not make a day or a week count but make a life count for Christ. If you life counts and is going to count for Him it is well worth the hard work and application of getting the training and knowing exactly ~~how~~ what the Word means and how to present it in an effective way.

That say that when President Garfield, before he became President was President of a college, a man brought his son to him and said I'd like to give my son a college education but I need him back home in about 6 months, so please give him an education in 6 months. Garfield turned to him and he said, A mushroom can grow up overnight, but it takes 100 years to produce an oak." We need mushrooms. We need those who step out with little training and accomplish for the Lord. But if the Lord tarries--and nobody can say He won't-- we need those who are solidly trained who have done the work that enables them to make their life count for the utmost for the Saviour.

So I welcome you entering the seminary. I welcome you this ~~year~~ year to a year of hard work, a year of application, a year of accomplishment. You won't realize the accomplishment. I used to love to teach Hebrew. In fact I liked teaching Hebrew better than anything else I ever taught! I'll tell you why. Because I've seen people come in there who didn't know a work of Hebrew, and after a few months they'd be able to read it quite well. I've seen progress made. It was hard work. But there was progress.

In some of my lectures, you lecture for a whole year and then ask them on an examination and when I read some of the papers I wonder if they've listened to anything. It's not that way with Hebrew. If you don't listen every day, you won't stay there. It's just impossible. But we need men who are ready to make their lives count for the utmost.

So I agree fully with what Dr. McIntire has said. Let's keep in touch with movements. Let's know what happening and let's know the ongoing progress of wickedness and do everything we can to stand forthright for Christ and lead precious souls to salvation thru His wonderful offer of salvation. But let's get down to that work and make these 3 yrs. count, and at the end of the 3 yrs.--If you stay the 3 yrs. it will be ~~worth~~ worth twice as much as if you stay 2 yrs. If you stay 2 yrs. it will be worth perhaps 3 times as much as if you stay one year. Because every year builds on the others. May the Lord enable you to have a sticktuitiveness and persistence, not only to step out-- I hope every one of you will go to the March on Oct. 3rd, step out an accomplish for Christ now, but get those lessons, get that foundation so that in years to come you will be able to do the kind of work that God wants you to do.