

and has to be rebuked, has to be shown their wrong. Possibly must suffer punishment for it, but those who are to be important in the leadership of God's work we should do our best to keep from doing anything that will cut down their future usefulness. That will make it more difficult for them to be effective servants of the Lord in the future.

I have on various occasions in my life received letters from people confessing their sin. They had during a test in the seminary course, they had looked at somebody else's paper or they had information in some way as to what the test was to be or in some way they had fallen into sin in this way, and they had said nothing about it. And now two or three years after they had graduated they have felt rebuked for it. One case I remember of a man who was being greatly used of the Lord, and he had a tragedy come into his family. And he felt it was possibly he was being punished of the Lord. And ~~he~~ he felt that the Lord would surely, if he would make full repentance, the Lord would surely raise up the one who was in this bad condition. And he wrote to me and confessed his sin. And in all such cases, I have tried to make sure that there was real repentance. In some cases I have required that extra work be done. And one case I remember that the diploma was sent back to me and I kept it for a time before -- and had him do ~~some~~ certain work as an indication of his sincere repentance before I sent it back to him. But I have always kept these things, these matters strictly to myself. Sometimes I would find it necessary to discuss it with one or two other faculty members, but sometimes not even that. I have seen some of these people then later on go on to be greatly used of the Lord. They had made restitution, they had confessed their sin, but I had avoided anything that people could use against them in later time. And I believe that the Lord here did not cause Aaron to be subject to quite the same public disgrace as Miriam because the Lord planned to use Aaron in a great way in the time to come. And while it was necessary that Aaron repent of his sin, -It was necessary that Aaron suffer for it, it was important to avoid that which would make it more difficult for him to have the standing that he should have in the Lord's work later on. Now Miriam also was important in the Lord's work. You remember