

Oh, of course you have a wonderful knowledge of the Bible because with a father like you have. He said, My father was always off speaking at Bibleconferences here and there, addressing meeting, I never learned anything about the Bible from him." In his case his mother had led him to the Lord, but what he had learned he had learned by his own study and from the schools he had gone to. If a man brings children into the world he has a responsibility for the spiritual upbringing of those children and ~~for~~ the responsibility to take time with those children and take a real interest in their growth. That is an important part of our building. When a minister's child goes wrong, people make a great deal of it. As a matter of fact, some of the the great sources of fine people in this country not only in Christian work but in other professions have been children of ministers. On the whole they have done a good job in the bringing up of their children, but there are some who badly neglected it and it is important to mention at this point.

I think this is a particular time when unfortunate tension can come with == when a man is trying to do his seminary work and trying to support a family, he is so busy he has very little time for his wife, and they can easily drift apart. No matter how busy you are a person has a responsibility to take time if he's married a wife to think of her welfare and spiritual growth and so should get together with her even if it is much less than he hopes it will be ~~later~~, later sufficient to maintain their unity before the Lord.

This is all part of the building. Are your building wood, hay, and stubble there that the fire is going to burn away or are to building gold, silver, and precious stones.

Then there is the other part, the part we quite generally think of as building like the Apostle Paul said, that we are building the church of God. It is important we realize we have a very important work to do here. God has called us to witness. He has called us to be His representatives. I got a letter yesterday, from a man I'd never heard of before in Minneapolis. He says, Dr. Dr. MacRae, I'm writing about something I heard about BST. In listening to a conversation BST was mentioned. To make a long story short they said someone had told them who is "supposed to be reliable ~~source~~ source" that BST is not concerned about witnessing because they are "five point ~~Calvinists~~ hyper-Calvinists". He continued to say that you and the teachers at BST do not emphasize witnessing because "if the elect are going to be saved they will be saved." I would like your opinion on this, your honest opinion. I am sick and tired of people giving me this line "I've got it from a reliable source." I think that will be an easy letter to answer, but it is not easy to destroy such stories that people can either intentionally with desire to hurt you, or unintentionally simply with the thought of ~~gossip~~ gossip and passing on that which can terrible hurt the work of the Lord Jesus. I think it is important to write him we are Calvinists and we believe God has ~~fore~~ foreordained all things that come to pass, and we believe God has a definite plan, and I believe when Jesus suffered on the cross of Calvary my sins were laid there upon Him. I have no doubt of that. And everyone whose sins were there on Him He knows who they were. There is no question of that. But God has called us to build, to be active. He has called us to witness and if it is His will that a certain person be saved they will be saved even if you or I neglect our activity we should have in their regard, yes. But God uses human instruments and it is His intention we should be His instruments in leading people to the knowledge of the Gospel. The great truths of Calvinism are a great help in giving us comfort, and encouragement to go forward.