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God looks at our associates—— I'm not thinking of ourselves now, our associates He looks at them that way. You may look at someone else in seminary and you may think what a person! I'd have as little to do with him as possible. But God has called him into His service. God sees what his possibilities are and God wants you to be helpful to him, and above all to beware lest you be injurious to him.

I am very sorry I do not have nearly the individual contact with the students I have had in my younger days. Therefore I do not know much about the interpersonal feelings among you. But in earlier days when I had time and opportunity to know most of the students rather intimately, I don't know any year in whichI I did not find someone who I thought was a real child of God and someone else whom I felt was a real child of God, who were always rubbing each other the wrong way and seeing the faults in each other and feeling inclined to injure the other instead of helping him. So I think particularly in a group that is living together and working together thaat it is important we realize God wants us to look at God's people --not simply at God's people way on the other side of the world somewhere that we might help, but with God's people whom we come into close intimate contact with, and to look at those people and see the angel God sees in that person. That we may not see in them, and they may notsee in us, but God wants us to look at them, and look out for them, and watch lest there be a root of bitterness between us and those with whom we are connected that Satan can build up inside that Satan can use to injure the effectiveness of both of us.

In past years before the second World War made a great change in the general situation in our theological seminaries, most of our students were single. They were close together and we had classes all day long and study periods in between them, and they mostly lived