

There are many places if the Lord wanted it done this way instead of that way two sentences in Scripture could have made it so clear no sensible person could question it. But you find earnest Christians saying it's this way, and truly earnest Christians saying it's this way, and why should that determine who a person is going to work with for the rest of his life.

I believe that a student ought to try to think these things through in the last part of his second year or the early part of his third year, and not come to the end of year and graduate and say here's the group I want to work with but I've had no connection with them before, it's going to take me a year or two to become established with them. Or here's the group I'd like to work with, but here are these two or three secondary points I'm not sure I agree with them on, and I've got to take a year or two and study those.

Decide what you want to believe on these matters or whether they are important enough to take a definite stand while you are in seminary, instead of leaving it to the end. I believe that Satan has caused many earnest Christians to accomplish a fraction of what they could accomplish through causing them to put off decision and consideration of these things until it was so late that it interferes with what they should do.

I heard a story once about Senator Borah. He was a very famous Senator from Idaho who was very prominent in the U.S. Senate. According to the story that I heard, he wanted to go out to Seattle, Washington. I think he was in Idaho or somewhere through there that he had been brought up in, and he wanted to go out to Seattle, Washington and get into politics and try to have a life out there. He figured out what it would cost to get to the state of Washington, and found he had only enough money to get as far as Idaho, so he went to Idaho and ~~was~~ spent the rest of his life in Idaho. He became the great senator from Idaho.

I don't think you want to have your great decisions in life made that way! But how often they are, and how easy it is for such to happen if you don't think the thing through and if you are ignorant of Satan's ~~xxx~~ wiles and if you permit his schemes to work out to keep your life from having the effectiveness it should for Christ. Let us pray:

Our Father we thank you for the Scripture you've given us and for the clear teachings it contains. Thank you for making it so clear that we are sinners, bound for eternal destruction. We can see others are, but how easy it is for us not to see our own faults. Scripture is a mirror in which we see our faults. Thank you for the Scripture which teaches Christ came to save sinners of whom each of us can say, I am chief. . . We thank you that you have called us to be your messengers. . . May we not be ignorant of Satan's devices. . . May we oppose Satan. . . resist his fiery darts and his plots to keep us from accomplishing the utmost for you.