

wondering if he had his sermon in hand just right. There are those who prepare their Sunday sermons on Saturday evening and generally over a period of time it becomes quite evident that is what they are doing.

Habits of doing things in advance. Habits of taking care of taking a thing when it comes are very important for your future effectiveness as a servant of Christ.

I said a word to the entering students about the languages the other day, that I think is worth repeating for those to whom it may apply. If a person is beginning Hebrew and Greek at the same time I would like to urge that you determine to get the Greek thoroughly and determine to get the Greek well. Do not get a smattering of both. If you have to leave the Hebrew till the second year, do it but get the Greek thoroughly the first year. Get each day's lesson well.

I've known students who have tried to take both languages at once and who when they came to the middle of the semester found it was too much and they had to drop one and then they flunked the other at the end of the semester. It is sad when that happens but it is almost equally sad when the result is that the one that is continued is not learned as well as it should be because the languages are the foundation for our study in this institution.

If we would work out our salvation with fear and trembling the most vital part is learning truth to understand the Scripture and learning to apply it to our hearts and lives.

But there is another element about working out our salvation which I had time to say quite a bit about but I must say a word or two. That is to say in connection with your seminary work the most important thing is not learning what comes in class, not learning what is assigned. The most important thing is learning to think things through for yourself. KJV says to prove all things. That word prove as used 300 years ago had quite a different meaning than it has today. It means to test all things. Do not take anything simply because I say it. Or because any human being says it.

Study it for yourself and determine what God says in His Word. Try to think of the questions--the things you don't understand, the things that aren't clear to you. If you find something given to you seems to be wrong, don't hesitate to look into it and bring up evidence that it may be wrong. You may be right. We might be making a mistake on a point. Or perhaps you will take something and memorize it and not clearly understand it and years from now you will come up against a problem that can wreck your ministry which never would have happened if you had worked that matter through with others while you were here with others you talked with to discuss it and to direct you to sources that could be of help to you. Test everything and learn to think about them. We are told in Acts 17:11 that the Bereans were more noble than those of Thessalonica because they