

they searched the Scriptures to see whether these things were true. The people of Thess. took what Paul said. They said, That's wonderful. They took it, and that's grand. They developed a marvelous church in Thessalonica. But the people in Berea were more noble. They didn't just take Paul's word. They studied the Scripture. They took the word of no mere human being. They took what they found in the Scriptures.

May you not have to say when you get to the end of the semester, The Summer is over the harvest is ended and we are not saved. May you proceed to work out your salvation with fear and trembling during this semester and during the years ahead. May you never think you can earn your salvation. Jesus Christ gives it to you as a free gift. But may you go forward developing and using it to serve Him as He desires we should.

Our Father we are at the beginning of a period, of a semester. The end seems far away. It is easy to think many things can be left, can be forgotten, can be postponed for the present. But our Father the end will come upon us very soon. There is much to be done. Now is the time when it seems so easy to be slow about getting started. Help us each one to move forward, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Some of us think we are going somewhere where we will accomplish much for Christ in years to come. If we are going to accomplish much then we must be accomplishing something now. Help us to speak for Christ, to present Him to the many around us who do not know the message of salvation, help us not to wait to serve Christ later, but to serve Him right now and to be preparing to serve Him more effectively later.

In all things help us to glorify our Saviour. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.