

After Moody's death Reuben Torrey went around the world holding great campaigns in which thousands were brought to the Lord. Ordinarily the Lord uses instruments that are thoroughly prepared. Moses was trained in all the knowledge of the Egyptians.

I had a student once who was a very good friend of mine and who later became quite well-known and who was our commencement speaker last year, Dr. Francis Schaeffer. F. Schaeffer before he decided to devote his life to the work of the Lord took some training in mechanical drawing. He said, one day, Oh those hours I spent studying mechanical drawing, what a waste. Why didn't I come straight out and study the Bible and get the training I'd use in my work? After his graduation F. Schaeffer became assistant to the pastor of a large church for a time. The time came when they built a new building for the S.S.

F. Schaeffer was able to see and study the architects drawings and to understand them in a way I never could and to make suggestions that added much to the effectiveness of that building. He said, I felt that those years I spent studying mechanical drawing were wasted but the Lord knew what was ahead. The Lord led me through them and prepared me for that work.

God wants you to give your best to him. He wants you to be sound in the faith, but He doesn't want us to be all sound. He wants us to be good, but he wants us to be good for something. In studying Hebrew for many of you it will be a struggle. It will be a hard job but those who have carried through testify that the increased understanding of God's Word that it gives, the ability to deal with new problems as they meet them even if they seem unpleasant as they face them was worth every minute of the time and effort that it took.

In the way we are set up here some of you face a problem. Should you begin Greek and Hebrew now and do your work in 3 years? Or should you take your Greek this year and Hebrew next year? Spread your work over 4 years? With the inflation and the increasing cost of everything a great number found it necessary to spread the work over 4 years. But it's hard to know until you've tackled those languages just what you want to do. I think of two ~~extremes~~ opposite extremes.

One fellow came here and as we ~~looked~~ looked at his college schedule and his marks we said it will surely take him a fifth year to complete his work if he just takes one language. So he took Greek starting on a four year basis but he went to the Hebrew class and did the work and after a few weeks he found he was doing top work in Greek and Hebrew. He was then permitted to sign up for Hebrew. He did his work in 3 years, and did outstanding work. If he did as he'd been advised to do--postpone his Hebrew until the second year, he would have been obliged to spend 4 years here. There would be no way to make that up and still get through. You need Hebrew for your last two years of work.

On the other hand there was one fellow who came here and he'd gotten good marks in college. But college is different. It's hard