

for God he needs to hone himself to razor edge. He needs to be trained to understand the Bible and trained to serve God effectively. So Moses was trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. That's one reason why we require college graduation before coming to seminary here.

A man once said to me, I believe that our system should be (in the particular institution of which he was head) instead of going to college and then seeing the Bible in the light of your college course, first get your theological work and then see your secular subjects in the light of your Bible! That sounds pretty good, and there's something to be said for this theoretically. But if you have a class in which people are present who don't have the college work you have to either put your work for the whole class down to a level they can get without the training they had in college, and then the ones with college graduation fail to get the value from it that they should get.

You either do that or you only give it to the best students to the ones in the college class and you neglect the others. It is not fair. It doesn't mean the college trained people are necessarily better, but they have a training which on the average makes them able to things in a way that the others can't.

My observation is that a person after he graduates from college even though he goes to a Bible college ~~is apt~~ is apt to come out thinking he knows all about it and all he needs is a degree. That's all he needs! In order to get a position is a degree! He won't learn any more about the Bible because he already knows it all! Sometimes, alas, it takes a year and a half for him to realize how little he really knows about the Bible. As a result he only gets a real year and a half of real work in the Scriptures.

A college course plus the 3 years here is a very small preparation for effectively serving the Lord. God can use those with little preparation, but God wants most of his people to be thoroughly trained for His Word. Moses was trained in all the wisdom of Egypt and God's people today perhaps more than ever before need thoroughly trained men to be God's leaders for Him.

But now it is said Moses spent 40 years learning to be something, and then that he spent 40 years learning to be nothing. That is not altogether true. Because in the providence of God Moses' 40 years in the wilderness gave him a knowledge of a phase in life that he would have known nothing about before and which must have been tremendously useful in leading the Israelites through the desert, for 40 years. So those 40 years were a part of his training. Yet it is true as Hebrews tells us Moses stepped out as the son of Pharaoh's daughter and killed the Egyptian. He would do away with injustice and he was going to bring (out) the Israelites. And he fell on his face! He saw that he wasn't up to what he tried to do. And he was so defeated and humiliated he thought he could never do anything for God again.