

us here aside from the work we do for him which has its own importance of course is this purpose of sanctifying us, of preparing us to be the sort of people he wants to have live with him thru all eternity. Sanctify them through your truth. Your word is truth. He wants us to be sanctified.

Thought you learn everything perfectly, though you understand all knowledge, though you know Greek and Hebrew more thoroughly than any student yet ever learned them, though you learn the contents of every book we mention here, if you are not making progress in your sanctification, your time is being wasted! The other side is, on the other hand if you are truly making progress in sanctification your time in seminary is tremendously worthwhile, whether he leads you into a full time pastorate where you can be his instrument to serve him in affecting the lives of other people for his glory, or whether he leads you into some secular occupation but we trust in all the time finding time to accomplish things for him, even tho you are not being paid for it specifically. Whatever happens or does not happen to you in seminary, if you are making progress in sanctification, your time is worthwhile.

There are many who have many distorted ideas of what sanctification is. Some people think that going thru all kinds of meetings, one meeting after another, constantly singing choruses, constantly going over and over and gathering together with other people that is really getting sanctified. Now a certain amount of that is very helpful, and can accomplish much in your sanctification. But certainly that is not the primary thing in sanctification.

Some have the idea that going off into the wilderness and getting alone away from all the distractions of this world means sanctification. There are those who get off by themselves like that, and who have great experiences with the Lord when they get where they have no distractions of this world. It can have its place in the life of a Christian. But it certainly should not be the primary thing, and in the case of most people I doubt if it has any place at all. It may be a part of sanctification but by no means is it the whole or even a necessary element.

Sanctification does not consist in saying a lot of pious phrases. There are many things that go under the name of sanctification that are not what it is. God wants to develop us into exactly the kind of character that he wants us to be. He wants us to learn as ~~King~~ Kipling said, so that we can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same. So that we can do our best and strive, but when it all falls and proves that things don't work out, we don't go and run off(?) but we can know that God had a purpose in it, and that God's purpose in our sanctification is far more important in His eyes than the work that we can do for Him, important as that may be. God has his plan for the whole life of each one of us, and God wants us to grow in our sanctification. constantly through our lives.