

work that is nominally Christian but as far as I can see is not accomplishing anything for the Lord's service.

Some people have a struggle, a terrible struggle to get anything. But they work and they work and try to get it and they graduate and have gotten 100 times as much value from the course as that brilliant fellow who could just slide through. Get it in and give it out and let it have no effect upon him.

A semester is starting. You have the question before you. Are you going to make the utmost use of this semester? Are you going to grow in your spiritual life? Are you going to get to know God better? Are you going to get your foundation in languages more solid during this semester? Are you going to let things slide, or are you going to consider each day as an opportunity to fit myself to accomplish more for the Lord in the days to come, as an opportunity to make progress in my spiritual life. An opportunity to meet people today to whom I can speak about the Lord, and I can do work here and now that the Lord will bless and use.

Crossing the ocean never made a missionary. If we cannot serve the Lord effectively here, you cannot do it in another land. Ordaining never made an effective Christian worker. If you cannot serve the Lord effectively as a student, if you are ordained and become pastor of a church I don't know how much you will be able to do effectively to serve the Lord.

Now is the time. Now is the time to make every moment count. To make your time count. To make your life be prepared effective now, but prepared for future service in days to come. May God enable each one to buy up the time and to utilize it to accomplish what the Lord has put us here for. Let us pray.

Oh God our Father, we thank you that you have given us talents --each one of us. We may not see them. They may be hidden, but we need to try and find what we can do. We need to learn to serve you effectively. Our God how wonderful we have an opportunity to study your Word these days. Help us each day to learn to understand it better; to get the truths there you have for us. Our God help us here during this semester to make our lives count for you, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and to prepare ourselves that the future years of our lives., if our Lord tarries, may accomplish the utmost for your purposes. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.