

wonderful opportunities, Oh just a little _____ just a little of this struggle, give me the extra strength. Enable me to really accomplish this. Oh just a little of this and a little more and a little more, and the next you know he is sunk and his life ruined. And everything that was worthwhile ~~ix~~ he has perhaps completely lost, because he did not watch for the temptations that Satan so readily would put in his way.

Oh we must all be watching now and perhaps more in the years to come if God uses us. The temptation to pride. The temptation to thinking of yourself instead of your work for Christ. The temptation to ignore the things you should be doing because you think you amount to something and you can tell the people what to do and you can lead them and you have better abilities than someone else. Oh the many ways Satan desiresto mislead us.

But I think as we think of the next 4 months, perhaps it is better to think of some of the less obvious tares. I'd like to mention one tare that I believe Satan is anxious to plant in each one of us and if we don't watch out will succeed. Procrastination. Four months is now so far away! What's the hurry. We enjoy the classes. We enjoy what we get, there is many other things that we enjoy. ~~f~~ Why bother too much. Exams are way, way off. Then at the end we rush and try to get it in our minds and when I see a manwho has difficulty to get through and he leaves it til the last minute, and then he struggles and struggles and he barely gets through or fails with that great effort, I feel bad. But I feel far worse when I see a man who neglects it through the year and then crams and gets and A in the course.

Oh I remember one student--a bright fellow. Keen mind, and attractive fellow. He could do lots of work and make a good showing of it. I said if that fellow starts as a junior, I told the Registrar he must not take more than one language if he does outside work elsewhere. The Registrar ignored what I said. He took Hebrew and Greek the first year. He crammed them into his head and got perfect papers. Got an A in the course and I doubt if he knows a word of either of them today. In all the courses he got top grades, but he got it by cramming words into his mind and he ~~wrote=them=~~ wrote them out, and I taàked with him a month after he graduated and I soon decided he remembered nothing of his course. He could cram it in. He could put it out. And what good did it ~~g~~ do him? Now he writes books. Books that have good stuff in them. They are well done, but they have no understanding that I can see of what Christianity ~~ix~~ really is.

When someone neglects like that. How much better to get your lessons day by day. Get them right straight along. And then the day before the exam go to the concert! Relax! And with a relaxed mind most of us will give a far better picture of what we know than we will if we have been jamming and working and trying to cram a few things into our minds and out again. This leads on to the second tare to watch out for. Superficiality. The idea, the purpose of a seminary is not that you go into classes and see what the professor says and write it down and memorize it.