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when they are first given. Incidentally that makes it far easier to pick an examination. Sometimes you see a student at examination time walking on tiptone saying, Don't shake me, don't touch me; I might lose it; I am ^{crammed} ~~erammed~~ full of stuff for the test." Well, the stuff that is that easily lost and has just been crammed through the night before does not stay. It is what has been gotten day after day, absorbed, made part of of ones self that remains. Procrastination is a fightful tare. It is a weed that afflicts most people and we need to pull it out, and get rid of it. If you are planning on the pastorate and the time comes when you are to preach, you can't go into the pulpit and say, Let me announce that we will postpone the service until the day after tomorrow. I have not yet gotten the sermon ready." It won't work in things that have to be done at a certain date, and it is even more deadly at matters that are put off and put off almost are apt never to get done. Get the habit of doing today's work in the day. When a paper is assigned as soon as there is enough background to be able to do it ~~wire~~ write the paper when a you can work over it steadily, carefully and fully, and can revise it and make it one that is the best you can do. A good paper written the best you can possibly do is worth any ten papers that are hurridly put together. Procrastination is one of the wiles of the devil.

Another that is closely related to it but yet different in some ways is superficiality. When I was a student in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles there was a young man who would go out on a Sunday afternoon and do personal work and come back and say he had led 30 people to the Lord. Certainly it was far better to speak to 30 people about the Lord than not to speak to anyone. But were the results that he thought he had secured and obtained anything more than superficial? In every educational institution it is all too easy to simply memorize what is given but half the value, 3/4 of the value, perhaps is lost. This is particularly true in advanced work like we have here. Here you get into all sorts of matters that will bother you. You will sonder about in later years. While you are here you have a chance to study into them, to read articles and books about them, to think about them, to raise questions in your minds. [Here mention the case of the two men who argued in the evenings]

If you are here just to earn credits, in the end what does it amount to? If you are here just to get a degree a degree may get you an opening for service, but it will not make you effective in that service. What is needed is the material, the training in thinking, the training in applying it, the training above all in learning to understand the Word of God.

That leads us to a third tare that is very easy for us to find growing in our mental garden. This is the tare of trusting to human thought, or human ~~h~~ ideas. What some professor says is not important. What is important is ~~kh~~ what the Bible says.