

that ~~everybody~~ it be understood that it was nobody's obligation to. That must be made absolutely definite. Because it hurt his conscience that he didn't do it when it was understood that one ~~had~~ ~~did~~ ~~for~~ ~~rather~~ ~~he~~ ~~simply~~ ~~wouldn't~~ ~~do~~ ~~it~~ ~~and~~ ~~if~~ ~~we~~ ~~could~~

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This fellow -- I was up in Canada once. He wanted -- did not want to teach the most advanced course in Hebrew. Did not want to do that. He had his Ph.D. in semetics. He did not want to teach that course. Instead he wanted to teach the most advanced course in exegesis of the epistles. The students felt, He's no great NT expert. There was another man there who was working in NT, who wasn't as good as this fellow but who was good. This other fellow wanted to teach the advanced Hebrew course.

I had quite a correspondence. I was at the Inter-Varsity camp and had quite a correspondence with him because he was quite determined. I knew from what some other students had said and other faculty members had said that they felt -- this other fellow was working in NT to teach them advanced Hebrew! They didn't want him to teach the advanced NT! But he was determined to do it. He would not teach that advanced Hebrew class. So we argued back and ~~ex~~ forth in letters. Finally I wrote him and said I feel this should be taught by someone who is trained in this field. I said if you don't do it, I'll simply add it to my load and do it. Then he took it.

I'm glad to say that in some of these situations a person gets into I've managed to hold the friendship. There's been no personal break. I think we still are as good friends as we ever were, though unfortunately we don't have much contact with each other. But that is not due to any personal feeling. There are things a person notices as they go through life. A person maybe would be better off to know in advance. Maybe it could help him in knowing how to handle things.

Neher: And try to give consideration and look at issues in allowing --

Yes. I think that is what one should do for one's self. But then I think ~~that~~ ~~one~~ ~~should~~ ~~try~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~sure~~ ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~person~~ ~~gets~~ ~~his~~ ~~full~~ ~~credit~~. And to promote him and make him feel he's not just a second or third person. I've sought to do everything I could this way. But these are little things that come up. I used to think, Isn't it too bad that this fellow is 10 years younger than I am and he just can't help it! There's nothing we can do about it. As long as he and I are together I'm going to be his senior in this. Well, we didn't part over that at all. It was an entirely different issue. It had nothing to do with us personally. But then when he became professor of OT right away! It should it was a personal matter to him.

Those are things I wouldn't want said widely. I don't know how much I'd want said where people would figure out who the people were. But I think they are helpful to think about. To realize human personalities are strange. I know one fellow-- I don't want to name him -- who is one of the most conscientious fellows I know. There is a certain understanding that ~~ertain~~ several other people just pay no attention to. They ignore it. don't feel like doing it. And I felt the other people should be trying to persuade them(?) (him) to do it. But he was very insistant