

not just at one year, but look at a life, and plan to have the life count. Many a person thinks, Oh my, three years in seminary is a long time. I'd like to get through it as quickly as possible. But in my opinion if a person plans to serve the Lord effectively, I think in almost every case, it would be the most useful thing to plan to try to get a part-time church, and to take that church and to spread the seminary work over four years. And the work of the church would make the seminary work mean more to you, and the seminary work would make the work of the church better. Now you try to do the work of a fairly ~~fairly~~ full-time church, and do seminary work in three years, and your church suffers, and your seminary work suffers, and in the end you don't get a fraction of the value out of the seminary work that you should get. But spread it over enough time, that you still have time to dig into things and absorb them, and utilize them, and to make them a part of you, and it is tremendously worth-while. Somebody was saying the other day that in just about every war there is something similar to the Trojan horse. He meant by that, that that which decides war is not simply the force of the two sides that come into collision, but the clever planning of one side or the other, and very often that is almost more important than the force that is put into it, and that is very vital in the accomplishment of the life of every one of us. Oh it is easy to get interested in this if you like to do it, get interested in that and you like to do it, but plan what will accomplish and will work together to reach the ends that are desired, and it is just as important in Christian work as in anything else, to plan to fit things together in your work here, and in your accomplishment hereafter in order that you will actually get results. What is important is faithfulness. If you are truly faithful, you are so running, that you will obtain, you will accomplish something and that may take a fair amount of careful consideration on the means to obtaining. Now you will find people who seem to obtain, to accomplish by clever trickery, and of course the Lord does not want us to consent to clever trickery. He never does. He wants us to be upright and honest, but some people are so afraid of clever trickery that they don't use their intelligence at all, and there is a place in between which is the right place, the method of effectiveness. I don't know whether I ever mentioned to you the experience I had