

know the Lord better, in learning to be a better Christian, and learning to be a more effective servant to Him. So this year we are anxious to keep close touch with every one of you, to know just how you're doing, not only in the class, but in these various areas as well. This morning at 8:15, I was sorry to see only a little over half

(7.5) for the chapel service. Now some of you may have been very tired after last night and didn't get up quite as early as usual but we do want you in classes - if they start at 8:00 be here promptly at 8:00 and we do want you to be at all our chapel services. They are just as important a part of the seminary work as are the classes and we feel that we are right in insisting that everyone be present at it. And ~~if~~ if you attend a class and you feel that you're wasting your time, you might as well stay away, don't do it, come and tell me about it. I'll see to it that if the class isn't worth-while, that it is made worth-while. Or if it is worth-while and you don't understand why, I'll try to explain it to you. But our classes are not something at which attendance is voluntary. They are there to help you to train to serve the Lord and we expect you to be present at them unless of course you have a real problem. We are very considerate in any such matters, naturally. But we do insist that everyone who participates with us in the seminary work shall be actively working in getting the best from it and helping himself and others to move forward to become effective servants of Christ. So that we are a training school, we are a school training people to be soldiers for Christ. We're training people to know Him and we will put constant stress on that. We will train them to acquire the necessary skills. And these very habits of punctuality, getting your work on time, being present, they are part of what is necessary if you are going to serve the Lord (9.5)

I've had students come around and say, "Well, look at here. I understand everything that's given in class but I just didn't write the homework. And now can't I get it in two months late?" Well suppose you're pastor of a church and you come up and you say, "Well, I'm very sorry but I've been busy this week and I haven't prepared the sermon. Can I give you the sermon next week instead of this week?" How long do you think they'll keep you in that church. Of course men don't do that but I've known many men who work up a sermon a few minutes Saturday night. They come in their pulpit and they give some-