

relation with our husband or wife, or relation with other members of our family, the relation of other members of the seminary, with our relations with other Christians, with our relation with the world outside. We can show in our heart an attitude toward other Christians that is not an attitude of love, an attitude of seeking their welfare, an attitude of ~~desire~~ desiring the best for them, and our prayers will be hindered, if we do. Well, this comes under the first head, but I put it under the second head, lack of true understanding, because of that phrase, early in the verse, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge," according to gnosis. Well, somebody says, right away, what do we want gnosis for, what do we want knowledge for? I Cor. 8:1 says that gnosis puffs up, but charity covers a multitude of sins, and it is true, that gnosis apart from a love of God puffs up, but gnosis has its proper place in our lives. And we fail to think, and to show the understanding of these phases that we should.

I heard of a young woman whom many people thought of as a very pious young woman, and she spend hours in prayer. And in the morning when the time would come ~~for~~ prayer, she would just leave her daily chores, and ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> would go off with someone else, and they would have their long devotional period. And somebody said, How are the children? Oh, she said, I ~~leave~~ leave them with the angels while I am having my devotional period. (laughter) That is not living with the children according to gnosis. There is a responsibility toward the children which cannot be evaded by an interest in the devotional life. This very brings out the ~~relationship~~ relationship between husband and wife. There is many a person who is known for a pious life of advancing the cause of Christ, and giving wonderful messages, who in their home life shows attitudes that are dishonoring to God. And nobody out of the home may know about it, but ~~the~~ the prayers are hindered if it is the case. It is God's will that we use knowledge, gnosis, in thinking through our relationships with those of our families, thinking thorough our relationships with others in the family of God, and seeing whether in these relationships we are intelligently dealing with them, and showing forth the love of God, not merely