

can well apply to us. And if we don't get it in advance, in order to avoid coming under that condemnation, the time will come when we will say, "Oh how this does apply to me". We ~~had~~ had a student here in the seminary a good many years ago who was very, very much interested in theology and he was very much interested in many various speculative matters, theoretical matters and did good work in them. But when we tried to get him to go out and teach a Sunday School class and told him he needed that kind of experience (6.5)

he said, "Oh that's not my kind of ability. That's not my line. I shouldn't be doing that. I'm a student of theology." Well, the Lord may want some men to be just specialists as students and not to do other things. But before you're sure the Lord wants you to do that you be mighty sure because He may want you, even if that is His will, to spend a long time doing other things first. This man went up into Canada and took a church way up in northern Canada and he preached some good sermons there. But he found that the work wasn't going forward as it ought to and he found various other stages of the work that were very vital. And he wrote us a letter. And he said, "I certainly appreciate the fine study that I received at the seminary and all the things I learned but I'd like to make a suggestion. Here I'm trying to organize a Sunday School and develop the work and I don't know how to do any of it. You've got to put more stress on Sunday School development." And he, it happened, was the very man we had tried to get to take an interest in this thing and he just wouldn't cooperate. "Thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." How easy to be busy with things that don't matter, with things that we shouldn't be. It's easy to throw away our time. It's easy to (7.75) through the years and then the exams come and the time is gone and we're not ready. And we don't do what we should do. It's easy to fritter through the summer and come back to school in the fall and you haven't gotten the training, you haven't gotten the advances you should - you're not ready to go ahead with your work. It's easy to fritter through a life and look back at the end of life and see how much time you frittered away and failed to accomplish what you should. But this has further application now. "Thy servant was busy here and there" - it's easy to be busy frittering away time. But it's easy to be busy doing things that are good but not the things that are most necessary for your accomplishments for the Lord. It's easy to be busy even with the Lord's