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them unknown to him. Are we busy building up the fruits of the Spirit? Are we busy learning to ~~go straight~~ <sup>grow in grace</sup>? Are we busy resisting sin, resisting unto blood, if necessary? Are we busy acquiring the courage that God wants us to have so that when the hour of crisis comes, we will be ready for it and prepared and able to do what He wants us to do?

This is particularly important for those who are training for God's service.

You come to seminary, you attend a certain number of classes, you write a certain number of papers, and you get a degree. And a person with a certain level of intelligence can go through these things and get this, and be comparatively little affected beyond a little knowledge that he acquired. But before the Lord, if the Lord has called me to serve Him, that is the least important question (3 1/2)

The important question is, are you training yourself in such a way that you will be able to serve the Lord effectively, and to be a help and not an encumbrance, in His work. Are you busy here and there, doing this, that and the other thing, and not having time for the things that matter? Are you busy here and there, and the opportunity gone, perhaps gone forever? Or are you directing your thoughts ~~on~~ <sup>in</sup> the direction, that God wants you to, <sup>to direct them in</sup> in order that your life may really count for Him? We know God, don't we? You know God, don't you? If you have ~~not~~ come to Him as Saviour, you know Him, yes. But yet you find in the Bible, over and over, let us follow on to know the Lord. Paul counted all things but dung that he might win Christ, that he might know Him, well, he knew Him, he was saved, yes, we know Him. But we need to know Him better, we need to know Him more, we need to know Him more fully, we need to know Him so that Jesus Christ is just as real in our lives as any person we know. Not as Jesus Christ in imagination, but the ~~the~~ Jesus Christ taught in the Scriptures, described here, the characteristics described here, the personality described here, we want to come to know Him so that He is real to us. Are you busy with all kinds of things, or are you giving tremendous time and thought to really knowing Jesus Christ? It's a wonderful thing to stand for God and to ~~to~~ make known the facts of the Bible. It's a wonderful thing to stand