

the kind of person he seems to think I am? How can I get a real understanding of that person's character? He would not be here if he did not have some good qualities about him. Let me see what they are. It ~~is not~~ is not half as important that you get a ~~proper~~ proper relation from that person today as what you can learn from it that will affect your ability to have a proper relationship with people in future years and make your life count.

That's true about your studies. That's true about just anything you can do. If you are trying to learn how constantly to improve yourself and get over the weaknesses that every one of us have, and make yourself strong in == stronger in every way, you'll be amazed at what a difference it will be ~~just~~ over just going through what you are told and trying to get credit and working toward a degree. If our lives are going to count for God we need effort. We need intelligent effort. We need to watch and learn how to make our efforts count for more in the future, and how to improve ourselves.

Above all we need to increase our faith in God. We need to learn to know God personally. We need to learn day by day anew that ~~we~~ we deserve nothing good at the hand of God because we have sinned against him and we sin every one of us and it is only on account of the Lord Jesus Christ that we are not destroyed. But praise God, Jesus died on Calvary's cross that whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have eternal life. If you have once believed on him truly you are saved for all eternity. But it is good to go back and think of it again and renewing your faith, renewing your understanding of what he did for you upon the cross, and trying constantly to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Saviour.

May God enable us so to leave that when we come to the end of our lives, be it soon or be it far, others will say of us as they did of Elijah and Elish, My father, my father, the chariot of America and the horsemen thereof.

Our father, we thank you for your Word. We thank you for the great truths that are on the surface of the Word so clear that a way-faring man though a fool need not err therein. But we thank you for the deeper truth that lies beneath the surface. We thank you for the incidental truths, perhaps not so necessary for salvation but so important for making our lives count for our Saviour. Help us not to take the Bible as a magical book, but as a book of principles that can be a light to our feet and a lamp to our path. Help us to keep our eyes upon our Saviour and make our time count for Christ. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.