

in the seat and listening to people give them what they had gotten from the Word of God., and if those Puritan leaders could have ever imagined that they would be silenced completely, and for twenty-eight years their people would be on their ~~own~~ own, if they could have trained those people, not merely to listen to wonderful messages, but to study the Word for themselves and so (?) (381) themselves? to show musar in dealing with the Word of God, how different the history of the world might have been. Musar requires careful study of the Word of God. Musar also requires clear thinking about ourselves. I was talking once with a young woman who was a teacher ~~x~~ in California, and she said to me - in her high school class, oh she said, ~~to me~~ "It is so hard," she said, "to know what to do to help those youngsters." It was quite a mixed class she had. She said, "You know," she said, ~~to go to that class~~ "If I go to that class and I say, 'Now you work harder, you study, you get this work.' " She said, "Then some Japanese girl in the class who is already working to the limit of her capacity will probably work so much harder that ~~she'll~~ she'll ~~probably~~ have a nervous breakdown." "But," she said, "if I go to the class and I say, ~~x~~ 'Now, ~~ix~~ listen, take it easy, be careful, don't overwork yourselves, use the energy you've ~~got~~ got,' some Italian boy in the class who is already loafing three-quarters of his time will not feel justified ~~in~~ in loafing all of his time." You can't give musar to others; you need musar for yourself, but we each need ourselves to study ourselves, and to see how we can work to accomplish, and what the limit is, how much rest we need, how to take care of our body as an instrument God has given us in order that we can really accomplish with it. Musar requires not just going out like a bull ~~and hitting~~ and hitting your head against something. It requires considering where the pressure is going to ~~bring~~ bring results, considering how ~~many~~ many blows you can ~~get~~ give, and you can bang your head against a stone wall and be laid out, and if you break the wall down and conquer the city it was worth it ~~my~~ maybe, but in most cases it is better to give less (fewer) blows and more