

not at all, but that they realize that we need extensive knowledge of the Bible, and it is pretty hard to get extensive knowledge of the Bible unless a great part of our time in studying it is spent in the language that we know best. And so it is very important that we have personal study of the facts of the Bible, of the great central teachings, and of the ~~great~~ general content of it. Now we could in seminary course spend half of our time on this, but most of this area is something that one can just as well do by himself if he will. But the danger is of neglecting to read the Bible, to examine its chapters, to take simple questions ~~in~~ regarding them: What is the main subject of this chapter? What are its natural divisions? What are the principle lessons that we learn from it? Who are the principle characters in this chapter? And what do we find out about these characters elsewhere? Just simple questions like this in order to focus our minds. And to go through the Scriptures and to gain a knowledge in whatever language we know best -- a knowledge of the great flow of the flow of the teachings of the Bible, is something which does not need a teacher to say, Take these chapters today. Take these tomorrow; take these the next day. Do ~~these~~ ^{this} on a certain time. A person who is going to serve the Lord effectively, should be able to have the will power to do this himself. But if your life is really going to count for the Lord it is extremely important that you do it. That you ~~study~~ study it for knowledge, for extensive knowledge of its content, and also for application of its content to your own life, to your own problems. This is very important. This is a thing that theological seminaries cannot really give. It can urge you to do it yourself. And the same is true of memorization. I read an account ~~of~~ not long ago of a missionary who was in ~~Tibet~~ Tibet. He made his way from China into Tibet about 19--- I forget the exact years, about 10 or 15 years ago. He made his way into there and got started with survey work, and with getting well started in the missionary work in Tibet and then the Chinese ~~the~~ communist army came rushing into the area where he was, and he was seized and taken prisoner. And for about 6 months ~~he~~ he was in solitary confinement. They took away