

than others, just a little more energy, a little more perseverance, and certainly in Christian work perseverance, determination to keep at it, determination to keep at it intelligently as Paul said: Unto the Jews I became as Jews that I might gain the Jews; ~~like~~ to them that are under the law as under the law that I might gain them that are under the law.

The second year I was teaching, we had a man, a member of our faculty who gave a charge in an ordination of one of the graduates and he told about going to a church where people thought it was wicked to go fishing. He said, "I felt it was my duty to go fishing." I think that it is so easy for us when we differ on some little thing to feel that we must show that we have the right in that thing. I think that God wants us to conform on little things that don't matter, and to make our stand on things that do matter like Paul did. "To the weak I became as weak that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men that I ~~may~~ ^{Save} may by all means win some. For the gospel's sake that I might be partaker thereof with you, Know ye know that all they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prise. So run that ye may obtain. God determin^es in the end what success we have, but He wants us to do our best and to try and to work hard to accomplish the things that He wants us to do. Paul said that every man that strives for the masteries is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly. So fight I not as one that beateth the air. Perseverance, determination. There is no one who has enough brains to graduate from college who cannot get the seminary course. There is no one who can't if he will work at it. If he will push ahead and not let himself be held back by laziness or carelessness. And of all the qualities that we need to appraise and that are important, aside of course from a knowledge of God, of all of ~~these~~ them, there is probably none that is more important of this one of perseverance and determination to take whatever we have to do and do it well ~~at~~ and make progress in it. Let us pray.

O God our Father, you have given us many talents, many abilities, and also many shortcomings. Help us to appraise them. Help us to take a census of our situation. And help us our God to fill up the lacks, to make progress in them, to fit ourselves to accomplish what you desire us to accomplish. We ask in Jesus Name, Amen.