

I think there are two vital elements in Musar. One of them is determination. It is force. It is putting that ~~thing~~ into a thing which is necessary to accomplish it. But secondly MUSAR is not blind force. MUSAR <sup>can</sup> involves careful thinking. It involves planning. It involves looking ahead. It involves learning to take criticisms.

I taught ~~me~~ a special course in Homiletics one time. We were dealing largely with public speaking. But there was a fellow in the class who was an excellent speaker as far as his pronunciation and presentation was concerned, but he had no idea how to make sermons, how to make outlines. So I said in this elective course, in this special course. Next time I want you all to write a series of different outlines on a certain passage which I listed. I forget, say it was 1 Cor. 7:12. I said, I want you to write outlines on this and we will discuss them at length. The next day we came in I turned to him, and I said, Mr. So and So, Will you please read us one of your outlines.. He said, Yes, 2 Cor. 7:12, so and so, so and so. But I said, ~~1~~ Did you do 2 Cor.? He said, Yes. Well I said, How many of the ~~class~~ class did 2 Cor.? Nobody else did. How many did 1 Cor.? They all had. Well, he said, But you said, 2 Cor. Well maybe he was right. But none of the others had understood it that way. I had meant to say 1 Cor. The others all understood it that way. Well what could I do under the circumstances? I had given the assignment very specially for his benefit. But I had to take what the assignment was and I discussed it with the others, and he sat in a corner and glowered and got absolutely no value whatever out of the outline. He lacked MUSAR. He lacked the ability to look beyond the immediate ~~of~~ dissatisfaction, the immediate unpleasantness, the particular thing that was difficult now, and to look ahead to the goal. To put aside his personal feelings and his personal difficulties, and say this is the objective which we must get. I did the wrong passage. I know I was right and all the ~~se~~ other folks misunderstood the assignment, yes. But let's forget that. Let's listen to their discussion of their outline and see what I can learn. I think they learned a great deal ~~from~~ the discussion. He learned absolutely nothing from it. I was not surprised when after two years in his first church, he left the ministry and he has been in secular work ever since.