

A person can have great ability, can have a great desire to serve the Lord. But if his life is going to accomplish something for the Lord he must take hold of MUSAR. He must learn to welcome MUSAR rather than to push it away from him. He must learn to take the effort that is necessary to get the things, not necessarily that will get him credit in a course, but the thing that will get him the training that he needs in order that his life may accomplish the purposes that God has for him.

I remember a few yrs. ago we had a student who came to the seminary from a college, a fine Christian college, but a school which has a very strong discipline over the students. Some people find that very irksome. Well this fellow came to our seminary. And ~~some~~ somebody told me that this fellow was constantly criticizing the food. Oh, he said isn't this awful, the food they are giving us here. I don't like this at all. This man talked to him alone and he says, Is the food here a lot worse than it was at this college where you were. Oh no he said, This is much better than what we got at that college. Well, he said, Did you criticize there all the time like you do here? Oh, he said, I wouldn't dare say a word of criticism there, or I'd have been thrown out the next day if I had done such a thing there. I think he felt repressed four years getting great value there, rejoicing in what he got, but repressed because he couldn't criticize and so he took it out here on us in criticizing something which, while it was not perfect was much better than what he had had there in that particular regard.

But now here's the thing I want to point out. This man today is one of our best best friends. He's a man that will do anything to advance the work we are trying to do. He supports us, he helps us, he tries to send students to us. He is interested in advancing the objectives we have here, but here as a student he criticized this and that and the other thing, and that affected other people who were not as thoroughly in favor of our general viewpoint and approach as he was. And some men who today would be serving the Lord effectively and making use of what they got here, are today perhaps off in secular life, or perhaps today opposing what we are doing, because they they got soured while they were here by the criticisms and grippings that this man expressed