

out on something. We may have to go slower with something. We may have to miss some things we would like in ~~an~~ order to carry out relationships in our lives we have entered into in a proper way. But if it was right for us to enter into them it is our duty to watch out that we carry them on properly. We should examine our family life; we should examine our activity; we should examine our spiritual progress. Examine yourself whether you be in the faith. Bring every thought into subjection, and above all suppose the Lord should come today, are you ready to meet him? Have you prepared your life as you should? Have you built up your devotional life? Have you spent the time in thinking of eternal things that you should? Would you be ready to say Oh Lord Jesus how happy we are to see you? Or would you say, Oh, if only he'd waited two days, I would have witnessed to this person I have been intending to for some time. If only He came two days later I would have finished this task that I was anxious to do for His glory. Examine ~~yourself~~ yourselves whether you be in the faith and be ready if our Lord should come.

Let us pray. O God our father we thank you that you are interested in every phase of our lives. We thank you that in these times of trial, of difficulty, these times of crisis you want us to draw very near to yourself. You want us to realize your interest in them. O our Father we pray that all who have studied faithfully through the year may have a relaxed mind and calm manner that will enable them to show a true picture of what they have done in these examinations. O our Father for any who have not, we pray that ~~you~~ they may learn to be regular in their preparation for the many duties ahead for them, so that when the crises come they may be ready. And O our Father, help us we pray when crises come to learn to relax; to learn to turn our eyes away from our own situation, to turn them to the Lord, to rest in the Lord and in the power of His might. We ask in Jesus Name, Amen.