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viewpoint on things because they had not worked enough on our course to have these vital things get deep into their hearts and inner consciousness, but they were just superficial to them. I'd say the man who has difficulty getting a low mark and who works real hard and gets that mark, gets more value of out of the seminary course than the man who can easily pick up enough to get a high mark. The seminary course is an opportunity to work to understand things that will be vital in future days. If a person is satisfied simply to get material and in class and then write it out in a test and be done with it, he doesn't get a third of the value of the course that he will if he thinks it through, considers problems, looks into various viewpoints on questions on what the professor presents, and who will demand full proof of his statements, see what can be said for opposing views on it on different matters and will come through having made the material part of himself. He is not a slothful servant but one who has worked to prepare himself truly to serve the Lord.

Paul said: So run that ye may accomplish (obtain). Put effort into it; struggle to accomplish that which the Lord has for you.

Now as I said, the amount of talent we have varies not in any arithmetical way because one person is greatly talented in this regard and another man greatly talented in that regard. I believe if we are going to use the talents the Lord has given us as we desire before He returns, it is very vital that we learn what our abilities are and study how to improve them. It is vital that everyone who wants to serve the Lord do his best to improve himself in every regard. To learn a little about every aspect of life in which he may be able to be of service to the Lord. We had a student many years ago who was a very excellent student. We tried to get him to teach a S.S. class and learn something about S.S. and he said, Oh, I'm not interested in that. I want