

week the woman came to the pastor and said, "You don't think my husband is good enough to be a deacon in this church!" And she left the church. People are that way. You are probably that way yourself to some extent without realizing it. Learn to understand the complexities of human life and learn to express it in a way that will get across.

You can give a message that will have little impact. You can give a message that gives an ~~\$\$\$~~ amount of truth but has a tremendous impact. The way you give it is tremendously important. That's why we put so much stress on trying to get you to improving your voice, improving your manner of speaking, improving your effectiveness in getting things across. The sad thing is that a student at the end of three years often gets his Homiletics up to the point where he could really be effective, and then if he takes a fourth year and takes no Homiletics he loses a third of what he had! Or if he spends a year waiting before he takes a pastorate it decreases. You have to keep thinking of it or you lose it.

I was asking about the graduates of a seminary some time ago and I said, "How about our graduates that year? Have they all been placed?" He said, "All but two have been placed. All but two are in positions where they are effectively serving the Lord but he said those two are engaged in secular work. I said, "Why so?" He said, "These two improved tremendously as speakers during the three years they were in seminary, if they could have had one more year I think they could have reached a point where they ~~x~~-ould have been effective. But they did not ~~XXXXXX~~ learn to speak well enough to appeal to a congregation. That is sad. One of them said, "I feel the Lord has not called me to preach; I'm going to be satisfied to work in Sunday School and do such things and do secular work. Maybe that's right? But this man who taught him homiletics said, "if he had another year or if he worked at it another year, I believe he could have become an effective servant of the Lord."

God wants ~~XXX~~ people in secular work who are serving the Lord on the side. He wants that. But He needs full time workers who are giving their full energy into reaching souls for Christ, and many a man who could do that fails to because he puts all his energy on learning truth and not enough on learning to get truth across.

So understanding == to understand human nature is a life-long pursuit. You can learn more about it all the time. You can learn an awful lot if it if you will study it yourself. But it is something that will make a tremendous difference with your ability to serve God.

We are all here because we believe God wants us to serve Him. Some people feel that after a year or two they should be able to go out and serve the Lord effectively. Others seem to think they have to spend their whole life studying before they can accomplish anything for Him. God has different amounts of study He wants different people to ~~XXX~~ have. But the sad thing is that often the one who needs