

but people don't like to do that everytime they see me and it takes me a little while to get acquainted. Most of you don't have that weakness. But try to learn to be friendly with people and take an interest in them, and you can build gold, silver, precious stones much more easily.

God has called us as His building. We're part of the building and a very important part. We as His builders have a responsibility for our own spiritual development; we have a responsibility for our families. That's important particularly in seminary where it's so easy to neglect them. We have a responsibility to step out and witness for Christ and to help others to grow on grace and to learn to talk with them and to deal with them in a way that will make them ready to listen to us, rather in a way that antagonizes them.

Let's pray: Our Father we thank you for what you have done for we believe that before the foundation of the world you chose us to be saved through the Lord Jesus, that he died on Calvary's cross that we might not perish. We trust that everyone here has truly received Him into their hearts and Help us to build, to grow in grace, to be sanctified the first duty of every Christian, to think of our families and do our part to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. We think of the fields white unto the harvest. Help us to conduct ourselves so that we will attract others to our Lord rather than repelling, that we will lead people to think that what we have is worth knowing about. Help us to speak with force and power and look to the Holy Spirit to use our words to accomplish your purposes. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.