

who are merely secular people. The distinction is between those who are saved and those who are lost; between those who know Jesus as Saviour and those who do not know Him.

The primary activity, the primary purpose of every Christian is to serve Christ. All else should certainly be secondary. We are not here interested in training you for a profession. We are not interested in training you in order that you may have a piece of paper that will give you a right to have a position. That will give you a certain standing in life. Unfortunately in the older seminaries that comes to be the situation.

When I was in seminary in one of the older seminaries of America, there were many students there who truly loved the Lord. But there were many who had the idea that it was a good ~~idea~~ vocation to have a pastorate and to have people look up to them, and to have what was considered a good salary and you could see the difference between the type of people.

Our purpose here is not to give you a training that will necessarily enable you to earn a livelihood. Our purpose is to teach you to know Christ better and to serve Christ better. God may open up a good livelihood for you after you finish seminary. Many of our graduates are now occupying very good pastorates in this country, and being greatly used of the Lord. God is able to upon us such a situation for you or ~~He may~~ may have some other purpose for ~~me~~ you.

We have had many students pass through our work in past years whom God has greatly used in other ways. A man came to see me the other day, a man who had graduated from seminary quite a few years ago. He was an engineer. He was working actively as an engineer. He was extremely active in church teaching Bible classes, working and using his seminary work. I wish every minister who comes to me would have as intelligent an idea of questions to ask about matters that he would like light on as this particular man did.

~~The important question for everybody is, Is the Christian's~~ first duty being fulfilled? I've heard it said, God calls some men to be ministers; he calls others to be farmers; he calls others to be lawyers; it would be a shame to spoil a good lawyer in order to make a poor preacher." I've heard that said. But that's not a Scriptural statement.

Every Christian is called as his first purpose to serve the Lord. I picked up a book about 30 years ~~ago~~ ago which was on the Christian and Culture. This book told how it was the Christian's duty in every way to ~~try~~ try and develop the world, to try to make a ~~b~~ better world, and if a man learns better ways of growing oranges than they had before and he makes better oranges, if he improves the world in any way he was fulfilling his Christian duty just as much as if he were preaching the gospel.