January 31, 1979 Objective for the New Semester

Let us turn to the sixth chapter of John and I would like to read vv. 19 and 27 which I will read from the NASB. (reading text)

We had a few new students at the interim which was the three weeks in January, and I gave greetings to them then. We have a few more new students this morning for the second semester so I'd like to begin with a word of greeting for them. I would like personally to take an interest in each one of you and would like to be of any possible help at any time. I have one disadvantage --- I find it very hard to remember faces. I have to talk with a person on 6 or 7 different eccasions before I remember his face the next time I see him. Then I think the face is so implanted in my memory that I'd remember him 50 years from now if I saw him. If you will tell me who you are when you speak to me I'd appreciate it. I read over the applications of the new students and your references; I feel as if I know each of you personally but I won't recognize you if I see you. So if you should happen to think of it when you come up at the end of the chapel service I would be very glad to meet you.

I would like to say to all the students I am anxious to give all the help I can to any of you at any time. If there is any question or problem in which I can be of help if it is not extremely urgent I wish you would go to the office and through them make an appointment. I like to keep my mornings for writing so I'd like to keep arrange for the afternoon if possible. I can arrange a morning hour if that is more convenient with you. I said in case this is a matter not urgent. If there is an emergency in which I can be of help don't hesitate to call me anytime, morning, afternoon, evening, or midnight. I'll be glad to be of help in any