

act in relation to what is seen, what is about us, but we have to realize it is that which is eternal which is far more important than anything we see. That there is that in the future which may be tremendously important in relation to what we do in the present.

It is easy to go from day to day living for the immediate. You take a particular lesson. You get ready for a particular class. You meet a particular need. You go from day to day, and do not look at what's ahead. We have a temporary objective we put before you--the objective of making a good impression on a particular assignment. The objective of getting a good mark. in a course. The objective of getting a degree. But all these objectives are temporary. They are minor. They are steps along the way to what is major in importance. That, of course, is making your life count for Christ.

What is seen is important and is real and should get its proper share of our attention, but should constantly be in relation to what is unseen. Our light and temporary troubles --they don't often seem that way! They seem like very bad troubles, but after all all the troubles that come to us in this life are light and temporary compared with the glories that God has prepared.

Eye has not seen nor ear heard what God has prepared for them that love Him. Our troubles are temporary and minor. But Oh they can seem so important to us that they block out what is most important. We should fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. Our eyes should be on the unseen, but our feet should be solidly upon the earth. I would feel very bad to have some of you go out and spend all your time playing volleyball, enjoying this fine weather, and disregarding your lessons.

But I'd feel almost as bad if you devote yourself so solidly to your lessons that you neglect getting any reasonable relaxation. That you neglect to get the sleep that you need. That you neglect to keep yourself in condition so that you can accomplish something for the life for the Lord, not merely for a week or for a month or two but for a whole lifetime if our Lord tarries.

God wants us to keep our eyes on the unseen but he wants us to deal with the seen in relation to the unseen. The seen is good. God creation --created a good world. He saw that it was good. But much of the seen has been corrupted by sin. Much of it is corrupted by Satan. So we have to make a judgment as to what parts of the seen we are going to enjoy and what parts we may have to keep completely away from, not because the thing in itself is bad but because it has become so corrupted by the sin that is around us. Satan is the prince of this world. Satan affects so many things that it makes it difficult for us to decide many questions in our lives today.

When I was a boy the general attitude was that if you were a real Christian you were of course going to be a foreign