

of your working at it. Somebody may have great difficulty getting through classes. He works hard, struggles and gets through and gets his degree. I'm thankful for the effort he's put into it and I know he's gained much from it.

But a man who has the ability to get the utmost from it and fails to work, is the man whom I think has the most tremendous loss. I remember one case where there was a very bright keen fellow, a fellow who knew all the wording of Christain testimony, of Christian language. A man who was considered to be a very outstanding Christian young fellow who came to seminary. He attended the classes for 4 years, and he would take a subject and he could sop it up into his brain the night before examination. He could write it our perfectly on the exam but months later I don't know if he remembered a word. of what he'd had.

I know from he's been doing in the years since , I know that nothing of what we tried to implant in his brain in his attitudes and ideas has remained with him. It just flowed right over him. You can't pour eeducation into a person. Education is something a person has to work at. The brighter he is the more important it is that he really work to get the value out of it rather than just letting it slide in a slide out and be gone and have little effect upon him. It is very important that we make it a part of us. It is very important that in every phase of life we realize that ~~w~~ God wants us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

When I began to ~~preach~~ teach there were rarely among us students that were married. A comparatively few. But conditions have changed. Times have changed. In most seminaries today 3/4 probably, maybe more, of the students are married. It is easy for a person to think that a marriage is something that you perform a ceremony, you go through with a wonderful day. It's done. It's finished. You've got a life of happiness ahead of you. But marriage like education is something at which you have to work, if it is to amount to anything.

A good marriage is not something that a minister hands you. It is not something you take by going through a ceremony. It is something you work at and build up and you build it up through the years. I believe it is particularly important that seminary students realize this because seminary life can be a terrible strain on marriages. I heard of a seminary the other day-- a large seminary, which just last year had 18 divorces among its students. This is a really Christian seminary. Most of those fellows, probably all of them went there because they really wanted to serve the Lord. And they had 18 divorces among them!

God has told us marriage is for life. We should go slow about getting married. We should be sure we have made the right choice. But when you have made your choice, when you have become married, if your life is to count for Christ as you desire, you should look on it as a lifelong proposition. It will be that and a very satisfactory one if you work on it as you should.