

Or what this other man thought about it was of tremendous importance. To compare. To take some very obscure man and study his theology, study his ideas, try to find out exactly what he meant. And many a doctor's degree in theological studies has been given for exactly that sort of study.

To me when I see that sort of thing being done, and when I see a great number of people who know nothing of Christ, the great number of people who never really hear the Gospel, the people who are going into utter destruction who humanly speaking might be saved if someone had the vision of reaching them for the Lord,--- I truly feel sorry about them. How easy it is for us to put our efforts into a kind of scholarship that is actually quite valueless.

I was invited quite a number of years ago to join the faculty of a new seminary. I was given a list of 5 people including myself. I was told if these 5 came they would start the seminary next year. If only 4 of them came they would start it the following year. Well, I was already pretty tied up with my associates and I was already promised to do certain things for the following year. I said I could not even consider it-- a change right at this time. Six months later I received a long distance call to reconsider it and to come the next year. By that time they had begun to take certain positions that I did ~~xxxx~~ approve of and I found it necessary to give a definite No answer to it.

Well, I met a pastor in this area comparatively recently who told me he had been converted in college and he went on to that seminary which had grown to be quite a strong seminary and claims to be an evangelical seminary. He had gone to it to study. He said, He found that they were so interested in being scholarly by the modernists and in winning the approval of the scholarly world that that was the central prevailing ambition which the institution seemed to have.

I sometimes have wondered if I could have been the cause of a different attitude if I had joined the group at the start, or if I ~~was~~ would have simply been swept along with the dominate forces that came into control there. No one can tell. It's no use trying to figure from looking back what might have appened. But it ~~x~~ just was an illustration that if you take something else as our goal, as our objective than serving Christ you can in the end make Him secondary and when you make Christ secondary ~~xxx~~ he soon becomes of little importance in your life.

There is a false scholarship which is very alluring to many who would like to receive a degree that they feel will give them pretige in the world. Well, it is good to get prestige for the sake of the Lord. But the way doctors' degrees are being handed out now in certain areas, one wonders whether 20 years from now a doctor's degree will mean anything at all. Every lawyer now gets a doctor's title as soon as he graduates from the law course. One thing will have a great influence in the world for a time, and then it loses it. Whether this will happen to the doctor's degree in the future no one can say.