

Every bit of it is vital and can be useful in days to come. Are you working on the main thing? Are you busy? Not busy here and there on this and that. But busy on what God wants you to do.

Will you look back in later years and say, Here's somebody I used to see on the ~~xxx~~ plane as I traveled ~~x~~ here and there. Here's somebody I used to run onto occasionally and I never stopped to ask him if he knew Jesus Christ as Saviour. Are you going to look back on lost opportunities of serving God. As 1 Kings says "your life shall be for his life." Now that's not quite that bad if you are saved through Christ. He does not save you ~~x~~ on (the basis of) your service, but He wants your service. He's anxious to have it. He wants you to utilize your opportunities to accomplish the main thing.

I know most of us are rather shy. We hold back from being pastors and preaching and dealing directly with people. I know people who say if I'm working for a school, if I'm teaching I have a set salary. If I'm preaching it depends on whether the people like it well enough to give enough money so I have a decent living salary. How much better to let somebody else bring in the money instead of being ~~x~~dependent on how well I'm doing. I know many of us hold back from the pastorate.

But Oh think of the souls you can reach in the pastorate for Jesus Christ. Think of the opportunities you have to present the Word of God to people in a way you would never have in any other occupation. Oh may the Lord lead us in planning our future, and may he lead us in planning our activities not to be busy~~xx~~-- but to be busy intelligently and to be busy on the matters that count the most for the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

O God our Father, we think of the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did for us, and how much time we waste. Help us we pray to make our time count for you. O our God we think of how much time we spent on that which is not effective and how we fail to utilize ~~x~~ time to get those habits, to get that knowledge that will be useful in days to come, to look into those questions and get help on those problems that we can find help on here with many members of the faculty who are anxious to help us if we will only present to them our problems. Think things through and see what the problems are. O our God help us to be busy intelligently. Help us to learn to relax and to put our energy where it counts and to get the relaxation and rest that will enable us to accomplish for years to come. But O our God help us above all that the one whom you have laid out for us to reach for you shall not pass through our hands. That the time will not come when humanly speaking it will be said, Your life will go for his life; you have failed in the task that was given you. Help us our God to accomplish the purpose for which you have left us here after we were saved. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.