

these men got up and they said, Our view is correct on these points. Look what all the early church fathers have said. Look what Eusebius said. See what Tertullian said. See what Iraneaus said. They quoted these statements.

Farrell came back and said, Calvin have you got copies of some of those with you so we can check on what they said? Calvin said, No, I don't have copies of those particular books with me but I have studied them. Would you let me say a word? Farrell said, I guess it would be alright. So Calvin go up and said, They have quoted this from Eusebius, but he said if you look at the next sentence it says this! Which shows it means something entirely different from the way they have quoted it out of context. And he ~~they~~ said, They have quoted this from Iraneaus and he said the sentence before says this. Everyone of the quotations they had made he had thoroughly studied, had it in his mind and knew exactly what the context was.

From that time on instead of being Farrell and Calvin, it was Calvin and Farrell. Calvin wore himself out with his tremendous labors. He wrote letters to all the leaders in Europe. He wrote letters to people he'd never seen when he had some situation where he thought they should be aware of the Word of God on some particular point. He ~~wrote~~ wrote his commentaries which are recognized by people of all denominations as among the finest commentaries on the Scripture. He preached almost daily. He carried on these tremendous efforts. He wore himself out and died in his middle 50's. But he accomplished more than most people probably could accomplish in 100 years.

We need musar. We need to be ready to get at the tasks that the Lord gives us and to push ahead with them. I think this matter of energetic self-discipline, self activity, is one of the big features of this and I think it is very important at the beginning of the year we think about why we are here and what we are doing. It isn't a matter of fulfilling certain requirements and taking a certain number of courses finished so you can get a degree; the degree in itself is worthless. It's the ~~xxx~~ training the degree represents and you don't get the training if you simply let something be poured into you.

Because the active mind, the active intelligence. Trying to consider things and to work them through and to push ahead that is necessary if we are to accomplish for the Lord. This is one of the most important aspects of the word "musar." It is one which is very vital for everyone whose life is to accomplish for Christ.

Someone said to me once, My it must be great to be teaching in a theological seminary where everyone is good! Of course you would not flunk anybody in a place like that would you? I said, We not only would but we do. We want them not simply to be good, we want them to be good for something! God wants us to be good for something He wants us to have musar.

Musar has more to it than that. Musar is translated as "instruc- tion 30 times in KJV. It is trans. "discipline" a good many times in NIV.