

a great deal of training. There are tremendous differences. But there is no one who cannot become five times as good a speaker as he is naturally with effort, with intelligent application. Anyone who is going to be in any kind of Christian work, I don't care what it is. I don't care if you're going to be working at a desk most of your time, if you are in any kind of Christian work there will be occasion when it will be tremendously important to be able to speak clearly, to be able to speak effectively, and to get your thoughts across.

Everyone could do it at least 5 times as well as he would naturally if he gave intelligent thought to it and seeks for help in that direction.

Another line in which we need to learn musar is in dealing with people. Oh how easy it is in a seminary to have little bits of disagreements with students and an opportunity which so many neglect. A person needs to think about human relations and how to handle them well and how to speak in a way that wins friendship instead of a way that arouses antagonism. What a difference it makes in your whole activity and your whole accomplishment.

Some people have charisma. They just wave their hands and people say, How wonderful! Other people they have perhaps the opposite impression of. But there is no one who cannot tremendously improve his ability to influence others and to deal with others if he gives specific thought to this need. If you read the Gospels or the Proverbs, and read different portions of the Bible, you will find a tremendous amount of valuable information and suggestions along these lines if you're looking for it, and trying to take it and put it into your life activity. We need to get musar in dealing with people.

I think we need to get musar, intelligent thought in the matter of making our bodies, making our minds, making ourselves last and accomplish the utmost God wants us to have. I read just recently of a very well-known evangelist, who speaking to a young evangelist said, One thing that is very important is take a nap in the afternoon before you are going to speak at night. I've never been very successful in going to sleep during the daytime. Some people can do it easily. I've never been very successful in it. But a little nap at the right time can relax you and if you can't sleep, just to lie down and relax. To watch out to keep yourself yourself in condition, to accomplish the utmost can make a tremendous difference during your seminary course. It can make a tremendous difference during your activity for Christ later on.

I mentioned how Francis Schaeffer built up that church the first year he was out of seminary. It wasn't purely by his preaching that he did it. Francis said to me, I thought, Am I just going to preach here and perhaps build up this church of 18 to 26 or 30 in the course of a few years? He said, Is there some other way I can get people in that will help? He looked around and found that there was no good work among children in the town. No good Christian work. He set to work there to work with the children.