

There was no good Christian work for children in the town. He set to work to work with the children. He organized boy's groups and that sort of thing. Held camps for them. He reached the children of the town and through the children he reached the parents. This was a great factor in his success there. Not that children's work necessarily is the best way to build up the church. It is an important thing. We should all think of it, we who are pastors of churches. But in that particular situation it was, you might say a way around the corner. A way to get the attention and outreach needed. It had a tremendous lot to do with his success there in his first pastorate.

We need to think intelligently of how we can use the abilities God has given us in order to accomplish what He wants us to do. How much musar you show both in active work and in intelligent thought during the years that you are here, will be one of the most important factors in deciding whether you will be one who in 30 years from now if the Lord tarries, will look back and say, Praise the Lord for what He accomplished thru my efforts during this time. Or whether you will look back and say, Now I wish I had done so many things differently.

It is tremendously important. We praise God for the musar that Jesus Christ showed. For the musar of the Apostle Paul. For the musar of so many great Christian workers. May the Lord enable each one of us to develop and to show forth in our lives the musar that He desires us to show. Let us pray.

O God our Father we thank you for the teaching of your Word. So much is so clear and obvious on the surface, and so much that lies beneath the surface. The answer to so many problems. The solution to so many of our needs. Oh, we thank you that your Word has when we examine it its words carefully and see what their ~~mean~~ meaning is and compare their use in various places, compare Scripture with Scripture, we find so much that is so vital for our lives. We pray, our Father, that you will help each one of us to accomplish that which is your purpose for our lives, and above all that you will hold us close to Jesus Christ who gave His life that we may live. In His Name we ask it. Amen.