

We pray that will not occur, but if it should God may be preparing you to witness in prison. He may be preparing you to witness by dying for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. He may be preparing you to be able to secretly and quietly go about spreading the Word of God. To copy the Bible when it is forbidden to print it as it is in a third of the world today.

We don't know what the future is, but God knows. If you look at our country and see the way the people are turning away from God--a famous professor in the University of Chicago declares that not over two million people ever listen to religious broadcasts. Is he right? I do not know. But as you see the force of wickedness in our land you wonder what is ahead. You wonder how long God will bless our nation.

Oh, God wants to use us as His instruments in the years ahead, and the ~~deci~~ decisions we ~~make~~ make now, the decisions we make this summer, the decisions we make those who are graduating as to what their ~~lives~~ lives are to accomplish for the next rest of the year, they may be in God's wisdom very important for the future of the nation, and for the future of yourself. May God help us to fill our minds with the Word of God, so he can use it to guide us and lead us and bless and draw us closer to himself. Human thought has its values and we must but Oh closeness to God is what matters. Are you drawing closer to God or becoming one who knows more facts and are drawing away from Him?

I've heard people say that even in a theological seminary it is possible to maintain a fine spiritual life? Some call seminaries cemeteries. No matter how true the teaching may be the institution could easily become bad. God wants us to put Him first and to learn to make our lives count and accomplish whatever he wants.

If everyone here in this room today were completely devoted to the work of Christ and ready to follow as He leads, God could turn this nation and turn the world. ~~There~~ There is no knowing what God could accomplish! by this many people completely devoted to Him. Let's pray.

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Oh God our Father we thank you that you are in control. We know what your purposes are. We don't know what the future is. As we look at world situations it looks dark. But Oh our God we know you have your wonderful plans., and we believe it is your will that if our Lord carries it is you will to use each of us to do your will. We pray that you will help us to think, to reason, to understand, to investigate, to gather the facts we need. But above all we believe it is your will that we make your Word not merely something we study for class, but something we feed upon, something ~~we~~ we live, something that is so much a part of us that ~~our~~ our whole lives are based upon it. Help us that our lives and our activities may accomplish your will we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.