

fairly and properly? Are we anxious that they be put down, or are we anxious to help them in any way we can? To enter into their problems and difficulties and be helpful and do what we can to draw them closer to the Lord. Think of your relation to fellow students. Think of your relations with other people with whom you come in contact. Are you drawing them nearer to the Lord? Or are you by something you are doing or saying pushing them further away?

Think particularly of members of your own family. Seminary is a difficult time for young married couples. Very difficult. Sometimes one works many hours and the other works many hours and they are at different times and rarely get time together and they are rushing, rushing, rushing. How easy it is to neglect a very important part of our lives. You must not get so busy that you neglect ones whom you have taken a vow to honor, respect and care for and to be a companion. Your whole life can be affected if you neglect this important part of your life contact while you are in seminary.

Couples tend to draw apart when they don't see each other or have much time together. But you must take time, take time to be closer together. Sometimes I've heard it said that when people are married that the affection that was shown so lavishly before marriage just stops showing any signs of it immediately after. It's easy to take things for granted. Easy to take your partner for granted. But you can't do it. It has to be fed and cared for. You've taken on a relationship and you have a duty before God to care for that relationship and develop it. To strengthen and sanctify it in every way. It is good to think about our relation to members of our family, in preparation for the day of prayer.

q Then, we should certainly think in preparing for the day of prayer, of God's work throughout the world. Think of that which is not near you. Think of people who are in difficulty and in trouble and suffering who need our prayers. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Who knows what suffering, what misery, what troubles people have to go through because people who should be praying for them neglect to do it.

Think of the people where you come from. Think of your relatives. Think of people you don't know anything about who are in temptation and difficulty and trouble. Your prayers may make the difference in their lives. God wants us to think of the needs of those whom we do not even see. How important it is to think of the work of God throughout the world. Think of the people who are laboring for God's work in many different countries. Some of them have a great harvest. Pray they may not become conceited, puffed up or indifferent but that they may take advantage of the wonderful opportunities and successes they are having. And people who are having great difficulty.