

He that putteth his hand to the plow and looks back. We want to look to see that we are making a straight furrow. But I think it's important we look further forward than that. Now I have particularly the seniors in mind. It is so easy to go to a school and to figure, I've got to get this course; I've got to get this credit. If I get so many credits I get a degree and then you graduate and what is next? You haven't given it much thought before.

We are in a world in which it is difficult to go that way. If this was 80 years ago you would go to a denominational seminary, a seminary which had hundreds of churches that were interested in that. You would go through that, and as soon as you were finished they would give you a list of 8 churches to go to and to condidate in. The people there who for 60 years, let's say 30 years, had been listening to a man whom they loved but were tired of his voice and felt he was getting old, and he wanted to retire pretty quick or maybe he had just died and they hear a young fellow who maybe doesn't know a fifth of what the old man did but he's a young man.

A young man who loves the Lord! Oh they are just thrilled to tell you how wonderful you are. You have a good salary, and a good situation and the people will come no matter what you do. That was a wonderful situation for a young man graduation --- graduating from seminary 80 years ago. Today, practically everyone of those great denominations while men were out serving the Lord and reaching the lost ~~were~~ others crept in and asked for toleration. They said, You must overlook our little differences. Then they got control and there was no toleration for those who believe in Christ.

Then they were ordered from above to put earthly things primary and to forget about the things of God. So we have a different situation. Maybe 80 years ago you didn't need to think beyond seminary. But today you do need to think. Don't look back, look ahead. But occasionally look quite a ways ahead because it may affect what you do ~~now~~ now. Graduation is a vital point in your progress. What are you going to do then?

One said, I want to preach Christ where He is not preached. He went into the state of Ohio, and went into city after city. He found a church(a city) where Christ was really preached. He said, I want to preach where there is no real Christian preaching. And he found a city of Chillicothe, and he went in there and to make sure he visited practically every church and he said there was not one of them that preached the Gospel of Christ.

This man was a talented cabinet builder. He set to work and made a living for himself making cabinets. But he went about from door to door asking people would you like to start a Bible class? After a time and many rebuffs, he got a Bible class started. He gradually built up the Bible class until after some years they had enough people there that they found a place 10 miles south of the city where they put up a building and they had a little church there and had about 50 people, and for a number of years he instructed those people in the Scripture. He still continued his cabinet work, but he instructed them; he worked, he won some others till he got them so solidly indoctrinated in the Scripture that when