

As Thanksgiving Day approaches we think of how much we have to be thankful for. I look back over 54 years of teaching and think of many students who have attended my classes and praise God for the fact that so many of them have given years of sacrificial service to the cause of Christ. It was a privilege to teach them — a privilege to be God's instrument to increase their trust in the Lord and to realize constantly the glory of the wonderful message of salvation.

At times in my life I have had the sorrow of hearing very superficial sermons. I think the Lord that our graduates delve into the contents of the Bible. God sometimes uses the simplest of the seemingly poorest of means to accomplish His great purposes. After all He even used Balaam's ass as His messenger, yet He does not desire His people to be satisfied with the fundamentals of the Gospel, important as these are. He has given us not one book, but 66 books in which He has presented the great essentials of salvation and the great principles of His universe and given us the guidance we all need for our lives.

During my many years of teaching it was a great joy to see students who entered my Hebrew class knowing nothing of that ancient language and within a very short time were able to see important distinctions between words and forms and to get further into the divine thought that could be done simply from a translation. What There are not many greater joys than seeing a person's face light up as he realizes some deeper truth of Scripture or as he is drawn closer to the Saviour through knowing more of the precise meaning of His Word.

I continue in excellent health but my energy is greatly decreased. If I rest — take short rests several times a day I am able to turn out a considerable amount of work. God has given me many insights into His truths during — through the years. All too often a course would finish, a vacation would put me in decent — I would be extremely tired and after a vacation would lay my notes aside and go on a vacation to get in shape for another difficult year in teaching and then would face a new set of courses to give and a great deal of necessary preparation.