

Reading- 3rd Chapter of the Book of Proverbs.

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In this 3rd chapter of the Book of Proverbs, verses 5 and 6- make a splendid text for a sermon, but I am not going to preach you a sermon. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding." In all thy ways acknowledge Him and what will be the result. If you trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding, if in all thy ways you acknowledge God he shall direct thy paths. If you do those things he will direct you, and if he directs you you will go as you should go.

I read an article the other day in the American Magazine for October dealing with nervous people, and there are people who are nervous. I suspect you have heard people say, I am so nervous. Well, there are people who are just as nervous as they can be, and there ought to be some remedy for that condition, and there is in most all cases, but the thing I want to emphasize this morning is that this specialist who wrote the article or who gave the interview, a person who has given a great deal of his time, and that, practically, all of his active life, and made a name for himself in this field in treating nervous diseases, says, that sometimes he advises nervous people to pray as a means of curing nervousness, and if they do not believe in the religion of a christian to put themselves in that same attitude, the attitude of prayer, the attitude of taking your trouble to the higher Being and commune with him, and it has a wonderful effect on certain types of nervous diseases. People who are afflicted with certain kinds of nervous troubles. He told of giving that advice to a busy business man. He told him to stop right in the midst of his business every day, and it did the man good. The man tried it and it did him good. Solomon had somewhat the same idea writing here. It does do a human being good to put his trust in God, because if we do that God will direct our paths. There is no question about it. It does us good to have some one to carry our troubles to, and some one that we believe will give us help. That is the secret idea of a Confessor in the Catholic church, and it is a good thing to have. It is a good thing to have somebody or some way of placing your troubles before a higher being. Now, I am talking to you about this this morning because I want every student in this college to make good this year. You have no idea how that rests on my heart at the beginning of this college year. As I look over this student body I just feel

like we have the finest group of young women that has ever been here in this college. That is the way I feel about it; that the college has the finest prospect it has ever had, and I want in some way to throw out some suggestions to you young women that will help you this year to make the best record that has ever been made by a student body in this college. Of course I realize, as I told you before, that neither I nor any other officer or teacher connected with this college can really do very much for you in one sense of the word, in other words it must be you, absolutely you in your individual case, but we can give you some facts and ideas and suggestions that will help you if you will take them and put them into operation they will help you to help yourself. There is one passage of scripture that I think of most every day of my life. It has been a wonderful help to me, and it may be that it will be of some service to you. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. If God won't work it out for you, and man cannot work it out for you. This thing that we call education is the most valuable thing in the world looking at it from one viewpoint, except of course the spiritual development, but education goes into that. Those things in life that are really worth having are things that we ourselves do. Now I want you to get the significance of that. If you could walk down the street and for \$1500.00 buy a college education, do you know some of us would form a trust and buy up all of them and make you pay \$2500 for it or \$3500 or \$5000, but it wouldn't be worth having if you could get it that way. The poorest and the richest are absolutely on the same level when it comes to matters of education. There is no Royal robe to learning. I believe you have heard that before. There is no short cut to it, there is no round-a-bout way, there is no substitution. It is an individual problem for every individual, and it is a problem that the individual alone has to solve. I can't do it for you. I can help you, I can tell you something about how to go about it, and I can be of some assistance but you must do the work yourself. That is one thing there is no substitute for. There have been wars in the world in which people didn't wish to go, and they hired somebody to go in their place. There have been preachers in the world who couldn't meet their appointments, and they secured some one else to take their place, there have been teachers who couldn't meet their classes, and they secured some one to take their place.

But when it comes to getting an education there is no substitute that can take your place. You can't get somebody else to do it for you. You have got to do it yourself or it won't be done so far as you are concerned. You know I am glad of that.

It places each one on his own methods, it places each one on his own responsibility, and each one must work out his own educational salvation. It can't be worked out for you, you must solve your problems, and the one who solves it the best is the one who will be the happiest, and who will mind it the least.

One time I was a teacher of Arithmetic. I taught in the same place three years. I had one student that didn't make very much progress in arithmetic, and I noticed a certain problem that I solved for that student the first time and twice following the same student came to me to solve the same problem. I solved it once more; there is where I made my second mistake. The third time I wouldn't solve it for the student. I should not have solved it the first time because I was working the arithmetic and the student was not. Well you say you are going to let the student fail, w'y sure, he failed any way. I didn't keep the student from it when I worked his problem. I get power and knowledge and you get a blank. That's all you draw. You don't even draw a joker, you just draw a blank, just as that girl is drawing who is looking at the lights on the ceiling right now. She is drawing a blank. You are going to have to solve your problems in life or they will not be solved. We can help you by giving you the great fundamental principles. We can help you to find where the trouble is but we can't solve your problem.

A young woman came to me since I have been here as President of this college, and said to me one day, Mr. Wright there is a problem in this arithmetic that I can't solve, and I thought I was fairly good in arithmetic. Well I said, sit down and less look it over and see what's the matter. We staid in my office for that one problem 15 or 20 minutes. We were not trying to solve the problem we were trying to see the problem. I said to her, do you see where the trouble is? Yes sir, I do. I don't know yet what the man means by what he says. I says, neither do I. So we took five minutes studying English in an arithmetic, and finally we decided, because I let her do it, that that problem must either be done in this way or that, and we didn't know which. I didn't know which and she didn't. Now, I says, Miss Lilly how are we going to determine which it is

Now the trouble with that problem was not in the problem in arithmetic, but the trouble happened to be over the problem of grammar, and it was not clear, but I helped Miss Tucker to see what the real trouble was in the problem in arithmetic that had been puzzling her for a long time, and when she saw the problem she knew arithmetic. She got it without a bit of trouble. Now the only thing I could do for Miss Lilly Tucker ~~that~~ day was to help her see her problem. Now that is about as far as a school teacher can go. I was glad to see she worked a problem, she made good, and you will if you solve the problem. We can perhaps help you to see it but you must do it. Now take that and let it go home to you, and it will help you all this year.