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COLLEGE NOTES

"THE CALLING OF THE MINISTRY"

Ministerial students of CCC

at home

October 1927

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*Little talk made to a group
of ministerial students of C.C.C.
at home in Oct. '27*

No higher calling than that of the ministry.

To reconcile man to God.

Telling sinful men about Jesus, who can make them whole with God.

The atonement.

To be a prophet of God, pleading with fellow men to be reconciled with God.

Will have discouragements, - disappointments.

Heart will be often almost broken, in having men turn from the way that would bless them and go back to a life of sin.

Joy in seeing some come. After they have been won teach them the way of life. Get them to have the mind and spirit of Christ.

Believe your message. Can never have power unless you do. Mere intellectual analysis, however brilliant will not answer for faith. Be deeply in earnest - deeply spiritual.

There is so much interesting in field of general knowledge that it is easy to be sidetracked. Get knowledge, get learning, but spiritualize it before giving it out.

Too much lecturing. Not one of you but can live a larger life, richer and get more happiness as a minister than in any other calling.

You will have to open your heart to sorrows of others. Not only when death comes, but you will have broken hearted parents come to you, sorrowing over wayward son or daughter. Sometimes it is a husband or wife.

To you will be revealed family secrets. Must be sacred. No one knows so much of the inner life of a people as you will, so you must have words of comfort. Do not permit them to be merely formal Have been with ministers at funerals. Empty words. Heart not sympathetic.

Bro. Dowling too sympathetic

Must have words of wise counsel.

You must abandon the idea of making money. A reasonable amount of money is essential, but money making and having is not essential to happiness.

Cannot divide your attention. However, prudence and care of family and self must not be neglected. All of you will have families, or ought to and children must be dressed fed and educated.

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Provision for eventualities. Old age. Make a name for paying bills. Keep promises. Do not be led into making obligations you cannot meet.

To stand in pulpit and preach ethics of Jesus to men who know you are violating common business ethics, gets you no where.

Have known preachers who have failed to keep name clean and have wondered why they did not succeed.

Sincerity and consistency.

Life must be clean. Be careful of entanglements with women. Churches ruined.

Church at Honolulu.

Have had to listen to preachers I knew had not been living the right kind of life. Minister must be a model man, husband, father, neighbor, citizen, be a leader. Looked up to. You represent the Master. You preach to others His Gospel. You must live the Christ life.

Personal appearance. Do not go on the street *never in pulpit* carelessly dressed. Redding. Got low down but always looked like a gentleman. Wore a collar if he had no shirt.

Mannerisms in pulpit. John Stivers. John White. Put hand in his pocket seventeen times in five minutes.

Old Bro. Hackett. Spit. Stammering. Gestures. *not easily broken up.*

Keep body strong. One of the finest young preachers our church ever had was Bertie Stover, a cousin of Mrs. S.J. Chapman. *died young*

Learn to read and speak - to sing and to give illustrations.

Signify - Not too much of halo fellow w/ clap on back.

Do not be superficial. This is a day of too much general knowledge to get away with that.

What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

O. A. Burgess.

Don't get indolent - preacher is master of
Rely on God. Jesus says He will be with you.

Great joy = supremely great - compensation for sacrifice
May not always understand, but throw your whole

soul, mind and body into your great task as a minister and trust Him for results.

Ask any four old veterans
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• Own time largely - puts off work.
Have system in life

Last page 37. Retired Minister

This is grade A !

Copies made for
all the boys who were
in your class, Evening
of Nov. 1, 1927 Shiloh P. Dean.