

SP: My associations have been more with Bible colleges and schools than seminaries, with the exception of our relationship to Biblical and here I see you doing a lot of things that I think are good, such as bringing pastors in to lecture in some of your classes. Of course, my under graduate work goes back quite a few years now, but this is where I felt Bob Jones, at that time, was lacking in preparing preachers. We had, I think, two days a week of what was called "preacher boys" and a stream of the best preachers coming through, but when I got into the pastorate I found out how little I really knew about the areas of ministry and how you minister at deaths, and weddings, and a lot of things like this. It was just learning by hard knocks. I see you folks accomplishing some things in that area now. The thing that I'm disappointed in with some of the schools, is I've found that they do not insist on an ongoing practical ministry while they are taking their formal education. This bothers me very much. I almost feel to the point, and this was true with the school which I was associated with for under graduate work, that every Bible major and every missions major should be required to do practical work. I offered to see that the program was totally set up at this particular school, and I don't know whether they are afraid of the students or what, but they just wouldn't go along with it. So they went through their four years there, as a Bible major or missions major, presumably preparing for full time Christian work, and not getting any practical training. I feel that should go hand in hand with school study. My own personal feeling is that any school that is organized with the intent of preparing people for Christian work should insist that all of their students be engaged in practical work and be accountable for that to somebody in the school. If they are not able to do that, then they should not be considered a candidate for a degree. I don't think you can start preparing that way after you get out of school. I think it should be concurrent with your classroom education.

JG: In that practical work, I suppose, there would be opportunity for learning how to work with, and under the leadership of, men of God, which seems to be a real need. Some schools do prepare men to make hospital visits, and do all these different things, but these men still fail because they can't get along with the other people. So, I was thinking principally along the line of what you would think a seminary could do to help people to be able to work with others; to work under the direction of another man effectively.

SP: Well, I think it would be a real help if they could; if there could be some kind of a structured course in seminary. It would be a little harder in a Bible school, or Bible college, perhaps, than in a seminary. I would think peer relations, a course on that, some kind of a structured course, would be of great help and maybe