

B. The problem in the academic Environment

There are several problems that are almost unique in their application to school life. One is the press of time and the difficulty in arranging things in priority form. The second is the easy familiarity we have with others whereby small personal aggravations come to be major issues. A further problem is the development of an envy of success and fame. Others might be mentioned but these are prevalent in the educational world and the fact that one works in a Christian school does not automatically give him or her deliverance. It is tragic but sometimes in our Christian schools the student feels too busy for devotions...too busy for a full set of church meetings...and too overcome with duties for much participation in witness. Now, one could be spiritually minded and perhaps be deficient in this apparent areas...but it is not likely. Dullness in participation in Christian life and activity usually indicates dullness in the soul.

C. The reality of Spiritual Life

Spiritual life is what we have in Christ and it influences all other aspects of our world. We are born again...we are sanctified as well as justified and, in the ultimate thought, glorified, too. He being in us gives us life and it is an abundant life. When we speak of "maintaining" it, our emphasis is on knowing we have it and living in the joy of its considerable benefits. In the New Testament there is an emphasis on those who are "spiritual" (as Galatians 6:1) for instance, and this suggests that in some ways there are those in the company who are not "spiritual" at least in their apprehension and expression of the life they have in Christ. Our point is to stay spiritually warm and alive...regardless of the environment and especially in the environment of our Christian school where our spiritual life can mean so much to others and where we can see ourselves better prepared to share that life throughout our years.