

Why Professors Despair.

English Professor: "Correct this sentence: 'Girls is naturally better-looking than boys'."

Student: "Girls is artificially better-looking than boys."

Let's Start Over Again.

The first semester has come and gone and the wreckage isn't pleasant to view.

Many, too many, will admit that they lost ground scholastically and spiritually. (One junior even lost physically - and gladly - 30 pounds to make the air corps.)

True, there were distractions and worries that account for much of the wreckage - week-ends, war talk, fantastic rumors, plus an attitude of "What's the use?". Some turned to various superficial "escape" entertainments, frothy and deceiving that only leave one lower in spirits, often in character and ideals too.

You owe yourselves a new deal now. You owe it to your parents, also, to make this next semester different.

You've tried other methods. They failed and left you still dazed, discouraged and sore at heart. Keeping busy and developing confidence in and love of God will cure these ills.

1. Start the day with Christ at Mass and Communion. Offer yourself with Him at Mass. Plan your day, how to avoid sin and occasions of sin, how to get your work done as part of your thanksgiving.
2. Plan your studies. Get a study schedule if necessary and set a definite time for two subjects at least, your toughest and the one you like the least. Offer them up as part of your thanksgiving to Christ daily.

Is Suffering Worthwhile?

Suffering is not necessarily an evil no matter what form of cross or disappointment it may take in our life.

It can easily be good for the sufferer. Lack of it can leave him soft and undeveloped with the same effects as lack of conditioning in football. A man who has never suffered lacks that stability and poise that indicates strength and maturity.

A certain amount of suffering is necessary in every man's life. Look around you, especially at certain adults, your parents perhaps, who have weathered storms and adversity. Some have really great tribulation in life and if they dominate it, it only enriches, purifies their character as only great heat can make the finest steel out of common iron.

There is an old saying that sorrow contracts little souls but expands big ones. Be sure that sorrow of any kind doesn't make you petty and selfish.

To avoid that, you have a model and inspiration that you can go to for help and guidance - the Man of Sorrows who being Master of the world and of all its treasures, deliberately chose sorrow and suffering - for you: that you might share in His eternal happiness.

If you have any sorrow, certainly He can understand and help you to understand. He has, He is the answer to that age-old question, "Is suffering worthwhile?"

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