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Memorandum

For Chapel - 9/14/68

1. Asked by Chapel committee to explain certain matters - esp. new students - want all of you to understand the life policies - its approach to certain problems of the found that difficulties are not due to malice but rather to misunderstanding - not sufficiently informed. so listen carefully.
2. This building - carefully planned - layout - known all over the world - size: small school atmosphere retains when all of us can get together - one main voice - our message to our world. we believe in God - centrality of worship - the indications and implications of the Gospel - probably the largest school in the country with daily chapel - no horizon - no afterglow - this is real priority - a new dawn - heart about it - visitors impressed (ethically) many Church-related colleges easy to - have lost something - wish that somehow they could come back. college president wrote fully. "two chapels a week - the rest of the days we let the students do what they want to do, so let's stay with it. was expensive -"
3. But also - understand clearly - this is also an auditorium - here a splendid example of the fine Socratic ^{collaborative} liberalism of the U. - we need believe that creative play, supports can be done to the glory of God - can really be Godpleasing. He has

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gives us all these shining things - music, art, fellowship for our use - unashamed & ungratified - because all these things also glorify Him - somehow reminded of the doctrine of vocation - better - maid sweeping the floor to the glory of God - not having a hymn - but just doing a good job - God lives clean places - so also here - not all our activities may be religious in the narrower sense - but they are good, they are pure, and - in a strange mysterious way, they are also holy -

4. One more thing - you must realize that a campus like ours is a favorite stamping ground for the Evil One - You see, here he has some real business - here he has ^{not} work to do - if he loses out here, he loses out in many places all over the world in ^{an} the years in which you will live - he really does not have much to do on a campus where professors are egotists and athletes, goddess men & women - and where students are immoral, lazy, and irresponsible - they are going to hell on their own momentum - but here he often has to work very hard to persuade one of us that his way is the best - and that he knows the truth about everything -
5. If warning? Real, honest warning - The Evil One ^{usually} never attacks head-on - he never says: Go out and get drunk - go out and be sexually immoral, - miss Chapel this morning - no, he always hits you

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sideways - always tries to persuade you that your problem lies somewhere else - e.g. get drunk - No - but be a good fellow, go along with the gang; or - be sexually immoral - No -; but you want to be popular don't you - you want to be known as a regular guy or a girl who isn't prudish; or "Miss the worship of God this morning - bum chapel -" No - you've got some work to catch up on, you can use that hour -

Are you failing in a course? He never says that the fault is yours - no, he persuades you that the teacher is no good - and then you write home to report what the Evil One told you - and then we get letters from parents and can only say: "Chalk up another one for Butch - the Evil One - he's doing it again -"

6. So - I wonder if I could persuade you this morning to say to yourself: "Well right, I will watch the side approach very carefully. I may lose a battle now and then but I will not lose the war." And then God - God in His great mercy and divine pity in J.C. your heart will tell you that you are one of His own beloved children - you are not because you are a sinner who has been set up again - you have beaten off the Evil One - because God has been with you - head on - thank Bethlehem & Calvary