

In a letter received December 21, 2006 from

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“I am currently . . . a student at Temple Baptist Seminary. At age 56, . . . , I thought that seminary was beyond my reach, and a sad failure of my past. I am thankful to the Lord for the “ability to benefit” program that allows students . . . to enter Temple Baptist Seminary’s Certificate programs as qualifying prerequisites to the Masters programs.

The thought of a Master’s Degree at my age is rather intimidating, as were the first few weeks of school. At this point, I can’t tell you how excited I am about registering for the next term. Dr. Lovett’s course on Personal Evangelism has renewed an excitement in me to see the lost saved. On an equal level, Dr. Kemp’s Old Testament Survey is doing something within me that I cannot describe. I didn’t think it possible to memorize scripture, but Dr. Lovett and Dr. Kemp have proven me wrong. Already I find the passages that I have memorized coming out in my teaching and preaching.

If I could say one thing to a prospective student, particularly those who may be older, I would say this: It’s never too late to be obedient to God, “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”