

## **Lecture 2: Biographical Introduction (Part 2)**

*Father we want to thank You that we can meet together in Your name. We pray You'll be with us in this class. We pray that You will teach us, that we won't be simply lifting up a human person's name, even one whom You've used very greatly but we will be exalting Your name together, and that we may be taught by his example. So Father, teach us we pray, and be with us in this hour together in Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Introduction:** In this lesson, Professor Barrs briefly summarizes the first five major aspects of Dr. Schaeffer's origin. Before he continues, he summarizes important points for our instruction. The final points introduce Edith Seville into Dr. Schaeffer's life and begin a summary of her major contributions to their relationship.

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#### *I. The Weaving of a Pattern*

#### *II. Origins & Background: Francis August Schaeffer*

##### *A. Family Origins*

##### *B. His Childhood*

##### *C. His Conversion*

##### *D. A Turning Point*

##### *E. Between High School and College*

###### *1. Study at Drexel Institute*

###### *2. Desire for the ministry*

###### *3. Returns to high school to prepare for college and ministerial training*

###### *4. January 30, 1931 begins evening classes*

###### *5. Parental opposition*

###### *6. The cellar prayer (Tapestry, page 62)*

#### Lessons He Learned From His Background:

- \* Acquainted with ordinary people
- \* The dignity of ordinary working people
- \* Commitment to hard work
- \* Obstinacy of character
- \* Love of the arts and humanities

#### Characteristics as a Believer:

- \* A strong conviction of the truth and sense of Christianity
- \* A sense of obligation for Christians to live a radically different lifestyle
- \* Commitment to evangelism
- \* Growing prayer life and passionate commitment to serve the Lord
- \* Love for the Bible

#### *F. Life at Hampden—Sydney College*

##### *1. Entered September, 1931*

##### *2. Life in the dormitory and witness (Tapestry, page 123)*

##### *3. Ministry at neighboring black church*

##### *4. Growing commitment to serve God (Tapestry, pages 124, 125)*

#### *G. Meeting of Edith Seville (June 26, 1932)*

##### *1. Young people's meeting in Germantown*

2. Meeting on the battlefield
  3. Growing relationship
- III. Origins & Background: Edith Seville
- A. Father: George Seville (1876-1977)
    1. Missionary
    2. Married a widow
  - B. Edith Seville, born November 3, 1914
  - C. Family returned to the United States, 1919
- IV. What Edith Brought to the Relationship
- A. A strong commitment to prayer
  - B. A deep compassion for those in affliction
  - C. Value for human life
  - D. Commitment to the unity of all true believers
  - E. A passion for truth over against Modernism (Liberalism)