2nd. Sch. of Prophets
1981

Intro: 1. Thanks Bishop Armstrong, Committee, you.
Most gracious. Fond words of praise.
2. Encouraged. Surgery Rm. talk.
3. Talked of ministry
a. Began w/ having lens - Nec laid on me.
Reflect on that freedom which expressed in
own ordination set in purpose of God.
b. Turn again to Paul - Freedom - what to
conserve.
4. That relat. of such depth/intimacy exists is
remarkable, given variety of people,
meandering nature of relig., + roles minister
must play in relat. to them.
5. But wherein is the freedom? Listen to convers.
betw. Paul + ch. at Phil.

I The Apparent Distance.
1. Don't worry about me - cause advances.
2. May/may not be released. Not decided.
3. Whether or not I come to you.
4. Thanks for gift but ---. Whether much or nothing

II How Understand?
1. Profess. distance?
2. Protect self? Cushions on floor. As w/ things,
grades, promotions, appointments.
3. Virtue of necessity? Can not so much not.
Not invited, eating alone.
4. Apathein? Content. Erase all desire.
5. Big moment at edge of eternity, embraced, all
else seems so trivial?
6. Unable to get close? "Mergate."
7. Awkward in receiving? Encouraged. Worked his
way, now can hold light gift, not heavy w/
own weariness.

III More likely —
1. Healthy distance in good relations. No leaning,
whining, possessing, satellites, whining.
2. Confidence in them
Morale - Not hide + seek w/ minister.
Mission - Work continue.
3. Confid. — God - Who began, will finish.
Such intimate distance!
5. Mom-in-law + Grandmother.