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Melvin University  
and Me

### **Between faith and action**

I have made a lot of websites. I think I have made more than 10 websites in English and Korean so far. I have created websites for schools in Kenya and Nagaland, the Institute website, Dr. Melvin's website, leadership website, lay ministry website, and my personal website.

I used to go to the websites of other countries, and when I went to the website of a seminary in Canada, there were three words written on the banner in beautiful letters: Knowing, Being, and doing.

Knowing, becoming, and doing. I think it's a meaningful slogan for a seminary.

In fact, we are often told to 'know and do'. But this website talks about the three steps of 'knowing, being, and doing,' that's 'being' in the middle.

What is the meaning of being? My guess is that it means 'to make what you know your own, an attitude,' which is another way of saying 'to understand, to become your own, and then to do'. But I think we often overlook the second step in the threefold progression: we only think about the beginning and the end, but we neglect the necessary process. When the seminary talks about these three processes, it is understood to mean to consider the middle.

I think it's the same for us Melvin university students. We learn a lot in school, and we try to use it right away, but in light of the above sequence, it should be our own first, affecting our ministry and worldview, changing our attitude, and then applying what we have learned, but when we try to apply what we have learned as it is, it seems to be something less filled, something unripe.

Maybe it is in line with what Rev. Melvin said that Being must be prepared before Doing. Pastor Melvin has a lot of resources. Of course there are systematic and strategic resources. These are essential to making ministry effective and successful. I'm all for using these things, but I think we need Being to be much more concerned for the deeper, long-term ministry.

In this day and age, skills are becoming something that everyone can afford to have. But there seems to be a lot of difference in what kind of person you are becoming. It's about self-reflection, being honest with everyone, and having the character and attitude to treat everyone the same.