

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 16 WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 18:9-15; 28:29, 31; Rom. 15:18-21.
GOLDEN TEXT—"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."—Rom. 1:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Teaching by a Riverside.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Paul Crosses the Sea.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul's Ambition.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Paul's Aim and Methods.

The Gospel having broken the confines of the Jewish city and country, the middle wall of partition being abolished, the time came for it to leap across the Aegean sea and begin its conquest of another continent. Christianity thus ceased to be an oriental religion and through the centuries has been making occidental.

1. Call to Macedonia (Acts 18:9-11).
1. The Vision (v. 9). Being hemmed in on all sides, a vision was given to Paul of a man of Macedonia pleading for help. This made plain to him the closed doors about him. The Spirit as definitely leads in the closing of some doors as in the opening of others. In finding the divine will we should look both ways. Before there can be any great forward movement there must be a vision. The great achievements of men are the products of visions.

2. The Advance (vv. 10-11). As soon as the vision was known they moved, waded therein. Visions must be fully translated into aggressive actions or else they are blotted from our skies. They neither questioned the wisdom of God nor delayed action. This is characteristic of all of God's true servants. With a straight course Paul rowed out of his own country to the struggle center of a new continent.

3. The First Convert in Europe (Acts 19:1-15).
The missionaries first went to Philippi and spent several days in studying conditions there. The Jewish element in this city was comparatively insignificant, so much so that they could not have a synagogue. Therefore, the devout people were accustomed to worship by the riverside. To this humble gathering Paul came and preached to the women assembled there. A certain woman from Thyatira, a proselyte believed his message and was baptized. The work of the Lord thus had a very humble beginning, but it was destined to transform all Europe and the world. The steps in Lydia's conversion are worthy of note for they are typical.

1. Attendance at the Place of Worship (v. 13). Usually those whom God is calling are found at the place of prayer. Lydia was seeking the heavenly light. God sends many an inquirer to the prayer meeting.
2. Listening to the Preaching of the Word of God (vv. 13, 14). It is highly important that at every prayer meeting the Word of God shall be spoken. As the one inquirer after God may find the light.
3. Her Heart Was Opened by the Lord (v. 14). Only the Lord can convert a soul. It is our business to preach the Word of God and it is God's business to open the heart of the inquirer. No one is ever converted against his will.
4. She Was Baptized (v. 15). Every one whose heart the Lord has opened desires to confess Him in baptism.
5. Her Household Believed Also (v. 15). This was as it should be. Real conversion cannot be concealed.
6. Practiced Hospitality (v. 15). Those who have experienced God's saving grace are at once disposed to have part in His work by rendering aid to His ministers.

III. Paul Preaching in Rome (Acts 28:30, 31).
Paul continued his labors in widening his testimony to the world amongst thrilling experiences. In spite of beatings, shipwrecks and imprisonments, we find him near the close of his life in the Imperial capital city. Though a prisoner he continues to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the providence of God, he had liberty to preach the Gospel to all who came to him.
IV. Paul's Aim in Preaching the Gospel Was World-Wide (Rom. 15:18-21).
His heart's transcendent desire was to preach the Gospel that the Gentiles might become obedient to the faith. In order that this might be accomplished he pushed out into unexplored regions, so that the light of the Gospel might shine into the darkness of the heathen world. May we follow his example, for there is much work to be done.

Prayer.
Bring your plans, your purposes to God's throne. Test them by praying about them. Do nothing large or new—nothing small nor old, either—for that matter—till you have asked them in the silence of the secret place, "Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do?"—Alexander MacLaren.

Worry is Not Faith.
Worry is not faith. It is doubting God, who has promised to supply all our need in Christ Jesus.—Record of Christian Work.

THE RIGHT THING at the RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

WHEN YOU GOSSIP

And there's list in us no charm can tame Of loudly publishing our neighbor's shame.

EVERYBODY gossips—the man in business or his club just as much as the woman at home or in her sewing circle. In fact some gossip is really delightful. If we ceased to talk over our neighbors and friends with each other we should be deprived of a very large and important part of our subjects of conversation. Many of the cleverest plays interest us because we are interested in gossip, and the great novelists could never have become such students of human nature had they not listened with interest to a great deal of gossip.

So don't start out with the resolution that you will keep the conversation away from gossip. You can't talk forever about the weather, or the new plays or the books you read or the chances of a warm spring or the next candidate for governor. But when you do gossip you can remember that there is a courteous way of going about it, a well-bred way, and a way that is inconsiderate and ill-bred.

The truly well-bred person and the person who has learned wisdom gossips but little about himself or his family. This is something that it is difficult for some persons to realize.

And here is something else that is difficult to do. Don't gossip about your servants, especially when this gossip is of a derogatory nature.

In general, do not regard as yours to tell any information about any one that you have gained in an indirect, underhanded way. Don't, for instance, tell it drop that you think Mr. Smith who rooms with you is engaged because you have seen a good many pictures of a certain young woman; and because he gets letters addressed in the same feminine hand. That is at most as unparliamentary as it is to make free with information you may have gleaned by an interesting telephone call. It is bad enough to allow yourself to listen, more than allowed to read a letter over another person's shoulder, but it is ten times worse to make free with such information after you have gleaned it.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE FLYING HOUR

SOME folks think of Tomorrow. And some of Yesterday. With all the joy and sorrow That linger on the way, But in this world of to-morrow, My day is shining now.

Girl Saves 17 Persons From Death on Bridge

Ottawa.—The presence of mind of Eunice Parker, girl guide, saved the lives of 17 of her charges who were hiking on a high bridge over the Rideau river at night, when she ordered them to throw themselves flat on the outer ties to escape death beneath an onrushing Canadian Pacific locomotive. The nineteenth member of the party, however, Mrs. A. Campbell, failed to hear the command. Her body was found among the rocks 40 feet below the bridge.

ROMANCE OF WORDS

"LIEUTENANT"

WHEN, in old English records, we find that the archbishop of Canterbury is referred to as "the lieutenant of the pope and of the king of England" a vision of the church militant immediately presents itself, but this use of the word "lieutenant" at once the father and the son of our present-day "lieutenant" is an indication of the earlier significance of the word. Formed from the French "lieu", place, and "enant", holding, "lieutenant" means literally one who holds place, or, figuratively, one who exercises authority in the absence of his superior. With its French spelling and its French pronunciation, the word was at first transported bodily across the channel and introduced into England about 1375. But the English in general, and the English lower classes in particular, could not get their tongues around the liquid sound of the first syllable. So they made it over into "left", which is the reason that "lieutenant" is the accepted pronunciation of the word in many branches of the British army to this day. On this side of the water, however, the pronunciation has only been slightly Americanized, the "lieu" being altered to "loo" and the word itself being spelled as it was when originally imported into England.

Mother's Cook Book

If only myself could talk to myself As I knew him a year ago, I could tell him a lot That would save him a lot Of things he ought to know. —Kipling.

SEASONABLE DISHES

NOW while the mushroom season is here, prepare some catsup for the winter.

Mushroom Catsup.

Break the mushrooms and place in a jar, sprinkling each layer with salt; to one peck of mushrooms use two-thirds of a cupful of salt. Let them stand for two days, stirring occasionally; then rub through a sieve and to each quart of the pulp allow three blades of mace, one tablespoonful of peppercorns, one-half tablespoonful of sliced ginger root, a half-tablespoonful of allspice and more salt if liked. Boil all together for thirty minutes, bottle and seal. If put through a fine sieve, strain out the condiments; the mixture will be more attractive in appearance.

Chutney.

Chop the following ingredients fine, taking the tomatoes by themselves. Six green peppers, from which the seeds and pulp have been removed, twelve sour apples, four onions, one cupful of seeded raisins and eight green tomatoes. Into a quart of vinegar stir two cupfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of dry mustard, two teaspoonfuls of salt; put over the fire and cook five minutes; after the boiling point is reached add the other ingredients and cook over a slow fire for an hour. Put into jars and seal. This is an excellent accompaniment to roast pork or mutton.

CONSTIPATION

goss, and once you, pep and vim return when taking CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS Keep stomach sweet—liver active—bowels regular—only 25c.

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NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF LAND

Pursuant to an order directed to me as trustee from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by J. E. Horton and wife, Anzic Smith Horton to the undersigned Trustee and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds office for said county in book no. 1, page 346, I shall on the 22nd day of December 1923, re-sell at public auction at the court house door in Boone, North Carolina, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, lying and being in Watauga County and state aforesaid and more particularly described and defined as follows:

Beginning on a bunch of lynns on the line of the 100 acre tract and running east 22 poles to a bench, then North 88 poles to a stake and gate post thence east 97 poles to a stake sizar tree and birch pointers, thence north 78 poles to a stake in the field thence east 48 poles to a stake, Frank Wilson's corner; thence north 22 poles to a bunch of chestnuts, thence south 34 degrees east 14 poles to a wahoo; thence east 74 poles to a cucumber; thence north 40 poles to a stake in the line of N. R. Horton tract, then north 72 degrees east 12 poles to a service bush, now gone; thence south 58 poles to a stake; thence south 25 degrees west with Snyder's line 163 poles to a bench, the beginning corner of the Phinis Horton 100 acre tract, thence 4 poles to a small buckeye, thence south 4 poles to a large buckeye, marked "N. H." thence W 29 poles to a stake with a birch and beech, thence south 31 poles to a stake, corner of Lenoir's 75 acre tract, thence west 47 poles to a stake in the line of Lenoir's 100 acre tract thence south 49 poles to a stake corner of said tract, thence west 133 poles to the beginning, containing 245 1-5 acres more or less. See plat of J. B. Horton, recorded in the Register of Deeds office, Boone, North Carolina. This deed of trust includes one half of the above described tract. This the 4th day of December 1923. EUGENE TRIVETTE, Trustee.

REPORT OF REG. OF DEEDS

NORTH CAROLINA WATAUGA COUNTY To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County: I herewith hand you my annual report for the year ending Dec. 3, 1923 as follows: I have received \$166.00 for marriage license and have turned \$131 over to the sheriff and hold his receipt for the same and the balance of \$35.00 I have sent to the Department of Revenue. This is all the money I am required by law to report. E. M. HARMAN, Register of Deeds. Storm to before me this December 3 1923. A. W. SMITH, Clerk Superior Court.

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