

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE RELATION OF TEMPERANCE TO CHARACTER

International Sunday School Lesson for August 14, 1938

Golden Text: Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and who-soever erreth thereby is not wise.

Lesson Text: Proverbs 4:10-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8

In the beginning the discussion of the lesson for this week the writer, called upon to take the place of the regular author of this column, feels that the reader should be so advised. The substitution is only for the present lesson.

The lesson text from Proverbs should be carefully read. It is the voice of antiquity, speaking words of wisdom. One might easily take the text as an expression of the Bible itself, urging human beings to "receive my sayings" in order that the "years of thy life shall be many."

Particularly impressive are the references to the "path of the wicked" where "they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence." And, then who can fail to be impressed with the importance of the "sayings" that "are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

We call attention to these quotations in the hope that they may lead some readers to turn to their Bible and read the full text. It should prove helpful to those individuals who are seeking to live in accordance with Divine laws and inspire them to meditation in an effort to become attuned to the Divine command.

The lesson, which will be taken in many classes as one applicable solely to the alcoholic evil, is much broader and the individual who attempts to limit its usefulness will miss much of its grandeur. In every phase of man's daily activities the implications of the exhortation should exert its influence. Life should be expressed temperately and this warning thought should be with us all as we translate our personalities into deeds and words that give us contact with other human beings.

There are many that teach temperance by stressing its restraining influence upon what some of us are inclined to call the "things of evil." We seldom reflect upon the implications that temperance reflects upon some of the things that we associate with

goodness. Temperance in life means balance; it negatives intolerance just as much as it denies evil.

We are all familiar with the individual, identified in our thinking, as an example of wickedness. Here the personality seems to be in league with the forces of darkness. It gives way to appetites and passions and certainly needs the lesson of temperance, as a stepping stone toward better living.

We do not understand so well the lesson that temperance carries to the individual of righteousness, the man or woman so inclined to the belief that what he or she does and thinks is what every man or woman should do or think. We overlook the teaching of temperance in international affairs and continue to worship blindly, at times, at the shrine of mis-called patriotism, blatantly assuming and some times asserting, our superiority to other nations and other peoples. We arrogantly accept ourselves as the "chosen people" of God!

If temperance in life means balance, then the excesses that lead us to either side of the narrow path are evil. The fanatical zeal that shows a "holier than thou" attitude toward mankind may, possibly do the ultimate purposes of God as much harm as some excess of bad habits. Certainly, it will obscure the search for truth by the individual, which is a great damage to the development of the spirit.

The individual, seeking the development of perfect character, and its expression in life, which seems to us to be the goal of revelation, must not lose sight of ultimate truth in the presence of fogs that accompany our interpretation of truth. It is not irreligious to earnestly seek to distinguish the Divine from the Human, and to look with faith toward the Light from God that shines upon mankind, but must pierce the frailties of human flesh.

Undoubtedly, appetites, passions, ambitions, ignorance and other human forces, tend to obscure our vision of God and our understanding of His purposes. The very teachings of Christ have been "interpreted" by human beings into many varied and diverse meanings, both in the world today and in the years that have passed. To divorce our beings of this human handicap, it is necessary to temperate in regards to the "things of evil." It is also necessary to be "on guard" against the errors that spring from human nature itself if we expect, eventually, to arrive at perfect truth and to express it in our own character.

days last week in Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va., with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Speight, of Republican, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sharp Sunday. Mrs. Sharp returned home with them.

Donald and Glover Newsome spent the week-end at Oxford Orphanage with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Farless, of Suffolk, Va., were guests of Mrs. Martha Evans Sunday.

Miss Christine Nelson and J. C. Galloway, of Greenville, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Harrell.

Mrs. James White, Walter and Jimmy White left Sunday to visit Mrs. Credle, in Washington, N. C.

Miss Kathleen Doyle, of Norfolk, Va., was the guest of Dr. W. L. Tallifero Thursday and Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Credle returned Wednesday from Swan Quarter, after an extended visit with relatives.

C. V. Roebuck, of Bath, spent the past week with Mrs. C. T. Roebuck.

RIVER VIEW

Mrs. Vincent LaCourt returned on Monday night from a visit to her parents in New Jersey.

Luther Harrell entertained a number of friends and relatives at a birthday party Thursday evening. He was celebrating his 47th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lane were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Byrum Saturday afternoon and night.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Eason and children, Mrs. Joe Modlin and Mrs. H. C. Byrum and her daughter, Mabel, spent Sunday afternoon at Tuscarora Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldy Sulik will leave Monday to spend a few days in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lane and their daughter, Edna, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Byrum Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davidson, Miss Pasco Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Twine spent Sunday at Nags Head.

Mrs. Jesse Forehand has returned home from Elizabeth City, where she visited her brother, E. E. Hollowell.

Roland Baker is visiting relatives in Hertford County.

Miss Dixie Harrell spent Saturday night with Miss Cassie Nixon.

Mary and Nita Davidson visited Anabel Byrum Saturday night.

Leo Sulik, of Windsor, is spending a few days with his brother, Waldy Sulik.

Miss Sara Nixon is spending a few days with her brother in Norfolk, Va.

NEW ROMANTIC TEAM



Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart are seen together for the first time in "The Shopworn Angel," story of the three-sided romance of a Broadway showgirl, an American doughboy and a wealthy playboy. The new picture will be shown at the Taylor Theatre, Edenton, Monday and Tuesday.

RYLAND

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Nixon and daughter, Mildred, and Mr. Burgess, of Emporia, Va., were guests in the R. S. Ward home at dinner Sunday.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Burgess returned to Emporia, Va., in the afternoon, but Mrs. Nixon and Miss Mildred remained for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ward and children were in Edenton Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ollie Jordan and three small children visited her parents at Chuckatuck, Va., Wednesday.

Mrs. H. H. Lane, her son, Herbert Ray, and her nephew, Grady Bradford, spent the week-end at Ocean View, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell, Guy, Aubrey and Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Craft and Mrs. L. F. Craft, of Edenton, visited Mrs. Harriett Parks on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davis and daughter, Lois, from near Sign Pine, spent the day with Mrs. Parks.

Miss Eunice Hobbs, of Hobbsville, was the guest of Miss Daphne Ward during the week-end.

Miss Gertrude Jackson attended a family reunion at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Charlie Chappell, at Chappell Hill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Ward and two children were in Edenton Saturday evening.

W. E. Copeland is reported to be improving after a recent illness.

Mrs. Roy Parks visited Mrs. Cornie Spivey Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rella Spivey and Miss, Evelyn Jordan were in Suffolk, Va., one afternoon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Davis were in Edenton Saturday evening.

Weekly Market Report

POULTRY AND EGGS

Courtesy Division of Markets
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

Eastern Section—Eggs, per dozen: Henny Whites, 21-25; henney browns, 22-25; current collections, 22-23.

Live Poultry, per lb.: Rocks, 15-18; reds, 16-18; mixed colors, 15-17; light breeds, 12-12½; broilers, 20; fryers, mixed colors, 20; fryers, light breeds, 14-15; roosters, 8-10; guineas, each, 25-35.

WE DO COMMERCIAL JOB PRINTING

MERRY HILL

Mrs. Henry Castelov and Miss Mildred Castelov, of Windsor, visited Mrs. T. E. White Sunday.

Miss Sallie Williford, of Raleigh, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Williford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Britt, Jr., and son, Bobby, of Rocky Mount, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Shade Britt and other relatives.

Mrs. J. P. Baker and children, Frances and Jerry, returned here on Friday from Williamston to visit Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. White.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Bowen and children, Dorothy, Claude, Sybil and George, of Windsor, visited Mrs. T. E. Bowen Sunday.

C. M. Pruden returned to his home near Aulander last Friday after being the guest of his son, E. J. Pruden and Mrs. Pruden, for some time.

Little Polly Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Phelps, returned home Sunday after visiting relatives in Greenville for two weeks.

Mrs. Lena Buterton left Saturday for Kitty Hawk to visit her sister for some time.

Mrs. W. S. Phelps has been confined to her bed for the past week and is still critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams, of Edenton, visited Mrs. W. S. Phelps Sunday.

Miss Lillian Harrell, of Rocky Mount, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Harrell, for the week-end.

Rev. W. N. Harrison, Miss Harrison and Tom Smith, of Windsor, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Minton and children, Anne and Melvin, Jr., of Windsor, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Harrell and child, of Raleigh, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Harrell.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met at the church Saturday afternoon.

BETTER LIVING

The Department of Commerce has reported indications that farm living conditions have improved materially since 1930. A 1938 census survey of selected homes in 40 states showed substantial increases in the number of farm dwellings having electricity and radios and provided with bathrooms.

Board of Education Proceedings

The County Board of Education met in regular session August 3, 1938, with the following members being present: Mr. L. W. Belch, Mr. T. L. Ward, Mr. Isaac Byrum, Mr. Z. T. Evans, and Mr. S. E. Morris, chairman.

The Superintendent read the minutes of the previous meeting, and on motion duly seconded, same were approved.

The Treasurer's report for July was read and on motion duly made and seconded, same was approved.

The following bills were read and on motion duly made and seconded, same were ordered paid:

Virginia Electric & Power Co.	\$ 23.00
Alfred Williams & Co.	1.94
Fairbanks, Morse Co.	100.00
N. & C. Tel. & Tel. Co.	2.75
Dillard Paper Co.	3.25
Chowan Realty Co.	20.00
Standard Oil Co.	3.38
R. D. Dixon	3.25
Lasting Products Co.	3.86
Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.	3.31
Atlantic Varnish & Paint Co.	3.01
Byrum Hdwe. Co.	1.75
Mitchener's Pharmacy	3.38

The opening dates for the White and Colored schools in the County Unit were set for the White Schools, Sept. 12th, and the Colored Schools, Oct. 10th.

Upon the motion being made and duly seconded, the action of the Committee in the election of Miss Nellie Sample, to fill the vacancy of Miss Hefren, resigned, in the Cohwan High School, was approved.

The over-crowded condition of the Beech Fork School was discussed, and the Superintendent was requested to obtain the willingness of the parents of the children of the 6th and 7th grades to be transported to Chowan High School, by the next regular meeting.

There being no further business, the action was made to adjourn.

S. E. MORRIS, Chairman
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beasley, Mrs. M. H. White and Mrs. Frank McCrery spent the week-end at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beale were Sunday guests of Miss Eloise Burch, at Walstonburg. Miss Burch returned with them for a visit of several days.

Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Dixon and children returned Friday from a two weeks' visit at Siler City.

Miss Teeny Miller and Merville Sessoms spent Sunday and Monday at Virginia Beach, Va.

Miss Louise Britt and Miss Ruth Caroline White returned from Louisburg Friday. Miss Jean Fleming accompanied Miss White home for a week's visit.

Miss Doris Parker, Miss Florine Fairless, Grady Britt, Norman Perry and A. T. Belch, who have been attending summer school at Wake Forest College, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parker entertained a group of friends at a chicken barbecue supper at the beach on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Bessie Allen visited Mrs. Mason Miles, at Ocean View, Va., on Sunday and Monday.

Misses Eloise and Teeny Miller, Verma Morris and Merville Sessoms spent Wednesday at Roanoke Island and attended the pageant.

Miss Rosanella Barker left Sunday for Virginia Beach, Va., to spend the week. She accompanied Miss Inez Felton, of Edenton.

Mrs. Graham Harrell returned home Sunday from Ocean View, Va., where she spent last week with Mrs. Mason Miles.

Jimmy McCallum spent last week at Camp Leach with the Edenton High School band.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Forehand and son, of Lynchburg, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vance Forehand and E. T. Forehand.

Mrs. C. W. Hughes and Mrs. Vance Forehand attended a party in Roxo Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Forehand.

Mrs. C. W. Beasley, Mrs. I. G. Beasley and Mrs. C. W. Hughes visited Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Montague in Windsor on Friday.

Mrs. Joe Jenkins and Mrs. J. J. Beale were visitors in Edenton on Thursday.

Miss Janie Sessoms returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Foster accompanied her home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Britt were in Beaufort Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Spencer, of Portsmouth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harrell.

Miss Sara Nixon is spending a few days with her brother in Norfolk, Va.

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