

Bible News

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The Bible is quite properly called the Church's Book. It arose within its life and from the first was regarded as one of its most precious possessions. It was used as a means of edifying existing members of the Christian community and of winning new ones. It was handed on from one group to another and from one individual to another. "When this letter has been read among you," wrote St. Paul to the Colossians, "see that it is read also in the Church of the Laodiceans, and see also

that you read the one that comes to you from Laodicea." The members of the Church, from the very earliest days, were evidently expected to share not only in the reading but also in the circulation of the Scriptures. The Church's response to that expectation during the succeeding centuries has varied greatly; but even in the darkest days, when interest in the Bible was at its lowest ebb, the obligation to hand it on was never repudiated. The distribution of the Scriptures has always been the task of the Church and the Bible Societies, which were made up entirely of members of

This Is The Life

By DONALD THOMAS
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SHARPER THAN A SWORD

God's word is really powerful and strong. It will make some people mad, others it will bring tears to their eyes and lost sinners to Christ. John the Baptist lost his head over speaking God's Word.

Stephen was stoned to death by speaking out for God. The Christians were fed to the lions and boiled in oil. Some Christians were used for lamps to light up the garden for Nero. We are born by the word of God and we are supposed to love with our heart, not with words.

Let us be the doers of the word and not hearers of the word only. If you take your stand for Christ, you will be hated. Some of you may lose your friends, family or even your job. John Wesley used to say if you didn't get some one saved or make someone mad, there was something wrong with your religion. Let us run the good race while we are here and choose Jesus as our running mate.

The Bible says: "For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword."—Hebrews 4:12.

The Church, came into existence only because the Church was sadly failing in its duty. Today the generally accepted view is that since the Bible offers God's plan of salvation to men everywhere, it is the Church's bounden duty to see that it gets to every man. Certain sections of the Church are doing this with magnificent zeal and success. If all sections were to emulate that zeal, a great new era of Christian advance could be confidently anticipated.

Regional Calf Sale Scheduled

The Annual Regional Stocker Calf Sale will be held on April 6, 1966, at Benthalls Stockyard, Rich Square, N. C.

Harry Venters, Agricultural Extension Agent and Jack Parker, Area Livestock Specialist recommend this sale to those farmers who plan to sell cattle this spring. Only cattle showing a pre-dominance of beef breeding, including beef crossbreds, will be accepted for sale. All cattle must weigh at least 300 pounds and be properly castrated and dehorned. Cattle will be graded by an official grader and penned according to weight and grade. All cattle must grade common or better to be accepted in the sale.

This sale is sponsored by the N. C. Cattlemen's Association, N. C. D. A. and N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

For additional information and assistance in getting your cattle consigned to the sale, contact your County Extension Office.

A suggestion: Read a good book this month.

Let's go to Church Sunday

Sunday School Lesson

LIVING WITH OTHERS

International Sunday School Lesson for March 13

Memory Selection: "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."—Romans 12:9-10.

Lesson Text: Romans 12: 9-21; Ephesians 4:25-32; I Peter 4:7-11; I John 4:7-21; James 2:1-17.

The chapters we are studying today contain the essence of a God-like life. God's ordinances for the nobler part of man's nature are condensed therein.

These exhortations embrace the most common of the sins of mankind—deceit and lying, indifference to one's neighbors, anger (a destructive emotion at best, when not directed to the fighting of wrongs), stealing, greed, bitterness and gossip. All these are temptations to sin that beset man daily in his earthly life.

We may be blessed with the many comforts of life—a dry roof over our heads, a warm home to shelter us from the bitter winds of winter, food aplenty on our table; but will a few inspiring words to those who stand without the realm of our home and family, lacking these elements of good fortune, lessen their agonies? How much more practical will proffered food and shelter be to the less fortunate one; and how much more beneficial will it be to the giver! Not, however, if it is given in the wrong spirit, merely to make the donor feel good. Genuine Christian concern for one's fellow men can bring inner peace to man's soul—something that no amount of money can buy. For then he is living a God-like life, and God is pleased. Good words that are not backed by good works are not necessarily proof of Christianity.

And while we may be an-

gered by injustices (as we have a right to be) such anger is beneficial to our social structure if we do something about it, and see that wrongs are righted. Personal wrongs, however, generating personal anger, are another thing altogether. Personal anger, directed at any person or persons, does more harm to the individual beset with that emotion than the recipients of it. For out of anger comes hate—one of the most soul-destroying emotions known to mankind. Better to meet such setbacks with adult self-control and reason, than to become a slave to bitterness.

And how much pain is caused by gossip! It is human to wish to be the center of attention. But we should ask ourselves if we really want to be the center of attention of the gossip-mongers. If we affiliate ourselves with such people, we detract from ourselves as persons and as Christians. When tempted to indulge in gossip we should stop and ask ourselves how we would feel if we were in the subject's shoes.

Theft of worldly goods is frowned upon, both legally and morally. There are, however, intangible things that are of much more value than mere objects which can be stolen by gossip, lies or deceit. Too often we hear the excuse proffered that it was a "white lie" framed in order to avoid hurting another's feelings. There is really no such thing as a "white lie." Too often this is only an excuse for moral cowardice! This is not to say, however, that bluntness is the only other choice. The subject, too often, can be deflected if it is felt it could bring pain, without resorting to a lie at all—"white" or "black." Here personal integrity enters into the picture, for a lie discovered can only lead to distrust in the future, no matter what shade it is!

In a world beset with warring factions all over the globe, with lust for power,

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Sometimes our pint-sized inquisitor's questions are devastatingly funny, sometimes deadly serious; but always important. Harry and I may chuckle over them, but we never forget that these queries reflect Mary Anne's increasing awareness of the world about her. We know that our answers and attitudes are an important part of her development.

Another influential portion of Mary Anne's growth, we feel, has been her regular attendance at Church School. There, Mary Anne's experiences with other children have been related to God's plan. The tiny kitchen or play garage in the skilled teacher's capable hands becomes the training ground for Christian behavior.

How glad we are that our church is well equipped to guide our child in her religious growth.

Attend your church. Take advantage of the inspiration and knowledge it is eager to share with you and your children.



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Sunday Psalms	Monday Psalms	Tuesday Isaiah	Wednesday Matthew	Thursday Luke	Friday John	Saturday Ephesians
24:1-10	25:4-14	58:8-12	28:16-20	10:21-24	16:13-16	4:11-16

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