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Uncle Pete from Chittlin Switch

It looks like things is both good and bad around the country at this writing. I see where some company in Detroit is making women-sized lawnsmowers for this summer. That's good. Then I see this piece in a magazine where they has about quit making desks, chairs, typewriters and such things in anything but fancy shades to match the color of the walls. That's bad. If a company wants pink adding machines and yellow typewriters to match the paint job on the walls, there is going to be complications. There ain't no female stenographer or secretary that's going to work on these things without having clothes to match. That situation could upset the national economy. The country, was getting along pretty good back yonder when we didn't have nothing but two-toned Democrats and two-toned Republicans, but them car manufacturers come out with the two-toned automobile and everybody starts going two-toned crazy. For instant I was over in town Saturday and saw a teen-ager wearing a pair of yellow pants and a red shirt. But I reckon folks will gradual gitt used

to them. I recollect when the boys come home from the first World War wearing wrist watches and everybody thought they was crazy. The papers say unemployment is still pritty bad in this country, and in the next column I see where the Government is asking for \$350,000 to import Mexicans to help on the farms. I reckon we got a heap of people out of work that would rather stay out of work as work on the farm. And just between me and you confidential, Mister Editor, after lowing in this salt mine 40 year, I got a heap of sympathy fer 'em. Naturally they ain't no unemployment in the Government. I see where the Army, fer instant, is increasing its civilian employees by 35,000, giving 'em 547,000 civilian workers, or one fer ever two soldiers. And I see where this column writer claims empovment will pick up a heap when the Government gets started in its multi-billion dollar Federal road program. Knowing how the Government does things, I reckon it'll take several thousand employees just to work on the detours. A heap of them Congressmen, Mister Editor, don't live on the main road. But it's a comfort to know, employed or unemployed, a feller don't have to set somegun aside no more fer a rainy day. The Government is now furnishing a umbrella fer them occasions. Yours truly, Uncle Pete



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THIS IS THE LAW

What, in general, is meant by the exemption laws of debtors? All states have statutes known as exemption laws, which provide that, no matter how just a debt may be that is due, certain property may not be levied upon and sold to satisfy a judgment. These laws differ greatly in several states. Many of these statutes go into much detail, naming in many instances a long list, mainly household articles, which are exempt. The eastern states are far less liberal than the western states. In California, for example, the head of a family is allowed a homestead exemption of not exceeding \$5,000 in addition to a long list of personal articles. In North Carolina there are two types of exemptions, both provided for in the Constitution of North Carolina: personal property exemp-



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tions and homestead exemptions. In this State a debtor may assert free from the claims of his creditors any of his personal property up to the value of five thousand dollars and a homestead of not exceeding one thousand dollars in real estate. These exemption laws are designed to prevent a grasping creditor from taking all of the property of his debtor so that the debtor and the debtor's family are not left destitute, without clothing and livelihood, or the means to make a new financial start in life - in short in a position where they must become public charges. The public interest is made by law superior to the private claim of a private creditor. If the judgment debtor has neither real nor personal property out of which a judgment can be satisfied, the securing of a judgment in a court action may be a barren victory. One cannot get blood out of a turnip. There can be no imprisonment for ordinary debts. How does a debtor assert his personal property exemption? Unlike the homestead exemption, the debtor is not entitled to a \$500 personal property exemption unless he or his attorney makes a demand that the exemption be set apart to him. After a judgment has been obtained in a legal action, the sheriff or other officer will levy upon the property of the debtor. It is at this point or at any time before the sale of the property or the appropriation of it by the court to satisfy the judgment that the debtor or his attorney demands the exemption. Who makes the appraisal for personal property and homestead exemptions? The sheriff or other officer making the levy summons three appraisers. The debtor has a right to select the articles to be appraised and laid off as his property exemption.

are known. That is what God will call them when they stand to be judged by Him. That is what they will be called on that great day when all secrets are made known and truth is triumphant in all its beauty. But in the meantime they may very likely be called some other things. "Perhaps it is no accident," said the lecturer at the theological seminary, "that just after the beatitude comes the one which says, 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' (Matt. 5:10). It is followed by 'Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account' (Matt. 5:12). There is no promise that those of us who try to be real Christians will have an easy time of it. However, the beatitude goes on, 'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.' (Matt. 5:12). Department of Bible, Presbyterian Junior College

The Christian Viewpoint

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Recently at a lecture at Columbia Theological Seminary one of the speakers said the beatitude is not "Peace keepers." We should do more than merely keep the peace by avoiding offensive action. We should positively do things to remove difficulties, overcome evils, promote agreements, and create the conditions in which peace prevails. We speak of "Peace officers." Some times they must even shoot a vicious murderer who is terrorizing helpless victims, if they are to keep the peace. If he is really a "peace officer," he will sincerely be striving to promote peace and he will not hypocritically make that claim to cover up evil designs of his own, like those policemen who were found guilty in a great city recently of being members of a gang of thieves.

The prayer of the Texas Rangers is: "O Thou whose ends are justice, Whose strength is all our stay, Be nigh and bless our mission, As we go forth today, Amen." Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9) That is what they will finally be called when all the facts

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who don't... The Cambridge... will send in my name... I shall teach you all things... and bring all things to your remembrance... whatsoever I have said to you... (John 14: 18, 27, 26.) Later, He said, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. When He, the spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 15: 26, 27). Jesus announces that by redemptive work will be continued in the world through the Holy Spirit. We have not seen his face, but His Spirit abides with us. He is our guide and Counselor. While Jesus was in the flesh He could be in only one place at a time - in Nazareth, or Capernaum, or Jerusalem, or by the sea. He said to his disciples the night in the Upper Room, "It is to your advantage that I go away (John 16:7). Through His Spirit He is a living presence in the breast of every man rebuking his sins and inspiring a yearning which the things of earth cannot satisfy. For those who obey His voice He is a Savior, indeed, fashioning their characters after the likeness of God.

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Self-Discipline

SPARE the rod and spoil the child," an old proverb says. We can all "spare our" about the younger generation, how it's going to pot, and about the juvenile delinquents, and what ought to be done about them. We have big ideas about educating parents to feel responsible for the kind of boys and girls their children are. This is all good, so far as it goes. But do you know the most common reason Dr. Foreman why parents don't discipline their children? They don't discipline themselves. One rod that must not be spared is the rod reserved by myself, for myself. If I make a bad job of self-discipline, I can't be likely to be good at disciplining others.

It can be said in simple words what discipline is. It means training a person to take, or do, what he doesn't like, or to keep from doing or taking what he does like. Self-discipline means learning this for yourself, and practicing it without anyone standing over you to make you do it. There is one single requirement that must be met first of all. You must want, very strongly, what self-discipline will do for you. The writer of Prov. 2 puts it into a nutshell: insight and understanding. Do you want these qualities in your character? They don't glide into your room on a moonbeam. No one ever was born with perfect insight and understanding. Nobody (except Jesus) ever achieved perfect insight and understanding. Nobody ever achieved enough of it to be worth while, without working at it, without wanting it. It comes hard enough at best, it never comes at all to fools who don't care. Not Only Women

The Bible is a very frank and outspoken book. There are parts of the Proverbs that plainly say the object of wisdom is to "preserve you from the loose woman." This might mean a professional prostitute, or it might not. Then, as how, the "young man without sense" (Prov. 7:7) is easily taken in by the wrong kind of woman. No amount of warning, no amount of law-making, no good example, nothing will keep a young man from being fatally foolish here unless he is self-disciplined from within. And yet, while some people think that the "loose woman" is the one real danger to youth, the book of Proverbs would make us aware that there are other dangers. There is anger, for example. How many murders are committed out of anger, only God knows. But you may be pretty sure that the fit of anger which brought forth the murder was not the first to which the killer had given way. Some criminals will even put up as excuse the fact that they were emotionally disturbed. Such an excuse should deceive no one. A fit of anger may be irresistible when you are in the middle of it; but it is possible to work on yourself so that you know the signs of anger coming up, and you can nip it in the bud before it starts. Diplomats and politicians can do this, and they don't claim supernatural help; how much more should a Christian, by the help of the Holy Spirit, be able to discipline himself away from acting like a barbarian or a spoiled child! Again we say, laws and good advice can perhaps prevent murder, but they can't prevent anger, the seed-bed of murder. Only self-discipline can do that.

Red-Eyed Wee One other trouble which is common in mankind is liquor. The writer of the 33rd chapter of the Proverbs gave as good a description of a hangover as you can read anywhere. It's nothing less than red-eyed wee. Now all the troubles of the drinker, whether he gets to the stage of being an alcoholic or not—all his troubles are actually artificial troubles. They are real, to be sure, but they are not natural. Sex and the acquisitive instinct and anger are all natural. However we may control them; but the taste of liquor is not one in any one. The way not to be a drinker's problem is to be a drinker.

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