

State Health Officer Gives Timely Advice

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 line—that is, children under six—there were 703 cases of diphtheria, 549 cases of measles (1945 was not an epidemic year), 54 cases of meningitis, 73 cases of polio, and 1,176 cases of scarlet fever. In addition to these, gonorrhea was discovered in 81 children under six, and syphilis in 175.

All told, we have here somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,000 children of pre-school age known to have been afflicted with diseases that may have resulted in various complications, many of which are subject to detection only by a competent medical doctor.

The opening of school in North Carolina—as in other States and sections—is just around the corner, and the time for parents to act is now. Any delay will defeat the purposes of this appeal. If the doctor, after making an examination of the pre-school child, can give it a clean bill of health, parents will have the satisfaction of knowing that the child is beginning its educational career, starting from scratch, with at least an equal chance to succeed among its fellow pupils. If, on the other hand, correctible defects are discovered, then the necessary corrections can be made, and even if the child's start in school is temporarily delayed, when it does enter it will be free of impairments that might have been hazardous.

Remember, good health is the foundation of human happiness, the cornerstone of the well rounded life. You love your child, of course; then give it the benefits to which it is entitled—the protection without which it can never attain the more abundant life.


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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS AND RIGHT USE OF PROPERTY

International Sunday School Lesson For September 1, 1946

Golden Text: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also."—Matthew 8:20-21.

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:15; Proverbs 30:7-9; Matt. 6:25-33.

The apparent utter disregard of the rights of others, both as to person and property, is the basis for most of the criminality in the world today. There is a dire need for the teaching of and acceptance of the right of ownership. From earliest childhood, individuals should be taught to respect the property of another.

Some years ago a well known economist, after much study, estimated that stealing—through fraud, burglary, robbery and thefts—cost the people of this country more than two and a half billion dollars each year. This staggering sum could be materially reduced if our people would put into practice this Eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal."

Dr. G. S. Dobbins says, "There are many reasons why there must be a law against stealing. The two kinds of crime that have afflicted humanity most universally throughout the ages have been crimes against the person of others and crimes against property. Unless these two types of criminality are dealt with vigorously and sufficiently, there can be no secure social order."

"In a stable civilization, the sacredness of human life comes first, and then must be guaranteed the sacredness of property rights. If, without fear of punishment, men were allowed to take the property of others by theft or by force, there could be no orderly government or industry.

"Theft degrades the thief, and so brings on degeneration of personality. Theft wrongs the one from whom the property is stolen, since it takes from him the fruits of his labor. Theft is an offense against God; hence it is in

defiance of his moral law and is in contempt of his holy nature. A world made up of thieves would be an impossible world for human beings to live in."

Selfishness, for the most part, is the basic cause for stealing. The desire to possess something which belongs to another, the desire to get something without expending the necessary effort in time and physical energy, causes some to sink to the level of taking by stealth, at the point of a gun, or through fraudulent manipulations.

There are other forms of dishonesty, however, which are not outright stealing. Hypocrisy is absolute dishonesty—the pretense of being something when down in your heart you know you are not sincere. Jesus condemned this form of dishonesty most severely. Honesty lives in one's soul and should be practiced in our everyday living.

Jesus' dealing with Zaccheus illustrates how he dealt with a dishonest man. Instead of condemning one whom everyone knew to be crooked, he had fellowship with Zaccheus in his home and gave him the opportunity of appreciating the beauty and desirability of a pure and good life, with the result that Zaccheus caught the vision for himself and immediately went to work to purify his life by attacking the most glaring sin of which he was conscious. The genuineness of his conversion is attested by the fact that he immediately declared his intention of giving half of his wealth to the poor and of restoring fourfold to those whom he had cheated.

Jesus used another method in dealing with dishonesty when he came to the temple and found men, under the cloak of religion, tricking and robbing their fellowmen by selling animals for sacrifices at exorbitant prices and of bringing the business of the world into the sacred precincts of God's house. Taking a scourge, he drove these men out of the temple, exclaiming, "It is written, My house is a house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Regardless of the exigencies of modern times, it still remains true, as Pope declared, "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

The same truth that applies to individuals also applies to large business corporations and to nations. If all persons and all nations in the world were only reasonably honest in their dealings, how much more pleasant would be the relationship in the world. Nations and individuals need

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W. J. Ridout, Jr., Extension agri-

cultural engineer, discusses in this publication the basic needs for the service entrance, branch circuits, convenience outlets, ceiling lights and outside wiring.

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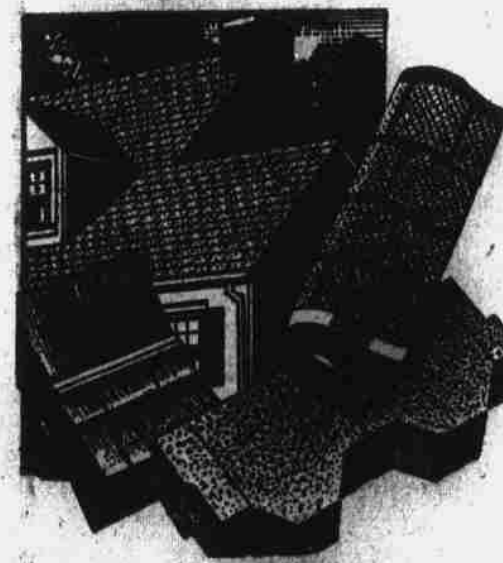
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