

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AND GO-OPERATION

International Sunday School Lesson for September 12, 1954.

Memory Selection: "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."—Romans 13:10.

Lesson Text: Romans 13:1-10; I Corinthians 3:4-9; Galatians 5:13-15.

In this day of the airplane, the radio and the television, the people of the world are all neighbors. It takes only a few days for an airplane to fly completely around the world. But, in a matter of seconds, a voice can be heard thousands of miles away, and pictures can be transmitted from one corner of the country to the other almost as quickly.

Surely, the people of our world are neighbors—but are they? In every corner of the globe, there are people hating each other, fighting each other and killing each other. A large proportion of the national wealth of this great, so-called Christian nation is devoted each year to the development of means of destroying our enemies—whenever they may turn out to be.

Therefore, perhaps now as never before, we need to be reminded of our duty as Christian citizens and our need for cooperation with each other for the good of all.

Paul, in writing to the Christians at Rome, reminded them that they had a two-fold duty—that of being a good Christian citizen, rendering every necessary and required service to those in authority, remembering that this service rendered is also being rendered to God.

The good citizen does not have to fear police officers, or those in higher legal authority than he. If he lives as a Christian should, he will have done nothing deserving punishment. Only those need fear who have done evil, "breaking the established law of the land."

The Christian citizen pays his just taxes, willingly and honestly, in order that he may make a just contribution to the welfare of his government. He should respect the law by obeying it implicitly and, by precept and example, help in the enforcement of all just laws.

The Christian citizen should use the privilege of the vote to help select honest, just men to positions where they can use their influence for the general welfare and not for the betterment of a privileged few. The Christian man or woman who fails to vote wisely and prayerfully for candidates for office worthy of the positions to which they aspire, should certainly not complain when those elected to office fail to do what they should do.

The Christian citizen should be filled with such love in his heart for his fellowmen that he will do all possible to better the social and moral conditions of his community. There is always a need of and an opportunity for such improvement. Working together with other Christian citizens, much can be done which will make his home community a better and happier place in which to live.

There is no problem in human relations now, or ever, which cannot be solved by a sincere exhibition of brotherly love and concern. We are ever reminded of the well-known verse, by Edwin Markham, which is so true:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout;
But love and I had the will to win;
We drew a circle that took him in."

We agree with the statement made, only recently, by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when he said: "I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the churchgoing people are the most substantial group of citizens in the nation." Surely, those who have knowledge of God and His Son, and who are earnestly trying to follow God's commands, will be among the world's best citizens.

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BE A GOOD CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!

CHILDREN OF GOD

Three things mar the beauty of this picture. DIRT . . . POVERTY . . . and NEGLECT.

Dirt can be scrubbed away in ten minutes.

Poverty cannot destroy human character. It has bred some of our greatest men and women.

But neglect—for it there is neither cure nor consolation. It is the shadow of evil days to come.

Delinquency, immorality and crime can nearly always be traced to neglect. And not simply to the physical neglect so evident in this picture. Evil lives stem from the neglect of our children's spiritual needs. There are youngsters with clean faces and fine clothes who are being brought up in the soul-stifling atmosphere of a church-less home.

Our children are children of God. It is their sacred right to learn of their Father, and to see Him honored daily in their homes.

Parents, where will your children be on Sunday morning?

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his children and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Joshua	24	14-18
Monday	Luke	18	9-17
Tuesday	Acts	8	26-40
Wednesday	Acts	9	1-9
Thursday	I Corinthians	2	6-15
Friday	James	2	1-9
Saturday	Revelation	8	14-22

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H. M. Jamieson, Pastor
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New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.
Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fifth Sunday
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

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Prayer Service, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

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Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

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Sunday School every first and third Sunday at 10:30 A. M. Preaching services at 11:35 A. M.
Sunday School every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Do Go