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Editorial . . .
A Dollar Sale

The Treasury recently announced it would put on sale about three million silver dollars dated in 1900's. These are the Treasury's last bags of silver dollars and President Nixon has signed the bill authorizing the sale.

The date of the sale depends on an appropriation of \$2,500,000, which is supposed to be the cost of carrying out the sale - almost a dollar for each silver dollar sold, which certainly seems excessive, even in the fine world of federal bureaucracy. But since the Treasury thinks it can take in about \$75,000,000 at the sale, the cost doesn't seem as bad as it otherwise would.

Customers will be limited to ten each, not more than one for each of the ten minting years represented. Since these dollars (Carson City-minted) are now selling from twelve to twenty-five dollars in coin markets, their sale might well bring in \$75,000,000. And Uncle Sam, now facing a twenty billion dollar deficit, needs the potential \$60,000,000 profit!

TROOPS & DRUGS
Saigon - The U.S. Command has unveiled a new program to combat drug abuse among American forces in Vietnam. It includes search-and-destroy operations with marijuana plants as the target. A 64-page directive to all field commanders estimated that more than 65,000 GIs were guilty of drug abuse during 1970.

"They're Gaining On Leukemia"
One of Most Hopeful Articles

"One of the most hopeful articles ever to appear in a national magazine about one of the most hopeless forms of cancer." That was the comment of Dr. D.E. Ward, Jr., Chairman of the Board of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society about the article, "They're Gaining On Leukemia" by Walter S. Ross, appearing in the December Reader's Digest.

"Twenty-five years ago diagnosis of acute leukemia was a sentence of death," continued Dr. Ward. "Children lived only a few weeks at most. Today, of those receiving the latest in drug treatment, ninety per cent go into symptom-free remission, and sometimes this lasts for several years. With a number of acute leukemia patients now symptom-free for over five years, doctors are beginning to use the word 'cure.' It is too early to tell, however, whether these patients will live out a normal life span."

The article traces the exciting developments in leukemia research and drug treatment. Highlighted is the pioneering research of Dr. Sidney Farber, head of the Children's Cancer Research Foundation of Boston, and former president of the American Cancer Society, who developed the first drug to give symptom-free weeks to an acute leukemia patient. That was in 1947.

Today there are 80 medical centers throughout the country, all equipped to treat cases of

BIBLE VERSE

"By this my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

1. Who is the author of this statement?
2. To whom was he speaking?
3. What was the occasion of the statement?
4. Where may this verse be found?

Answers To Bible Verse

1. Jesus.
2. To the eleven disciples.
3. After the Last Supper, while Jesus and the eleven were en route to the Garden of Gethsemane.
4. John 15:8.

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WHO KNOWS!

1. What Southern General's birthday anniversary falls on January 19th?
2. Where would you find the Black Forest?
3. What does logocuous mean?
4. What is quartz?
5. Identify the "rook"?
6. Who said: "Let us never negotiate our fear, but let us never fear to negotiate"?
7. What is dodder?

Answers To Who Knows

1. Robert E. Lee.
2. In southwestern Germany - the German name is Schwarzwald.
3. Talkative or fond of chatting.
4. A mineral found in rocks resembling broken glass - used in the making of optical instruments.
5. The rook is an European bird, very much like the American crow.
6. John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address.
7. A twining parasitic plant which attaches itself to another plant.

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In winter the pond freezes over, and the old mill wheel is idle. But although the landscape appears dormant, there is hidden life beneath the surface. One day it will be spring again, with water rushing over the mill wheel and corn being ground into meal.

If you have been living in a winter of your own, why not take a lesson from the old mill? The winters of our life are bleak—they are hard to weather. But forever and ever there is the chance to start again. Spring will come and your church will sustain you through doubt and disappointment and give you promise of another chance—another life.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Galatians	Galatians	Philippians	Colossians	1 Thessalonians	1 Thessalonians	Hebrews
5:10-14	6:1-6	2:12-16	3:12-17	1:1-10	4:13-18	2:1-4

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THE BASIS OF GOD'S REWARDS

International Sunday School Lesson for January 31, 1971
MEMORY SELECTION: "The last shall be first, and the first last; for many be called, but few chosen". -- (Matthew 20:16)
LESSON TEXT: Matthew 19:23 to 20:16.

It was somewhat of a paradox that, although man was saved by Divine Grace, benefitting from the goodness of God's heart without necessary merit on man's part, rewards were promised for faithfulness in service.

It was the common belief, in those days, that if a man were good, he would naturally prosper. God would look upon him in favor. Setbacks and ill-fortune were taken as omens of man's punishment for a less than exemplary life.

Amongst this talk of "rewards" and the current beliefs, it is no wonder the disciples were confused at times in their thinking and reasoning!

To make His point, Jesus spoke a parable, and, as was His wont, he used everyday people and everyday happenings in order that His listeners could relate to His stories. Thus came the parable of the landowner and the vineyard laborers.

The landowner in the story had need of laborers in his vineyard. He therefore, early in the day, hired a number of men for a penny a day to labor in his fields. As time passed, he saw he needed more help in order to get the desired amount of work done; he therefore made periodic trips throughout the day to recruit more men. To these he promised a fair remuneration. And, at the end of the day, those who had been hired last, received also a penny for their work. Somewhat naturally, those men who had labored through the heat of the day were disgruntled, and gave voice to their feelings. Rebuked by the master, they were reminded that they had been paid the agreed-upon wage for their day's work. They laborers who had been presented with the opportunity for service late in the day had responded nobly in the time that was left to them, so they, too, received their pay.

We all have an opportunity to serve God, that is certain. How and when that opportunity presents itself is something over which we have no control. We do, however, have control over the way in which we respond to our call for service! The really important thing, here, is that we fill up our appointed time with both faithfulness and diligence.

Salvation is by grace, rewards are for service. Having been given the gift of salvation without striving on our part, we are constrained to service. We must be ready, always, to merit the trust which has been vouchsafed us so implicitly.

The opportunity to work in God's vineyard is a rare privilege, and one which must be sincerely appreciated. If we will but look around us we will see many opportunities to be of service - to God, to our church, to our fellowmen. How much time we have allotted to us for that service we do not know. The best we can do is use our opportunities and our time wisely, and the less time we have, the more urgent our mission.

One thing is certain - God always has need of laborers in His vineyard, for there is always work to be done. Let us look around us; and we do not have to look very far! The chances are that in our own specific church we will find opportunities to ease the work load of an overburdened pastor. There are usually absentees who can be visited, or shut-ins who would welcome being remembered in the special way which is the privilege of active Christianity. We can surely find time in our crowded, busy lives, to do this much for One who has given us so many blessings!

And not the least of the rewards we shall receive will be the sense of spiritual fulfillment which our labors, in His name, will bring to us!

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