

THE CURE FOR HARD TIMES

By REV. C. T. THRIFT
(Continued from last week)
WE SHOULD BE HONEST WITH GOD

We ought to be honest not only with our fellowmen but with God also. We are not to let money be the ruling passion of our lives. We are not to set our hearts on riches. "The love of

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"I have found that the best way to head off trouble is to begin taking Black-Draught in time. It relieves me of dizziness, tightness in the chest and backache.

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money is the root of all evil." (1 Tim. 6:10).

The Bible contains many warnings about covetousness. It is in the Ten Commandments. The Master said: "Beware of covetousness, for man's life consisteth not on the abundance of the things which he possesseth." (Lk. 12:15). "Lay up not for yourselves treasures upon earth—but in heaven. If thou wilt be perfect go sell that thou hast and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, (Matt. 6:19,20; 19:21). Hear the great apostle: Mortify therefore, members which are upon earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness which is idolatry." (Col. 3:5).

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of God." (Eph. 5:5). "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (1 Tim. 6:17-19). "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account—an odor of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." (Phil. 4:17-18). But this sin of covetousness is the most insidious of all temptations. LaSalle, the popular professor of the Middle ages has left it on record that of the tens of thousands that confessed to him their sins not a one ever confessed to the love of money.

But what has covetousness to do with hard times and a financial panic? Much in every way. Listen to the prophet Malachi: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out such a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." (3:8-11).

The tithe is very ancient. Abraham gave tithes. Jacob pledged to the Lord a tenth of all that the Lord gave him. It was a law of the Jews. Surely we ought not to do less since we follow Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us. The United States and the State of North Carolina both recognize the validity of the tithe which we owe to Almighty God, for exemption is allowed not only on ten per cent but on as much as 15 per cent of one's income given to religious or charitable purposes. I just cannot help wondering how much discrepancy there is between what our people give and the exemption which they claim on income tax. Will a man rob God? That is bad. Will he lie about it to the tax commissioner? That is worse.

Now we come to the conclusion of the whole matter. Does God deal very harshly with us if he sends hard times and financial panics upon us? We are only tenants and God is the owner. If we rebelled against a landlord and abused and belittled his honored name; if we gave him no salutation and no respect; if we despised and broke his commands and laws; if we refused to pay him his rent and then lied about it, what could we expect at his hands? If he let us go on in such a course would he not be acquiescing in our devilry? Is the same not true of God who made us and loves us? If he gave us abundance at all times in view of the way we treat him and his laws would he not be rather encouraging us in our lawless career and hell-bent course? It seems to me that he would.

Then the cure for hard times is to keep the Lord's day holy, to revere the holy name of God, and to worship Him in His holy temple; to obey His laws and to render unto God the things that are God's. This is the whole duty of man. Every one who is doing this is doing his duty to save his country from calamity. Those who are doing otherwise cannot complain. By their evil deeds they are bringing the wrath of God upon our nation. Let every man get right with God and do his duty.

(THE END)

Though Mrs. Mary Maitland of London has been sentenced to nine years in prison for theft the police have been unable to learn her real identity.

W. M. Morrell, a church leader at Ystrad, Wales, turned out to be the man who had committed burglaries by night in that town for many years.

Few State Farmers Profit By Annual Census of Farms

"North Carolinians can answer crop acreage questions better than any other Southern farmers because they have been reporting such to the tax lists for the past twelve years," said Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician for this State, in a Raleigh radio talk last Thursday night. "And yet few of our farmers appreciate the value of annual Farm Census information. Too few attempt to benefit by this or any other government reports. How many realize that a farmer's judgment is no better than his information?"

"A doctor must have certain information before he can treat a disease. Just so it is with advisors and statisticians. The farmer must furnish the needed facts. One only blindfolds himself by not giving and not using basic current farm facts. This is true of the Farm Census secured by tax list-

ers. "This census provides facts from farmers instead of guesses. It affords yearly information by counties that is superior to any private information available to speculators. However, the farm census acreage results are not speculative nor is it available to anyone until after the crops are harvested. This is available for agents and teachers in aiding farmers in planning their next year crop acreages. "The 1929 census results were pub-

lished in the January Farm Forecaster of this year. These were sent all over the State. A copy is now being sent to your township lister. Ask for it. It locates 'supply and demand' by counties. "The tax listing machinery provides the best and cheapest possible means for getting farm acreage facts. The objection is that at 'rush' times it does not crowd the list of taxables. Still the farmers are certainly due this much for their heavy taxes. "Each farm owner should be pre-

pared to report his crop acreages intended this year. If not definitely known yet—approximate in comparison with last year's acreages planted. This will help the listers and the service that you expect of the Department of Agriculture."

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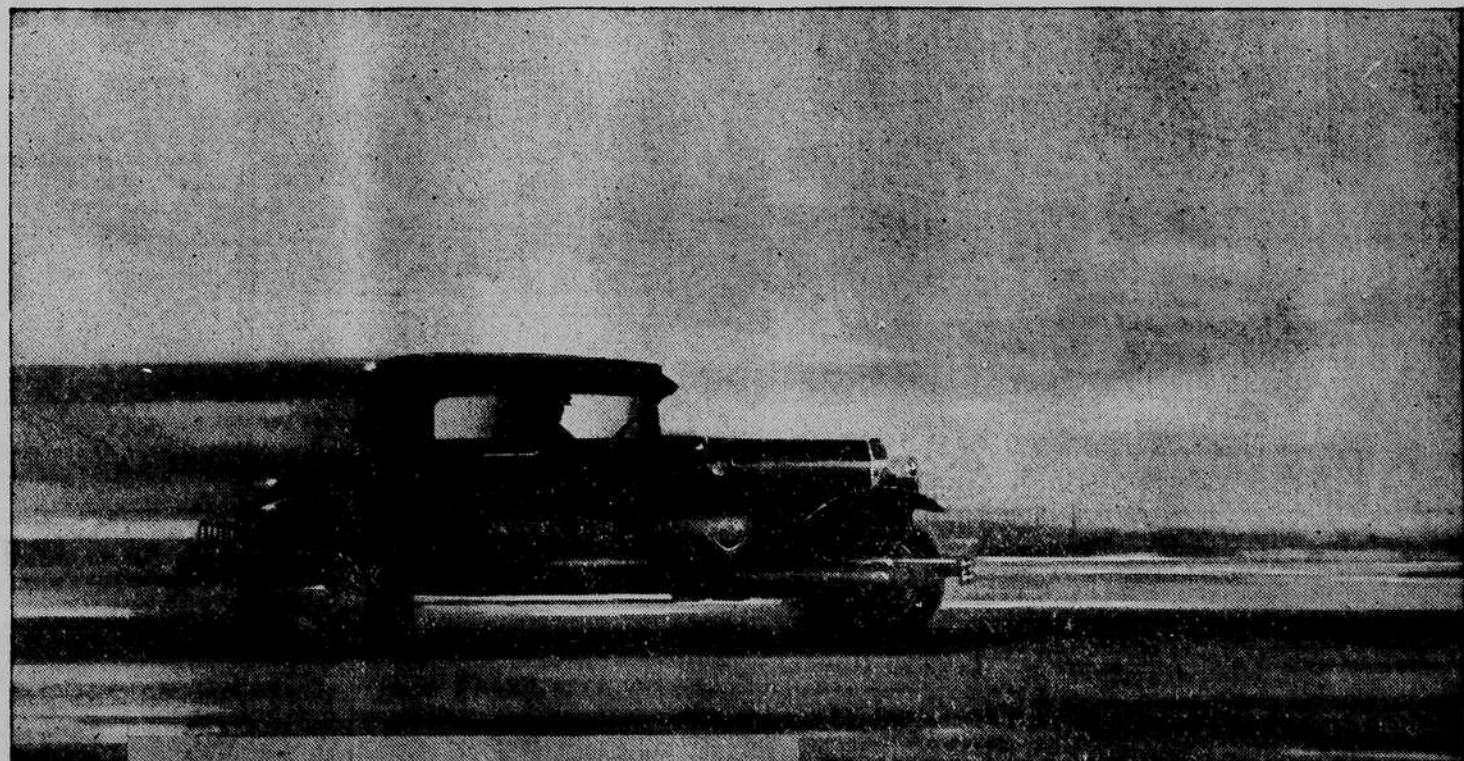


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