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Devotional Thoughts

By this men know that ye are discerned if ye have love one another.

How foolish and thoughtless we may think if we ignore or break the laws by which we live. Our conclusions are superficial and express a gross ignorance about fundamentals. If we fail to cooperate with any natural law we suffer a penalty. A refusal to respect the laws of health will bring a broken and diseased body. A disregard for the laws of gravitation will bring painful and distressing consequences. We do not break a natural law but we may break ourselves upon them.

What is true of the natural world is equally true in the spiritual world. Jesus affirmed many times that love was the law of His kingdom. In this hard, cruel, competitive world we may not believe that love should be law of the soul. Follow it and exercise gracious consideration toward all men, and find great joy and peace in our service to our fellows. Ignore it and we break our spirits upon it. When we fail to love men, we open the door to soul-destroyers such as jealousy, prejudice and hatred. They will ruin any life. Love one another and obey the law of the soul, and really become a disciple of Christ.

Rev. T. M. Grant, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C.

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.—

Abraham Lincoln

It's Your Federal Government

Robert I. Johnson

How long would your company stay in business if it lost money and ran into debt year after year? For that matter how long could you run your own home if you spent \$10 to the store to buy one dollar's worth of goods?

On such a basis you'd soon be out of a job—and a home. Year after year the federal government loses money and spends, literally, more than \$10 filling out forms to place a single purchase order. And all the things it buys cost less than \$10.

Uncle Sam is just about the world's worst manager. He owns \$29 billion worth of goods, including a million automobiles, and has no clear account of where they are or what they are. Some of his departments are stocked up 50 years and on simple supplies.

He borrows money and pays interest on it. He maintains enough records and documents—mostly worthless—to fill six Pentagon Buildings. He keeps seven different sets of books. Neither his books nor his budget give any real notion of the financial score. The Post Office, for example, has to wait eight months to find out exactly how much money it has lost. This year it will lose about \$500 millions. This is more than the cost of the whole government 50 years ago.

If you're an ex-serviceman you saw money thrown around in wartime just as I did. In war some extravagance is unavoidable. But in peacetime the Army asked funds for houses in Alaska at \$58,000 per house, and for 829,000 tropical uniforms at \$129 apiece.

These are just a few examples from the Report of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.

It all began because Congress, President Truman, and the public saw real danger in government duplication, lack of organization, and waste. In July, 1947, Congress created the Commission with six leading Democrats and six outstanding Republicans as members. At President Truman's suggestion, former President Herbert Hoover was named chairman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson vice chairman.

The Commission put 300 experts to work digging up facts. Nobody was mad at anybody. Everybody wanted to get at the truth. After months of hard study resulting in two million words of facts and figures the Commission reported to Congress that bad organization and unmoderated methods are laying a heavy toll on the nation. At least \$3 billions and, I think, \$4 billions a year can be saved without cutting government services.

You and I are citizens. We pay taxes. We'd better have a good look at our government before it gets too big for us to understand and too costly for us; we will work for it. Many free peoples in history have lost their freedom in that fashion.

Put it another way: We now pay in federal taxes \$300 a year per person, \$1,000 per year per family. We pay income taxes which we can see and other taxes which we can't see:—60 per cent on cigarettes, 20 per cent on such things as cameras, 20 per cent on light bulbs, 15 per cent on luggage and so forth; 15 per cent on travel and telephone calls. We pay taxes upon taxes in the cost of everything we eat, wear, and use.

We carry a big load of debt—\$7,000 per average family. This isn't pie in the sky. It is my promise to pay—and yours—as real as any grocery bill. We pay interest, at the rate of \$150 per family per year, on that debt.

Let us look facts in the eye: The purchasing power of your dollar and the living standards of your family are undermined by useless federal expenditures. Your dollar is worth only half what it was ten years ago, and taxes are a major reason. At the present pace it may soon be worth less than that.

What to do about it? In the last analysis it's your government! Its actions are your actions. You have a vote in its management—not once every four years, once every two years, nor once a year, but once a day. You can express yourself in favor of "better government at a better price." But you must, first of all, understand the problem.

In the next article in this series I'd like to tell you more about the necessity for government reorganization. Meanwhile let's remember what Mr. Hoover said on his birthday: "If the people are to run the government, it is the people who must think."

Births

Bettie O'Neal Kennedy
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy announce the birth of a daughter, Bettie O'Neal, born September 21, 1949. J. W. Kennedy is employed in the Weaving Department.

David King Farmer, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. David King Farmer announce the birth of a son, David, Jr., born September 23, 1949. David Farmer formerly of the Finishing Department, is now in the Raw Goods Department.

Linda Marie Boone
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Herbert Boone announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Marie, born September 27, 1949. Lawrence works in the Mending Room.

Brenda Gail Rowe
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rowe announce the birth of a daughter, Brenda Gail, born October 1, 1949. Both Floyd Rowe and Mrs. Dora Rowe are Mending Room employees.

Kathleen Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis announce the birth of a daughter, Kathleen Davis, born October 16, 1949 at Carolina General Hospital in Wilson. Clarence Davis is employed in the Weaveshed at Caromount.

Susan La Nier Huffman
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Huffman announce the birth of a daughter, Susan La Nier, born September 8, 1949, in Hawaii. Mrs. Huffman is the former Miss Lillian Walker (Engineering Secretary) before her marriage.

Weddings

Miss Barbara Jean Davis daughter of Mrs. Frank E. Davis and the late Mr. Davis, of Rocky Mount, and Wilbur D. Williams (Weaving), son of Mrs. Emma D. Williams of Rocky Mount were united in marriage October 16, 1949 in the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church with the Rev. Raymond Clyde Lanier, officiating. The couple are making their home at 733 Tarboro Street in Rocky Mount.

Nature's Surprise

Leroy Campbell came up with an unusual phenomenon of nature at his house this fall. He has an apple tree that bloomed last spring and bore fruit this summer. Now this same tree has budded again; and to date Leroy reports that he hasn't gathered any fruit but he is expecting some.