

Sunday School Lesson

THE USE AND ABUSE OF WEALTH
International Sunday School Lesson for September 7th, 1947
GOLDEN TEXT: "Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues with injustice."—Proverbs 16: 8.
Lesson Text: Proverbs 11: 24-28; 16: 8; Ecclesiastes 5: 10, 11; James 5: 1-6.

One of the greatest responsibilities which can come to a Christian is the responsibility of wealth. Even the man of moderate means has many opportunities for unselfish helpfulness. Failure to realize and measure up to the obligation of one's possessions means spiritual failure.

One of the first problems to be confronted in considering this lesson is that of making money rightfully. Our modern life is so engrossed with materialism, that, in planting ideals in the minds of our youth, the idea is given that the accumulation of wealth is the aim, while very little is said about how this money should be made. Consequently, there is too great a tendency to judge success in life by the size of the accumulated pile of dollars, without any corresponding scrutiny of the means by which the fortune has been made.

Jesus nowhere taught that the possession of money, or of wealth, was a wrong or a sin. All through the Bible mention is made of numbers of rich men, among them being Abraham, Joseph, Jacob and Matthew tells us of Joseph of Arimathea, who was a rich man and a disciple of Jesus. Jesus makes no distinction between the rich and the poor—to him they were, and are, immortal souls who need salvation.

Jesus did teach that the possession of wealth is a distinct peril and he warned that it was "easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." He knew that it was easy for men to let the love of money become the ruling passion of their

lives. We know of people today who are struggling and working hard to accumulate a great deal of wealth. So engrossed are they in its accumulation that they neglect everything else—their home, their family, society and their spiritual welfare.

While the Bible teaches thrift and condemns wastefulness; it also commends generosity. Proverbs, written by Solomon who was a very wealthy man, reckons generosity as one of the supreme virtues. And, when we think of it, the words of Proverbs on this subject agree perfectly with the teaching of Jesus himself. Jesus insisted that the liberal man received a personal blessing through his kindness and generosity and was a source of blessing to others.

The selection from Proverbs given us as a basis for our study for this lesson urges generosity. Just as the planted field, if it is not cultivated, will yield a poor harvest, so the grasping, selfish man, who fails to divide his substance with others, dries up with in and becomes spiritually poor indeed.

When Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourself," he was not condemning thrift or the desire for personal security, he was merely forbidding the accumulation of money for selfish purposes. In our country, there are holders of great wealth who are the benefactors of civilization. The man who is able to build factories for thousands of people is a benefactor, provided he conducts his business with the welfare of his employes in mind. However, the man who acquires great wealth and uses it for the gratification of his own selfish desires, with no regard for society or his own eternal welfare, he it is whom Jesus condemned.

We should remember at all times that this is God's world, that he created us, that everything we have was given by God, that he it is who gave us the power to get whatever of material possessions we have, little or much, and that we shall have to render an accounting to him as to the use or abuses of our possessions.

"Money that is invested in the welfare of immortal lives becomes thereby immortal," says Jay T. Stocking. "Money that goes into the making of character, the shaping of destinies, money that gives men hope and spells opportunity and lengthens days and wipes away tears does not 'pass away'. Money that contributes to the onward sweep of truth is as imperishable as truth itself. Treasure that is spent for the Kingdom of God is beyond the reach of moth and rust."

One man of wealth, when offered a beautiful Oriental rug at the reduced price of \$15,000 refused to buy it, declaring, "I should hardly hope to be forgiven if I were so foolish as to put \$15,000 into rug, for I am sure that every time I walked upon it I would feel as though I were trampling on the ambition of some boy or girl who wanted an education."

Are you using the money with which God has entrusted you for his glory, or are you abusing the trust placed in you?

APPS TO DEPEND ON LETTERMEN

With about fifty men reporting for initial football practice Monday, and with about twenty-five of them raw recruits, Coach E. C. Duggins of the Appalachian State Teachers College Mountaineers is pinning his hopes this season on his senior lettermen.

Due to continue a lot of running for the Mountaineers is big John Hollars, 205 pound North State Conference back last year. Hollars is a 10 second man; dead-ly in a broken field and a line-smashing halfback.

John Kirk, senior tackle and Aubrey Fuller, senior guard, saw heavy service last year and will be called upon to repeat this season. Kirk hails from Lexington, N. C., and Fuller from Lexington, Ky., and weigh in at 210 and 180 respectively.

Figuring prominently in Mountaineer talk this year will be sophomore Bryson, halfback, from Winston-Salem, and Marvin Hoffman, 170-pound quarterback from Statesville sharing duties with 185 pound quarterback Pete Mills of Henderson.

With Coach Duggings at the helm in his first year as head-coach, the Mountaineers are expected to field a team that will look to the future for its success rather than in the approaching season. "We will be building our team from Sophomores and Juniors and do not anticipate too great a success this year although we should win some of our games," he said.

Practice will be held twice daily for the first two weeks with plenty of practice under the lights in anticipation of a complete schedule of night games this fall. The Mountaineers open in Winston-Salem against Doc Newton's Guilford eleven.

Bob Broome has joined the coaching staff of Appalachian to fill the vacancy created by the acceptance of Duggings of the head-coaching spot to succeed Flucie Stewart, who resigned last Spring.

Coach Broome was a member of the Mountaineer team from 1936 through 1940. He was blocking back on Kidd Brewer's undefeated, unscored on Appalachian team of 1937. As spinback of the 1939 team he will be remembered for his touchdown smash against the powerful Elon Christians which enabled the Mountaineers to eke out a 7-6 win which threw them into a tie with Lenoir Rhyne for the North State football crown.

Coach Broome was coach of Henderson High School in 1941 but resigned to enter the Army Air Corps as a physical training officer. Upon his discharge in 1945 he accepted a coaching position with Rocky Mount High School where he served as assistant to Coach Joe Caruso. He coached track and basketball in addition to his football duties.

Coach Broome will serve as backfield coach of the Appalachian team to complete the coaching roster composed of headcoach E. C. Duggins and end coach Francis Hoover.

ALLERGIC TO FIREMAN
Detroit, Mich.—A blaze started by a lighted cigarette when Cornelius Locks fell asleep caused neighbors to call the firemen. When the trucks clanged up to Locks' house, he refused to allow them to enter, saying, "You're too noisy and I don't want you throwing all the water around." The firemen had to subdue Locks before they put out the fire.

5-YEAR PLATES
Sacramento, Calif.—Starting Jan. 1, 1949, California cars will wear their license plates for five years. The plates will not carry a date and a small insignia will be issued each year.

Cost of Living Still Going Up, Officials Say

Washington—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach citing high farm prices and soaring business profits, said tonight he resents what he called "the widespread effort" to blame increased prices on wage boosts alone.

In another Labor day statement, Earl Bunting, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said that the wages of American workers have doubled since 1939. He said this more than offset a 57 per cent advance in living costs and decreased value of the dollar.

American workers have "a substantially higher actual buying power than they had eight years ago," Bunting said.

More people per family are working, the N. A. M. chief declared, "and this fact should not be ignored when considering whether prices are too high to move all the goods which are being produced."

Labor costs come to 75 or 85 per cent of all expenses upon which consumer prices must be based, he said.

Schwellenbach said in a radio speech that an effort is being made "to shift responsibility" for high prices "entirely to the organized workers of America." He blamed "the same individuals" who in June, 1946, promised that with the lifting of price controls within a few months prices would be lowered. "The fact remains," the labor secretary stated, "that the price of products produced by unorganized workers has increased 72 per cent, and those produced very largely by organized workers have increased 48 per cent."

CAT STARTS FIRE

Prince Frederick, Md.—While Mrs. Julius Parran and her daughter, Suzanne, 5, sat in the living room of their home, a pet cat played in a bedroom upstairs. The cat knocked a kerosene lamp off a bedside table and set fire to the bed. The blaze heated the cartridges in a .45-automatic which fired three shots. Mrs. Parran ran outside, saw the fire through a window, called fireman, grabbed a bucket and by the time the fireman arrived, had the blaze out and had forgiven the cat.

Stocks of grain brought over from last year in North Carolina show 424,000 bushels or about 23 percent less than a year ago.

DAD, GRAND-DAD SAME DAY

Kansas City—Dave McMillan, 49, became a father and grandfather on the same day, when a son was born to his wife and to their 21-year-old son's wife in the same hospital.

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Having qualified as the executor of the will of Miss Myrtle Caudill, late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all those having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This August 1947.

MRS. DON SHULL, Executor.
8-14-47

ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY TOWN OF BOONE RELATING TO BULK GAS STORAGE IN THE TOWN OF BOONE
Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Boone: SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to have, maintain, or permit any bulk gasoline storage tanks, either underground or above ground, for the purpose of distribution to other States or tank trucks or other wholesale or bulk operation of gasoline or other similar substances within the town of Boone without first coming into compliance with regulations as may be required by the town board of the town of Boone and securing a written approval and a permit from said town of Boone.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from after this date.

This 21st day of August, 1947.
COUNCILL COOKE
GUY HUNT
GRADY MORETZ
Aldermen

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
North Carolina, Watauga County. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by L. W. Timmons to J. E. Holsinger, Trustee, dated the 17th day of December, 1945, and recorded in Book 49, page 92, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county; and under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as substituted trustee by an instrument of writing dated the 8th day of August, 1947, and recorded in Book . . . page . . . in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county; default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the undersigned substituted trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Boone, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock, noon, on the 10th day of September, 1947, the land conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in Meat Camp Township, Watauga county, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a cucumber tree corner to J. A. Winebarger, and runs with Robert Shipley's lines south 70, east 12 1/2 poles to a buckeye, then north 85, east 15 poles to a hemlock tree, then south 74 east 11 poles to a maple and birch tree, then north 73, east 88 poles to a white oak tree, corner to Willie Profit, then with Profit's line south 4, west 106 poles to a beech tree, then east 15 poles to a stake at the creek, then down with said creek as follows: south 7, west 6 poles, south 27, west 17 poles, south 5, west 18 poles, south 15 west 46 poles to a walnut tree by the creek, and corner to Lookabill, then with Lookabill's line south 56, west 46 poles to a chestnut tree, then north 33, west 63 poles to a stake at corner of fence, then south 47 west 30 1/2 poles to a chestnut tree on the ridge, then north 33 west 29 poles to an oak stump at some rocks on the ridge, then south 2, west 47 poles to a maple now gone, then south 84, west 123 poles to two spanish oak stumps, then south 88, west 58 poles to a hickory tree now down with hickory maple and oak pointers and corner to Wane Miller and Land Bank. Then north 32, west 54 poles to a spanish oak little on the N. W. side of Harmon's Knob and corner to Federal Land Bank, then north 4, east passing land bank corner at 94 poles and continuing on with Miller's line 192 poles to a stake by a branch above the forks, then south 86, east 20 poles to a bunch of Lynn trees by the creek and corner to Joe Mollers Ezra Cabin tract. The north 86, east 25 poles to a stake corner to J. A. Winebarger in old Grant line, then south 86, east 166 poles to the beginning, containing 475 acres more or less.

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