

# 60 - SECOND SERMONS

By FRED DODGE

Text: "You can't alter facts by filming them over."  
—John Drinkwater.

During a debate Abraham Lincoln asked his opponent how many legs a cow had.

"Four," was the answer.  
"That's right," said Lincoln. "Now suppose we call the cow's tail a leg. How many legs would the cow have?"

"Five, of course."  
"That's where you're wrong," said Lincoln. "Simply calling a cow's tail a leg doesn't make it a leg."

Have you tried to talk a cow's tail into becoming a fifth leg? It isn't easy unless you talk to someone as stupid as you are. Ignoring a fact doesn't make it disappear.

It is stupid and frequently fatal to ignore facts. It is equally poor judgment to cling to opinions without checking them constantly against new knowledge.

Many of us err because we are too stubborn to change an adolescent belief or a half-understood notion of our youth. We remain chained to another generation's ignorance, refusing to admit that it might have been wrong. "Facts are stubborn things" wrote Ebenezer Elliott in 1747. It is dangerous to ignore them. Swift pats the back of the man who admits he was wrong. Such a man, he states, is saying he is wiser today than he was yesterday. Are you?

station where you can get the big sound. You'll be hearing the greats such as Glenn Miller, the Dorseys, Benny Goodwin, vocalists such as Mathis, Sinatra, Bennett; some of the wonderful music that emanates from Broadway and Hollywood. For western fans, the mid-afternoon will bring on only the best country-western artists, such as Stonewall Jackson, Johnny Cash, Johnny Horton. Teeners will have, later on, a revised version of Tcentime during the late afternoon hours, featuring the kind of music they like best.

For the evening hours, of course, our Spotlight on Music holds forth with the relaxed wax. So, remember, it starts this coming week on WCDJ—the good sound, quality music, big bands, showtunes, jazz, commercial band music (Welk, Lombardo, etc.), semi-classical music. It'll be exciting listening.

Some folks will be unhappy with the change, but name one person or organization that's able to make absolutely everyone happy? We do know, from letters, comments and the like that the majority of listeners want quality music and, well, keep listenin' to 1260 in 1960. It'll be exclusive with WCDJ. Possibly other stations in this general vicinity will follow suit, but it won't be the first time WCDJ has been imitated. We'll go along with the old saw about imitation being the sincerest form of flattery. Anyway, hope you enjoy the new musical policy we'll be inaugurating on the first of February. Incidentally, WCDJ is the first smaller station on the east coast to make this switch.

Closing thought for the day reads like this: "I would have praised you more had you praised me less." Interesting. Authored by Louis the Fourteenth of France.

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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

How prayer enables man to cope effectively with the problems of daily living will be brought out Sunday at Christian Science services.

Each section of the Lesson-Sermon on "Love" will deal with some aspect of prayer as taught by the master Christian, Christ Jesus. Selections to be read from the Bible include these verses from the Sermon on the Mount: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7, 8).

Also emphasizing the power of prayer are citations to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, which include the following: "If we pray to God as a corporeal person, this will prevent us from relinquishing the human doubts and fears which attend such a belief, and so we cannot grasp the wonder wrought by infinite, incorporeal Love, to whom all things are possible" (13:20-24).

The manner of giving shows the character of the giver, more than the gift itself.

—John Caspar Lavater.

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# Make Church - Going a Habit

## Sunday School Lesson

THE DEMAND FOR REPENTANCE AND FAITH  
International Sunday School Lesson for January 31, 1960.

Memory Selection: "Lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory." (1 Thessalonians 2:12).

Lesson Text: Acts 17: 1 Thessalonians 1 and 2.

In today's lesson we face the question: How can persons be won to Christ through Christian education?

The Scriptural passages we are studying today traces Paul and Silas' journey to Thessalonica and then to Berea, and gives a vivid description of the different ways in which the teaching of the disciples was received. In Berea the people were anxious to learn and studied the Scriptures daily. In Athens the two teachers found altars were erected to many gods, and faced a mocking and indifferent audience. In short, the chapter we are studying today points to the place of education in leading people to a knowledge of Christ.

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## CHAINS

These hands might have painted the world's greatest masterpiece. These hands might have played faultlessly the most difficult concerto. These hands might have mixed a compound that would destroy disease. These hands might have been raised in blessing over a trusting mankind.

Instead they are chained. Somewhere, somehow, they failed. Perhaps they reached over a counter and stealthily snatched a jewel. Perhaps they searched a safe and took what other hands had worked for. Perhaps they held the gun that wiped out a life. Somewhere they went wrong. Somewhere they failed.

Hands do not act by themselves. Personalities control them—personalities swayed by impulses and convictions, good and bad. The Church, your Church, is waiting to guide hands, minds, hearts and lives. Here good impulses, right convictions are born and nurtured. Here, in God's House, hands learn to move aright to find life's work, unchained and triumphant.

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## Craftsmen's Fair

April 6th And 7th

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