

# 60-SECOND SERMONS

By FRED DODGE

Text: "There are times when silence is not golden — just yellow." —Dr. Chodres.

A very talkative woman pestered a fisherman who was minding his own business and said:

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself? A big fellow like you might be better occupied than in cruelly catching a little fish!"

Maybe you're right," said the angler, "but if this fish had the sense to keep his mouth shut he wouldn't be here."

Men as well as women and fish are criticized for opening their mouths at the wrong time. Equally in error are men who

fail to open their mouths at the right time. Too often men of high ideals, men of careful training, men of great promise, faded into obscurity because they were afraid to open their mouths when they should. They were afraid to stand squarely on their own beliefs and speak the truth as they understood it. Fearing the loss of friends or position, they cringed in silence. They settled for less than their best judgment. We have an illustrious example in the disciple, Peter. And we have his further example as a man who received from cowardice and achieved his destiny. Open your mouth when your beliefs are challenged. Silence then, is not golden. It's yellow.

on their own two feet and face whatever obstacle the future may bring. But if the young people hadn't revolted the regular routine while they were young, they would have to govern their adult lives in a trial and error method of a beginner. If these people had such troubles with their own lives, what kind of government would they have? I think you will agree that this country could not survive such a government. What I am trying to point out is that it would be better to let a young person revolt and make his mistakes while he is young, than to wait until he is older and holds some position of authority to commit these errors which would affect a large number of persons.

As I said in the beginning of this article, I am new at this line of work and no doubt you can tell. No doubt there are those who will disagree with my opinions but if there is just one person who has a better understanding of the teenagers around them I feel that my time has been well spent. I didn't write this article to have people agree with me; I only stated my opinion.

As in any field of work progress will only occur with a lot of habitual work in that field. Therefore maybe by the next time I offer my suggestion on a subject I will be better equipped to render my thoughts.

## Today's Youth—Tomorrow's Future

Editor's Note: A/3c Fletcher G. Perry, who is stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, recently was requested to be a guest writer for a column in the Great Falls Tribune. The column written by Perry, a Chowan County boy, follows:

Since I am very inexperienced in writing for a newspaper, when I was asked by the regular writer of this column to contribute to it, it was with a very reluctant feeling that I accepted her invitation. I asked myself what I had beneficial to offer anyone but I failed to come up with an answer. Rather than value my own work, I decided to let you, the public, determine its value after reading this article. Since I am new at this type of work, there will no doubt be countless errors in the following, but I believe that this is the case which arises when undertaking any new obstacle.

In this time and age when there is so much stress put on the defects of teenagers, people seem to overlook the better qualities behind these defects. I have to admit the actions, at times, of today's teenagers are very undesirable. But it must be realized that those who commit these undesirable actions are a very small minimum and not the majority of the teenage population. Therefore people judge the majority by the actions of the minority and therefore find teenagers very hard to comprehend. If these same people would look back on their younger days they would see that the activities in which they took part in relationship with their environment was just as revolting as today's younger generation's actions are in comparison with today's advanced and scientific environment.

Although I have been in the Air Force only a short period of time, I have had the opportunity of conversing with boys from different parts of the country, and from different walks of life. And contrary to the old belief that customs vary greatly from section to section of the country and from one social and financial class to another, I have found that the customs of these so-called "different people" basically vary very little. I don't mean to imply that a young person of small finances could do the exact things a boy with a higher financial

background because that would only be deceiving you. But what I mean is that although these people may do things in a different manner their initial objective is basically the same.

I have to admit I was a bit surprised to learn how nearly the same the customs of teenagers from different parts of the country are. Almost everyone I conversed with were of the same opinion, that social and outside activities of a teenager plays just as important part in molding his future as the knowledge obtained from a textbook. Although the majority of the people I have talked to on this subject have been teenagers, I believe that almost all scholars will agree with this viewpoint.

There are a lot of publications these days about the revolting teenage generation. I don't believe anyone would agree that a person who did exactly as he was told, no matter if it were right or wrong, could be comparable with another person who does what he is told up to that point where he thinks a change could take place and thus carries out this theory. When a person is young, if he never breaks the same old routine there is no doubt that when he grows up he likewise will be just as conceited about his opinion. And if these young people don't open their minds to their present environment, what will become of this old world when those people who are now setting the standards of life pass away? Therefore I see no reason to be distressed when a young person begins to do things differently from the standard example although his actions may seem revolting from the viewpoint of older people. These same people should realize, since no doubt they did just as unsensible things in their youth, that it is only natural for young people to try and bolt any regular routine. Thus in my opinion this should not be a time of distress but a time of rejoicing in knowing that their children have reached the age where they have begun to think for themselves. No doubt their first actions will probably be on the wrong foot. But as these actions continue they become reflects which have respectable foundations.

Thus the future governing generation will have the ability to be dependent enough to stand

### RECORD CORN CROP

Based on condition reports from growers as of July 1, production of corn in North Carolina is forecast at 88,228,000 bushels. A crop of 88,228,000 bushels, if realized, would be a record and is 2.7 percent more than the previous record 1959 crop of 85,914,000 bushels. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1,918,000 acres, which is 4.0 percent below last year. The smaller corn acreage is due in part to a switch from corn to soybeans.

Preferred "Your fiancée is a charming man. He has a certain something."

"Yes, but I would rather he had something certain."

### WISDOM of the Ages



"The imitation is a poor kind of creature."

A true service of helpfulness is one that recognizes all of the necessities of the occasion with a profound respect for the feelings of all.

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# Let's go to Church Sunday

## Sunday School Lesson

THE SEEDS OF NATIONAL DECAY

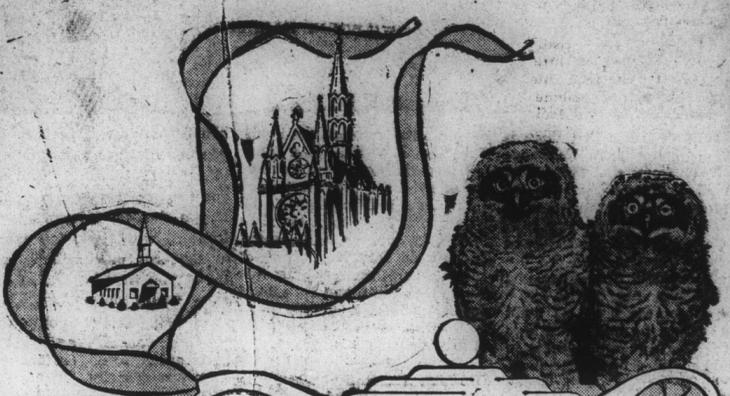
International Sunday School Lesson for July 31, 1966.

Memory Selection: "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain salvation upon you." (Hosea 10:12).

Lesson Text: Hosea 8:1-5; 10:1-12; 13:1-3.

Pursuing our study on "God's Justice and Mercy," today adults will want to consider the very pertinent question: What signs of decay are apparent in the life of our communities and our nation?

Reading our Biblical text for today, we see that as the nation prospered, the Israelites turned more and more to idolatry. And few men in Israel's history ever unleashed so stinging an attack on idolatry as did Hosea. Speaking for God, he tried to shake the people loose from their proud, unworthy leadership. Hosea believed that God should have a hand in deciding the leadership of his people, as in the days of Moses. So formidable were the crimes against



# Wisdom

One of our old teachers used to say, "I can lead you to knowledge, but only God can give you wisdom."

And how right he was. A string of diplomas and degrees does not make a man wise. Many of the wisest never had a formal education.

For knowledge is the accumulation of facts. But wisdom is the ability to apply a few facts — perhaps only one — to a life-situation.

We know a distinguished scholar who has written volumes on ecclesiastical architecture. And we know an elderly widow who told her grandchildren, "Churches ain't made to look at!"

And the scholar — earnest Christian that he is — humbly bows to the wisdom of the widow!

For whether it be a cathedral or chapel, the Church cannot enrich our lives until reverently we enter its portals to worship and serve God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Table with columns: Day, Book, Chapter, Verses. Lists Bible readings for each day of the week.

## Chowan County Churches

- EDENTON BAPTIST: Rev. M. N. CARROLL, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Morning worship service, 11 A. M. Training Union at 6:30 P. M. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
GREAT HOPE BAPTIST: Rev. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning worship second and fourth Sundays at 11 o'clock. Evening worship first and fourth Sundays at 8 o'clock. Prayer service Wednesday at 8 P. M.
ROCKY HOCK BAPTIST: THURMAN W. ALLRED, Pastor. Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Training Union at 7 P. M. Evening worship at 8 o'clock.
EDENTON PRESBYTERIAN: Rev. JAMES MACKENZIE, Pastor. Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sunday, 6:30 P. M. Christian Service Brigade—all teen-age boys—Tuesday, 7 P. M. Midweek Prayer Service—Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
FIRST CHRISTIAN: Rev. E. C. ALEXANDER, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC: Rev. J. H. H. A. Pastor. Sunday Masses 8 and 11 A. M. Confessions before every Mass. Sunday School 11:45 Sunday A. M. Convert instructions or private consultation by appointment. Phone 2617.
CENTER HILL BAPTIST: Rev. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor. Morning worship at 11 o'clock first and third Sundays. Sunday School at 10 A. M. B. T. U. at 7 P. M. Evening worship at 8 o'clock second and fourth Sundays. Prayer service Thursday at 8 P. M.
EDENTON METHODIST: Rev. RALPH FOWLKES, Pastor. Church School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. Preaching service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
MACEDONIA BAPTIST: Rev. GORDON SHAW, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and every Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
WARWICK BAPTIST: Rev. R. B. COTTINGHAM, Pastor. Sunday School at 11 A. M. Preaching service at 11 A. M. B. T. U. at 7 P. M. Preaching service at 8 P. M. Prayer service Thursday nights at 8 o'clock.
SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL: Rev. GEORGE B. HOLMES, Rector. 8:00 A. M. Holy Communion. 9:30 A. M. Church School. 10:00 A. M. Adult Bible Class. 11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. 7:30 P. M. Young Churchmen. Wednesday, 10:30 A. M. Holy Communion.
BALLARD'S BRIDGE BAPTIST: Rev. LAMAR SENTELL, Pastor. Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.
CHURCH OF GOD: Rev. JOHN MARTIN, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching service at 11 A. M. W.P.E. Sunday at 7 P. M. Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: R. F. LONG, Congregation Servant. Bible study at 9:00 o'clock Sundays afternoon at Kingdom Hall. Bible study Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Service meeting and ministry school Friday nights at 8 o'clock.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD: Rev. C. L. WILES, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Morning worship at 11:00 A. M. Christ Ambassador Service, 6:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M. Wednesday night prayer service, 7:30 P. M.
WHITE OAK CHAPEL BAPTIST: Rev. J. E. GOOD, Pastor. Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 9:30 A. M. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
YEOPIM BAPTIST: Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services every first and third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
EVANS METHODIST: Rev. FRANK FORTESQUE, Pastor. Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 9:30 A. M.
CENTER HILL METHODIST: Rev. FRANK FORTESQUE, Pastor. Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
COLORED CHURCHES PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: Rev. F. H. LAGUARDE. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Young people's and senior choir Preaching services every 8 o'clock. Men's Bible Class meets Monday night at 8 o'clock.
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL: Rev. CLYDE BEATTY, Minister. First Sunday at 11 A. M., Holy Communion and sermon. Second Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion. Third Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion. Fourth Sunday at 11 A. M., morning prayer and sermon. Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
WARREN GROVE BAPTIST: Rev. J. E. TILLET, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching service at 11:30 A. M. every second and fourth Sunday. Women's Educational and Mission Union meets every fourth Sunday after the morning service.
WELCH'S CHAPEL BAPTIST: Rev. W. H. DAVIS, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching service first Sunday at 11:30 A. M.
ST. JOHN BAPTIST: Rev. E. E. MORGAN, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Services every first and third Sundays at 12 o'clock noon.
PINEY GROVE A. M. E. Z.: Rev. M. H. EBROD, Pastor.
UNION GROVE A. M. E. Z.: Rev. J. E. GORDON, Pastor.
RYAN GROVE BAPTIST: Rev. M. A. RIDDICK, Pastor.
REV. C. M. HEIDELBERG, Pastor. Rev. RAYMOND A. MORRIS, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Services every second and fourth Sunday at 11 A. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.
ST. LUKE CHRISTIAN: Rev. KELLY GOLDMAN, Pastor.
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: ELDER J. C. HALL, Pastor.
CENTER HILL BAPTIST: Rev. H. C. SAUNDERS, Pastor.
MADESH A. M. E. ZION: Rev. L. A. WILLIAMS, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Evening service at 7:00 o'clock. Tuesday night first Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.
PLEASANT GROVE A. M. E. Z.: Rev. C. L. SCOTT, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Choir rehearsal Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.
CANAAN TEMPLE A. M. E. Z.: Rev. W. H. SIBSON, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:15. Morning worship at 11:30 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 2 P. M. Morning services at 7:30 o'clock. Tuesday night first Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.
HARVEY'S CHAPEL A. M. E. Z.: Rev. M. H. EBROD, Pastor.
LODGE GROVE A. M. E. Z.: Rev. J. E. GOOD, Pastor.

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