

Bible News

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Imagine yourself on a dark, lonely road. You need help. There is a telephone booth a short distance away. You consider yourself fortunate. One dime—that's all you need to establish a connection between you and aid. You search your pockets, but you have no change. It doesn't matter that you have several bills. Right now a single dime is worth the lot. It's the difference between one—and none. You look for an approaching car. You can see for miles but there are no lights anywhere. It matters little that millions of cars have taken this road in the past and that millions more will take it in the future. All you need right now is just one single good Samaritan. It's the difference between one and none.

Throughout the world there are millions of people stranded on lonely roads. For many it would only take a Bible in their own language to establish a connection between need and help. This is the reason for the American Bible Society and its 150 years of making the Bible available in the languages of the world.

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Florrette Byrum On Dean's List

BUIES CREEK—Some 235 students were named on the Dean's List in recognition of superior academic work done at Campbell College during the fall term.

They were competing for the honor against a field of 2,169 students regularly enrolled. Of the total, 140 were women and 95, men.

Funeral Held For Mr. Perry

MERRY HILL—Funeral services were conducted at Capehart's Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Henry Ernest Perry, who died at Bertie Hospital at Windsor, Tuesday. He had been ill for several weeks.

Rev. George White, pastor, conducted the services and burial followed in the church cemetery. He was a Bertie County native, a farmer and member of the Capehart's Church.

Surviving are his wife,

Mrs. Annie Mae Perry; his stepmother, Mrs. Sarah Perry of Windsor; two sons, Wilbur Perry of Plymouth and Ledrew Perry of Merry Hill; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Smithwick of Windsor, Mrs. James Harrison and Mrs. Thomas Ward of Plymouth and Mrs. Charlie Asbell of Tyner; two brothers, Leslie Perry of Colerain and Otis Perry of Windsor; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Baker of Merry Hill and Mrs. Herbert Mize of Windsor; 20 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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Let's go to Church Sunday

Sunday School Lesson

FAITHFUL IN LITTLE AND IN MUCH
International Sunday School Lesson for February 26

Memory Selection: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."—Luke 16-17.

Lesson Text: Luke 16-17.
During the course of our lesson today we will ponder the innate truth of our Memory Selection, and apply its meaning as a measuring stick of our inner selves and its effect on the life we lead.

What it means is that if a man is faithful in little things, he is increasing his capacity for noteworthy performance in larger services, thereby reaping spiritual blessings. And it was this fact of character that received much attention in the teachings of Christ.

Throughout the Bible there are many parables stressing the necessity for good stewardship of things material, and in these parables Jesus always stressed the degree of faithfulness and service a servant owed to his master.

This is not to say that Jesus approved of slavery; on the contrary, He demonstrated that each human being was an important entity all his own, and as such, was deserving of the utmost consideration. But Jesus did believe in a person's obligations, and in honoring those commitments to the nth degree, even at great personal sacrifice. Here was an opportunity for self-discipline, and for service.

It was a popular belief among the Pharisees that if a man sinned, he was punished; conversely, if a man led a good life, he was rewarded with wealth and prosperity. And this belief, even today, still exists to a great extent.

Likewise, the same danger faces us today that faced the peoples of Biblical times. Material possessions

are too often used as the yardstick for personal success. And—like Frankenstein—pride in them can lead us to the place where, instead of our possessing them, they possess us!

This is where our sense of responsibility and good stewardship steps into the picture. For it is how a man uses his material blessings that will indicate the depth (or shallowness) of his character.

If he uses his wealth and his abilities to good purpose, he will leave the world a little better place for his having been in it. If he misuses them, however, they will be squandered, as was the inheritance of the prodigal son, and he—himself—will have left no mark in the world—certainly none that is noteworthy. Nor will he have invested in spiritual blessings for himself—those blessings which endure long after material things are gone and forgotten.

The Christian ideal is to consecrate anything and everything to God. Whether it is money or acts of service is immaterial. What we own and that of which we are capable—these are gifts of God, and should be for His purposes.

What we have to offer Christ may seem small and insignificant to us—especially if we are not too well endowed with worldly goods. But what we have should be offered gladly and unstintingly. Certainly the attitude with which our services are offered is of the utmost importance. There should be a motivating sense of duty, by all means, but there should be also a spontaneous and generous spirit, too.

What kind of stewards are we?

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission).



"Oh Give Me A Home"
Last night a miracle occurred. It happened on the night after Johnny bought a new guitar and one of us joined in a family hootenanny.

When he came to live with us over a year ago, Sam didn't even talk. Raised in a sub-standard home, he was a mighty unhappy little boy with problems galore.

He didn't like us at first—he wasn't glad to be with us. But, gradually, as the months wore on, he began to trust us and believe in our love.

That night as the family sang together—Sam suddenly began to sing with us. The miracle had occurred. He was now one of the family.

You see, the Church had taught us that the love of God accepts us completely and unconditionally. We had learned that we could love and accept Sam in the same way. In becoming a part of God's family, we had discovered how to create a new family of our own.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chronicles 16:19-29	Psalms 28:6-9	Jeremiah 3:11-18	Acts 16:11-25	Galatians 6:6-10	Ephesians 3:14-21	Philippians 8-20

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This Is The Life

By DONALD THOMAS
Immanuel Baptist Church

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

Open your Bible to St. Mark 12:28 through 34, please. Do you love your neighbor? Here are a few common sins that are in our churches today.

1. I can teach better than he can.

2. Criticize the preacher, deacons and Sunday School teachers instead of backing them up.

3. If a brother fails in trouble, do we help him or pass him by?

4. I knew his religion couldn't last.

5. If a person sins, do we help him or do we say good riddance?

The Christian should help one another, not talk about one another.

These sins are bad but how many of us Christians are guilty of them?

We say we love God who we can't see but hate a brother or sister who we can see. Then how can we love God? Let us ask God to forgive us of this sin and to let the love of God flow in us. Let us love the brothers as Christ Jesus loves us and gave Himself for us. Do you love your brother?

The Bible says: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—St. Mark 12:31.

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