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## Meditation

To be the thing we seem,  
To do the thing we deem  
Enjoined by duty;  
To walk in faith, nor dream  
Of questioning God's scheme  
Of truth and beauty.

## Human Values

Cherokee County long has been famous throughout the country for its material and natural assets and attractions, but now its human assets are coming into recognition.

Carolyn Smith has on numerous occasions brought honor to her native county through her accomplishments in connection with 4-H club work. Her latest honor takes precedence over all the others. Last week she received the national award, along with only one other clubster in the United States, in the achievement program contest. Cherokee County is proud of this fine young woman who has spent thousands of hours using her heart, mind and hands in doing the things that have brought her this award. THE SCOUT congratulates her and wishes for her a successful, useful and happy career.

Another recognition which has come to one of our people is that of W. D. Townson's being elected president of the National Funeral Directors Association. First of all taking leadership in his own area, he later became a leader in the state organization, last year being its president, and now his present position of national leadership. We know that at the end of his term the association will be able to say that it was a year of progress under his direction. We congratulate him and wish for him the health and all the resources needed to have a successful term of office.

## Not Deserved

Scott Summers who writes a syndicated column, Capital Reporter, gave us credit for something for which we cannot take credit, in a recent column. While we should like to have performed the public service he mentioned, we did not do it free of charge, it being paid for by the Republicans of the county. We appreciate his comments nevertheless. They appear below:

"A newspaper is supposed to be a public servant, and I have just seen an edition of one that certainly is trying to be just that—Miss Addie Mae Cooke's Cherokee Scout, published at Murphy.

"More than 7,000 voters registered in Cherokee County. On November 2—two days before challenge day—Miss Addie Mae printed the name of every one in her paper.

"The following copies of the registration books at the close of registration in the precincts as shown are published to enable the voters of the county to check the lists for possible illegal voters," Miss Addie Mae wrote.

"Saturday, November 4, is challenge day, and names of illegal voters may be reported at that time."

"The press is supposed to be vigilant to see that the rights of citizens are not trampled upon. If graveyard names were used in Cherokee, it is not the fault of Miss Addie Mae and her paper. She used up some 70 columns of her newspaper printing names for voters to check. The best I can figure it, from her own rates, this space would have been worth \$840 to Miss Addie Mae, if she had been charging for it—which she wasn't. That doesn't include cost of paper, setting type, etc."

"Miss Addie Mae, I salute you—as a first class citizen and as a true newspaperman, who remembers your obligations to your community, county and state."

## Red Raper Sings Saturday Night

Next Saturday, December 2, has been set aside as Burley Tobacco Day in Asheville to celebrate the opening of the Tobacco Market. Fun, frolic, and Burley will be the watchwords of the occasion, as folks say, "hats off to the Burley growers" for another good year.

The high prices being paid for the Burley weed this year are not expected to dampen the occasion. In fact, these good prices are expected to put tobacco growers in a mighty happy and festive mood. Opening day for sales in the tobacco warehouses was Wednesday, November 29.

The big Tobacco Festival itself will be held in the Asheville City Auditorium on Saturday, starting at 7:30 p. m. Highlight of the program will be the crowning of the Tobacco Queen by Mayor C. E. Morgan of Asheville. Some girl from the "Land of Burley" will step forth in the bright spot light to receive her royal crown. To her will go the honor of ruling majestically over the 1950-51 Burley Market.

Many beautiful gifts "fit for a Queen" will be showered upon the lucky maiden from some county of Western North Carolina. Girls from a number of counties are competing for the queenship.

Heading up the entertainment side of the Festival will be such widely-known folk singers as "Smiling" Red Raper, and that boy balladier from the mountains of Western North Carolina, Ronnie Comfort. That good old mountain music will be in plentiful supply.

## Chamber Conducts Membership Drive

ANDREWS — The membership committee of the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Tye Burnette, is staging its annual membership drive during the next two weeks. Mr. Burnette says that an extensive campaign is planned and the Chamber of Commerce hopes to obtain the largest membership in its history.

Five dollars is the minimum membership and entitles the donor to a full voting voice in all matters of the Chamber. All people in Andrews will be contacted within the next two weeks for a membership.

Since becoming an active Chamber of Commerce in April of 1950, the Chamber has leased the athletic field from the Town of Andrews and made a profit of \$721 on the 1950 season. Advertising folders of the Town of Andrews have been printed and distributed throughout the country extolling the advantages of Andrews and vicinity.

The Chamber is working hand in hand with all improvement agencies to promote a better Andrews.

The industrial committee has negotiated with several concerns about placing an industry in Andrews, and it is expected that soon it will be a reality.

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, the week-end mail service has been substantially improved so that now the town has daily mail service between Western North Carolina and distant points.

In the listing of room representatives for Murphy School last week three names were listed erroneously. The names of Ben Palmer, Dewey Garrett, and Pearl Swain should have appeared.

## Grape Creek

Mrs. Luther Cornwell was the guest of Miss Dollie Martin of Unaka, Thursday afternoon. Miss Martin, at senior at Boone, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin of Unaka.

Kenneth Lunsford of Tellico Plains, is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Walter Carroll.

Everett Martin was a visitor of

Allen McDonald Friday.

Miss Neva Jean Bates spent Monday night with Miss Susie Miller.

Jake Lovingood visited his sister, Mrs. Laura Freeman Friday afternoon.

M. M. McLeymore spent a few days this week in Asheville.

Miss Doris Dockery spent Wednesday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Mae Coleman.

Robert Worley of Robbinsville spent the week-end with Mr. and



SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-8; 11 Cor. 10:20; Philippians 2:13-30; 4:18-20.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans 13:1-10.

## Stewardship of Life

Lesson for December 3, 1958

"WHAT'S the death rate here?" asked the stranger. "Same as everywhere," retorted the native son, "one to a person." Only one to a person, because there is only one life to a person. If you had nine lives or even two, you might afford to waste one (though it's doubtful). But with only one life you simply cannot afford to waste it. Of course you do waste it, in thousands of little ways; and some of these cannot be helped. But if a faucet leaks, that's no excuse for turning the water on full blast.



Dr. Foreman

God Wants You  
WITH all due respects to the arrangers of these lessons, the lesson for last week and this one seem to be in the reverse order from what is logical. It is very doubtful whether any one ever understood stewardship of money who did not understand stewardship of life first. Now in almost any church you may hear people singing, "Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Very good; wonderful. Surely these are a devoted brotherhood! But wait, what is this coming down the aisle? A man with a collection plate! Now we shall see... There's a man putting in a quarter, and there's a prosperous-looking lady laying out a five dollar bill. (She bought a \$50 cat last week.) But who is putting in his soul, his life, his all? Oh well, they didn't mean what they sang. But isn't it more than half hypocritical to sing one way and "give" another? The whole realm of nature is not yours to give; but you do have a life; and God wants it. More than he wants what we have, he wants what we are. God created you; God redeemed you; as Paul says, "You are not your own, you were bought with a price."

### Not for Preachers Only

A COMMON mistake is to think that a Christian has a choice between being a preacher and not being one. If he decides to give his life to God then he will be a preacher; otherwise he keeps his life for himself. This is absurd, when you think about it. God has the first claim on every man's life. To be a Christian is to recognize this claim. He has not a bit more claim on the preacher or the missionary than he has on the grocer or the farmer's wife. Stewardship of life means recognizing God's right, it means living your life in partnership with God. "Who sweeps a room as if Thy laws... Makes that and the action fine," sang a poet long ago. God certainly does not want all his children to be preachers. But he does want his children to live AS his children; and that means stewardship of life.

### Stewardship of Time

PICKING up again a thought from last week: Time is the raw material of life. Stewardship of life means stewardship of time. It means spending each day as if God had personally said to you: "Here are 24 fresh, new, unused hours. I shall want them back. You cannot keep them. I shall look at them to see what you have done with them." What do you do with your time? Does it count for God or against him? And yet — how many Christians there are who, if asked to do some kind thing, some simple act of mercy or friendliness, something to help some one else, something that may cost them a little trouble, —how many will say, "Sorry, I'm busy, haven't the time!"

### Gift Without the Giver is Bare

JUST put together four sentences from the four sections of the Scripture for this week, and you have the whole business of stewardship of life in a nutshell: "Having gifts, let us use them." "First they gave themselves to the Lord." "Honor such men." "My God will supply every need of yours." No one ever used for God in the service of any one gift which God did not more than repay. The gift without the giver is bare — and so is the gift without the receiver. But giver and gift, devoted in love to God and man, are rich indeed.

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Mrs. Wesley Baker.  
(Farris Johnson of Gastonia was a visitor in this section over the week-end.)

## SEW AND SAVE

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