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The Increasing Burden

Nations and sub-divisions throughout the world are in the midst of burdensome tax increases. Increased taxation has crept upon the people like a disease and they are just beginning to realize the tremendous cost of taxes.

It is true that no one tax within itself can be singled out as exceptionally oppressive. Yet all the taxes put together are becoming alarmingly high.

The people have demanded too much of their government and politicians are only too glad to accommodate constituents and try to make each and every one believe that someone else is paying the bill. As we have often said, nothing could be farther from the truth.

Every year seems to bring new taxes and when a squawk comes from some taxpayer who has begun to feel the burden there are plenty to reply and call him some kind of a selfish recluse who is not public spirited.

A nation of happy and prosperous people are those who conscientiously try to get far enough ahead of the game to insure independence and who try to foresee the day when they will not be cases for the public to care for. They have initiative and thrift. They have a desire to accumulate something honestly.

Excessive taxation destroys these attributes of good citizenship because after all a man needs encouragement. We can see no encouragement for the man who works harder and earns more—not for himself, but a tax greedy government, whether it be national, state, county or municipal.

Under the complex systems of taxation in use now by the various governments a person at the head of a very small business enterprise must spend many hours of work each month making out tax reports for the government. He gets nothing for this work. It is an additional penalty over and above the earnings he must pay in taxes.

Financing the Country Church

The great problem of the country church is to pay its proper expenses and also to grow in spiritual life. That many rural churches are now finding the answer to this problem in "the Lord's Acre" plan is evident from an article in The Progressive Farmer, which reports such instances as these:

"Rev. Marshall Nelms, now of Montezuma, Ga., while pastor of four Baptist churches in Hart county, Ga., wrote that his churches and many other Baptist churches had used the plan successfully for many years. One of his churches led the whole Southern Baptist Convention in its gifts to missions, 98 out of 100 families planting and giving one acre or more.

"Rev. P. D. Patrick, superintendent of home missions in South Carolina, reported: "We have 20 churches using the plan, who say that without it they could not carry on."

And what is the Lord's Acre plan? It is explained as follows:

"The original plan was for a church to rent a field and the members worked it together, as a church project, along with their individual crops. But many variations have been found to fit local conditions. Instead of the one field of ten or more or less acres, each family sets aside an acre for God and His church, works it along with their regular crop, and gives the proceeds of that acre to the church. Usually the crop is cotton, but often it is corn, potatoes, peanuts, or any cash crop. Another variation is for the men to raise cotton and the women and girls to raise chickens, sell eggs, etc., and the boys raise pigs or calves, the proceeds of each t.

be given to the church. But the big idea is to begin, carry on, and close the project in prayer, as a definite Christian service, the proceeds usually being divided between local expenses and missions. Sounds all right, you say, but will it really work out to the spiritual benefit of the church? Well, the folks who have tried it fairly and thoroughly have almost unanimously reported that it does work when properly conducted."

A God Subject

The American Legion has chosen a most timely subject for the essay contest to be staged in North Carolina.

When democracies of the world have been tumbling before ambitious dictators offering delusions to hungry people eager to sell their freedom for the promise of a mess of pottage, it is a good time to set the youth of today thinking about "The Advantages of American Citizenship."

American citizenship under the free form of government in use for the past century and a half offers opportunities far greater than material benefits promised but never given by dictators.

The right to live one's own life within reasonable bounds that do not conflict with the inalienable rights of others is priceless. The right to have a voice in the selection of government heads is worth more than Ethiopia will ever be worth to the people of Italy under the iron hand of Mussolini.

We must keep in mind safeguarding our form of government that the greatest asset to a democracy is prosperous people. Hungry people turn a deaf ear to talk of freedom. When Jesus lived among men He ministered to physical needs. The people were thus more responsive to the gospel of the soul.

Here is an excerpt from a recent speech in the senate by Senator Borah:

"I am perfectly aware, as we all are, of the tide which seems to be running against popular government everywhere—of the base betrayal of the people in many countries where they once had at least some authority and hoped for more, of that profound egotism which regards as of no significance the bitter experience of men and women in their long quest for liberty. But against all these things, if we have the confidence in our form of government which we profess, we can place, not theory, not hopes, not ideals merely, but 150 years of achievement, of demonstrated popular rule, with its wealth of human happiness and human progress. How puny and hollow and fleeting in comparison are the achievements of usurped power, every hour of whose existence depends upon the continued suppression of human liberty."

Wonder if there is any relation between pump handle handshaking and pump priming.

The dog which acts queerly may not have hydrophobia. Maybe its tail is wagging it.

Challenging the Social Order

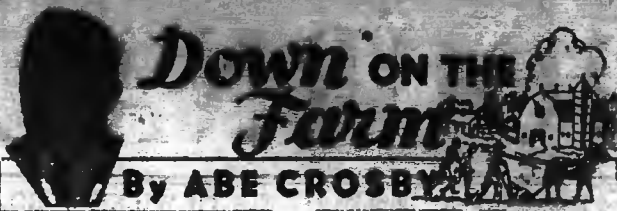
LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 6TH
Mark 2:13-22

GOLDEN TEXT: MARK 2:17

We sometimes hear a plea for the preaching of the "simple gospel." The underlying assumption is that the Christian message is spiritual and has nothing to say concerning controversial social questions. A writer to the Cleveland Press voices the following complaint: "When I go to church on Sunday I want food for my soul. Instead, I am reminded from the pulpit of the injustices in the world and even urged to assist in bettering conditions on the earth."

This naive point of view ignores the social passion of the Old Testament prophets, and the profound ethical note sounded by Jesus. Consider the Lord's Prayer. The heart of it is the petition "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth," and there are profound economic implications in "Give us this day our daily bread." The plain truth is that active righteousness is part and parcel of God's service. And right living must be social. However much as we may admire the heroic patience and resourcefulness of Robinson Crusoe it is obvious that his morality represents a minimum pattern of conduct. Man, in his normal state, is intensely gregarious. Hence, the greatest of all arts is that of living together. We are, as St. Paul insists, "members one of another."

Social action should, therefore, not be considered a merely incidental aspect of the Christian discipline. It belongs as its very center. And it must be definite. In such a perilous world as ours, seething with discontent, vague generalities will not do. We must follow some concrete plan, faulty as it may prove to be in the light of actual experience. All plans require revision. They must be tested by the method of trial and error. Jesus would be the first to insist that His Church cease to defend existing practices that no longer represent the Christian mind, and must move forward in the advocacy of new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."



Down on the Farm
By ABE CROSBY

Unfortunate is he who has been born to security. Doubly unfortunate is the young man who moulds his conduct with security as his goal. If we are to make anything of ourselves we must be willing to face the risk of insecurity. In life, as in sports, the best rule for the masterful sportsman is to play straight for the game, scornful of hazards. But to clutch for money and demand it makes one a hypocrite and a braggart. If you would have friends, be one.

The great spiritual law which provides that we lose the thing for which we selfishly strive has seemingly been overlooked in our universities and institutions that foster the so-called High Culture. Fond parents send their sons to college for but one reason—not to earn an honest living, not to render the world a service, not to perform some necessary task, but to relieve their home duties and fireside interruptions. Many go to college in order to absorb and appropriate a certain imaginary good.

Elbert Hubbard once wrote that: "One's thirtieth birthday and one's seventieth are days that press their message home with iron bands." My father said with his seventieth milestone past, "A man feels that his work is done. Dim voices are calling to me from across the Unseen." Man's work is done, and so illy, compared with what he had wished and expected! But the impressions made upon his heart by the day are no deeper than those his thirtieth birthday inspired.

At thirty, youth, with all its palates and excuses, is gone forever. The time for mere fooling is past. The young avoid you, or else look up to you as a Nestor and tempt to grow reminiscent. You are then a man and must give an account of yourself. The time has come for you to venture material welfare in this too materialistic age, to turn your back upon ambitions of power or assured positions in order that you may capture the certainty of the eternal. The highest expression to which you, as a man, may aspire.

Israel's Manna
If the children of Israel had lived for a good many generations on the manna which came every day, and spoiled it stored, they would have probably have come to thing poorly of security. But when transplanted to a country of cold winters or long dry spells, they too, would have longed for the sense of security.

In our urban civilization there are so many people who have come to rely on the monthly manna of the salary check, or the weekly manna of the pay envelope, or the government dole, as to have lost their belief in the virtue of self-support. We, however, still have to save seed, store up food and fodder and are not likely to forget that thrift and forethought are still virtues. Night descends. We rest and sleep. The new day breaks for us.

The most insecure people I have met are those who are constantly seeking new and more extraordinary ways of gratification, who feverishly follow every new clue to pleasure and careen madly after money. The pleasure-money-seeker is nearly always a discontented person, finally even by the illusion of money, and the person who makes a business of pleasure is the latest person to find it.

Mother and I, like all mortals, are busily engaged in the quest of security. We aren't authorities on the subject. We believe those upon whom fortune has heaped a full measure of success has really the slightest idea of how it all happened. To us, security is the direct result of learning. To be contented with conditions that cannot be remade. Discontented with conditions that can be improved, and saving a part of what we have honestly earned.

Abe, Woodrow or Franklin
If I want to study the birds I do not go in wild search for them; I simply seat myself on a log in the woods and, lo! soon the branches are vibrant with song. It has also been by experience that one can draw from a fuller enjoyment of life by the process of simplification and elimination than by adding and multiplying false forms of security. There are a lot of non-essentials masquerading as security that one can dismiss without the slightest sense of loss. It is really paradoxical, but it is really a fact that one of the best ways of adding to your security is to decrease too many pleasures. Work more.

In all nature there is no analogy to this thing of making an animal as big as its father except from securing its own living. For birds in a nest are fed, and young animals are suckled; but at weaning time that does not take place until long after adolescence is fraught with danger.

News Items From Summit Vicinity

SUMMIT, Jan. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Cary Church spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cog Church.

Miss Martha Barber spent the week-end visiting her sister, Mrs. Doris Blackburn, of Idlewild.

Miss Elsie Cornett, spent Saturday night with Miss Rose Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Carr Church.

Mr. Fabin Church spent Saturday night with Mr. Atris Greene.

Miss Sumer Greene, spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cornett.

Messrs. Boyce and Burl Mical visited Mr. Ralph Keys, Sunday.

Mrs. Prossley Church a daughter, Novella, spent Saturday afternoon visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beng.

NOTICE

By virtue of an execution to me directed from the Superior court of Wilkes county, in a certain action entitled Alice Miller against R. E. Elledge, G. W. Elledge, N. A. Wyatt and Elizabeth Elledge, commanding me to levy upon the property of G. W. Elledge and Elizabeth Elledge, to satisfy said execution, and levy having been made by me on the following property as prescribed by law, I will, on Monday, March 7, 1938, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title, interest and estate of the defendants, G. W. Elledge and Elizabeth Elledge, in and to the following tract of land, situated in North Wilkesboro township, and described as follows:

Beginning on a stake in the northeast line of the 16 acre tract of land owned by G. W. Elledge and Elizabeth Elledge, running a west direction to the west corner of said tract, and being located on the north end of said lands, running with the original lines so as to include a two-acre square of the said 16 acre tract of land purchased by the said G. W. Elledge and Elizabeth Elledge, from J. G. Teague, to satisfy said execution.

This February 3, 1938.
C. T. DOUGHTON, Sheriff
By Odell Whittington, D. S. 2-24-41 (T)

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February 2nd, 1938.
I, Dudley S. Hill, assistant cashier of The Northwestern Bank, swear (or affirm) that the sealed jar given to me by Mr. John R. Prevette on this date, contained the following number of coins and amounts:

Pennies	804	\$8.04
Nickels	1	.05
Dimes	31	3.10
Quarters	8	2.00
Halves	1	.50
		845 \$13.69

Signed DUDLEY S. HILL,
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 2nd day of February, 1938.
LOIS SCROGGS,
Notary Public
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NOTE FOR HOUSEWIVES: A glass of cold BUDWEISER is always a thoughtful compliment to a husband—especially in the evening. Has he ever expressed it when there were some in the icebox? Check up on your supply. Keep a carton on hand—several bottles or cans of BUDWEISER chilled and ready for instant use—just as unexpected as well as occasional.

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