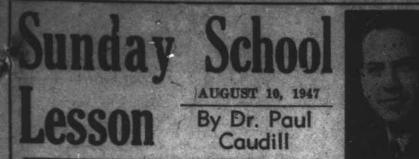
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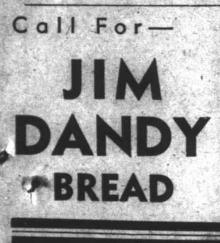
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Topic: "Purity of Heart And | but I say unto you, that everyone Life"

Scripture Lesson: Prov. 2:10-17; 4:28-27; James 1:18-15

"My strength" said Tennyson, "is as the strength of ten; because my heart is pure." Even scales of heart purity.

Jesus placed a premium upon the purity of heart and life: "Ye have heard that it was said, the security and virtue which Thou shalt not commit adultry: one finds in the pursuit of wis-



Those who are unmindful of, in their company too often, we that looketh on a woman to lust shaped according to their ways after her hath committed adul- of thinking.

try with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:27-28). He then goes on to say how it is better for a man to go through life with one eye want us to withdraw from the or with one hand, but with a motley throngs of humanity. He tion. Several visitors were also so, men of all generations have pure heart, than to go through does expect, however, for us to present. been able to measure their moral life with a whole body but keep ourselves unspotted from

The Fruits of Wisdom know not the ways of Jehovah. The first passage of Scripture Wisdom enables one to see beneath the shallow veneer of in our lesson calls attention to. dom. "For wisdom shall enter into thy heart, And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall watch over thee: To deliver thee from the cuts across the traditional patthee; Understanding shall' keep way of evil, From the men that speak perverse things" (2:10-12). The writer is saying that buke it may contain, is "pleascompany of those who speak ant" unto the soul of the wise wisdom will keep us from the perversely, who forsake the paths man.

of uprightness, and who walk in the ways of darkness. It is only reasonable to suppose that by keeping company with evil doers

the hypocrisy of evil doers. Wisdom teaches one to think for himself-to stand on his own feet in making life's appraisals. Wisdom seeks to know the ways of truth even when truth tern of thought in a painful way. Knowledge, true knowledge, however much of reproof or re-

one may sooner or later find him-self in their paths of evil. If it is

true that we are a part of all that

we come in contact with, then

we need to guard against the

perverting influences of evil do-

The Issues Of Life "Keep thy heart with all diligence," said the wise man, For out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). A man's real character is determined by his thoughts-his inner life. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. That is why Jesus put such an emphasis upon the thought life of His followers. He was interested not only in the act but in the thought which is father

to the act. "Put away from thee a wayward mouth, And perverse lips put far from thee" (4:24). It is not an easy matter for one to bridle his tongue, but it is a task which the follower of Christ should ever seek to accomplish. There is no excuse for wayward mouths." Perverse lips do not belong in the company of the upright. They are not the product of the life-giving ways of wisdom.

The upright man will seek to remove his foot from evil. He will turn neither to the right hand nor to the left (Prov. 4: 27). He will seek to keep in the midst of his heart the sayings of Jehovah. Temptation

James, in the opening verses his practical message to the

Window Fashions Topic of Meeting

THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT, NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.

Mrs, Claude Whittington was hostess to the Lewis Fork Home

Demonstration Club, which met and forgetful of, the covenant of God can make little contribution Travis Eller, called the meeting Yates and Mrs. Ray Miller. Aftat her home Friday afternoon, and sang, "Battle Hymn of the may find our own standards Republic." Mrs. Denzil Dyer was in charge of the devotional. The secretary, Mrs. Vernon Dyer, God does not expect us, in our read the last meeting's minutes.

quests for uprightness, to live She then called the roll, all memthe life of a hermit. He does not bers being present except two who were away on their vaca-

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discussion on "Fashions for Win- Ezekiel A. Coudill dows." The club discussed and made plans for the August meet-ing, which will be a picnic for the members and their families at Mrs. A. J. Proffit's on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. During an informal social

were served by Mrs. John M. rites. er the refreshments were served, pictures were taken on the lawn by Mrs. Shaw. The club has enjoyed and appreciated Mrs. Shaw's presence and aid in the flourishing of our new club and takes this means to thank her .----Mrs. Claude Whittington, reporter.

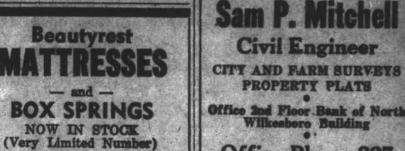
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Taken By Death Funeral service was held uesday at the home for Ezekiel Arlington Caudill, 71, well nown resident of Walnut Grove township who died Sunday. Rev. hour, jelly rolls and Coca-Colas Coy Walker conducted the last

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tribes of the dispersion, deals at great length with the matter of temptation. His discussion may be regarded as the classic. utterance of the Bible on the theme. He begins by saying "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him" (1:12). The Christian is constantly

face to face with temptation. Wherever he goes he must make decisive choices that involve not only the destiny of his own soul but the destiny of countless oth-ers. It is his responsibility to endure temptation. He is not to permit the pull of circumstance to rob him of his Christian witness. The Apostle Paul said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content" (Phil. 4:11). In other words, Paul came to the place in his Christian life that he was able to exercise a certain independence of material circumstance. He was able to say, and that in truth, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). James goes on to say, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man" (James

When a man is tempted, says James, he is merely drawn away by his own lusts, and enticed. He places himself in the way of temptation by permitting his own lusts to run riot.

"Lust when it hath conceived," sayeth James, "Beareth sin:, and the sin, when it is full grown, bringeth forth death." 'A tragic picture of the end of those who give way to temptation. This passage of Scripture ought to be committed to memory by every youth in the land, and by fathers and mothers, too.

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