

Approval and Comment

By Thad K. Jones

Letter Mr. R. E. Black wrote to his son a little while before he left this world to go to a better and worthy of a better world. Mr. Black was a member of a Baraca at Point, a city that was discharged for not being able to get out because of this evil with others robbed a and killed the cashier. Then sorrow and trouble began and others. Husband in wife and three small children without anyone to provide for them. A sad condition by whiskey drinking and sickness. And this is only a small item of the disgrace, sorrow, destruction, suffering and death caused by this deadly foe of humanity.

Dear people, let us consider what this nefarious business is doing in our beloved country. Let us consider the dangers of our highways, the dangers of our young people, especially our boys. The most of our court proceedings are caused by this drink evil. Look what it costs our country in trials of the whiskey offenders. Look at the heavy tax burdens caused partly by the whiskey business. Look at lowered standards of citizenship caused by the drink demon. We are losing the great ideals, noble purposes, and high art of true living. And so many have degraded and perverted view of life owing greatly to the depraved influence of king alcohol or the ruinous whiskey business. Dear people, I mean no offence to any one. I do not appeal to your passion, malice or envy, but I do appeal with all sincerity and earnestness of my soul to your better nature, judgment and your patriotism. Let us be truly and sincerely patriotic. Let us deny ourselves the evil passions and pleasures of this short life and thereby exalt and elevate our beloved country which is so much needed.

But I have drifted from my subject. Mr. Black warns his son about keeping bad company, telling him he can always flee from the presence of bad company and defend himself from people who influence you wrong. This is very true and good advice the condemned man's son. And so very good advice needs to be given at this time. This is a great duty for parents and which is often neglected. Men go back and parents to blame. We had better be in bad company. The Book tells us to enter the path of the wicked and in the way of evil men; pass by it, turn from it

and pass away. Proverbs. Many and terrible are the results of not heeding this great Divine command.

The condemned man gives his son some good advice, telling him to go to school, study hard and be sincere, obedient and kind and thoughtful in every walk of life, get all the learning you can and be a man the world can be proud of. The way to do this is to take Christ in your youth, let Him by faith lead you through and always be a shining light for Him. Read the Bible for how to live up to His commandments and always obey the voice of the Lord. It's going to be hard for you, but remember, son, God will never leave you nor forsake you. Discouragement is the Devil's best tool to test the spirits fervently and sincerely.

Readers, this is good and great advice, instruction and admonition, and this applies to millions and millions in our country today. More of it should be given by parents and heeded by children. This would bring about a great moral awakening and reformation which is greatly needed. Continuing his address, the father said to his son, "And when life's race has been run you will never regret that you trusted in Christ long ago. I really know, son, the way of the transgressor is hard. Here the father repeats the scripture we have all heard so often and now he knows by sad experience and can testify to the truthfulness of it. This applies to all the unconverted. You may not be a murderer, robber, or a rough, violent sinner, yet you will find the way of the transgressor is hard. Some time in this life and without true heartfelt repentance it will be rough in the beyond and eternity, suffering and wretchedness. Well has the poet said, 'It is not all of life to live.'"

The father concludes his admonition to his son, saying, "Son, please do commit thy ways unto the Lord. God bless you and give you a long life so you can testify of the blessedness of the Christ who died for us all. From your daddy. Help sisters and mother to be always happy and joyful."

Son, commit thy ways unto the Lord. How great and important this is for all people, especially Christians. The Book tells us to commit thy ways unto the Lord and He will direct thy paths, and then we would go in the ways and paths of true peace, honor and happiness. Dear people, this charge of a dying man is worthy of our serious, sober, second thought, and prayerful profound consideration.

Under the supervision of the farm agent, the Catawba County Home properties have increased in valuation nearly \$4,000 and the operating budget has dropped over \$4,000 since 1930.

Crop rotation plans, begun by Hertford County farmers in 1929 are still being followed and are proving profitable, they report.

HearD about TOWN

The other day there was a gentleman who was complaining about everything, and seemed to take especial delight in saying ugly things about Roxboro. Finally a gentleman, and one of Roxboro's best, tired of the tirade and asked him how long he had been a resident of Roxboro. About 15 years, he replied. Well, said the second gentleman, if you have lived off of Roxboro for that length of time you should be ashamed of yourself; if the town is as bad as you say, why don't you move on? There are no strings on you, and the town would be better off without you. Amen, says we.

Figure it out and see how he stands: "I am worse off than I was last Christmas; I didn't have a dollar then, and it is even worse this season." What is his condition.

Of course you knew just how it would be, but still many put off doing their Christmas shopping until the last minute, and when they tried to do their buying could hardly get waited on, and in addition, found many things sold out. Too bad, but it is always that way.

Jake says, if you like just one in filling out your table for Christmas dinner he knows where you can get that guest.

F. O. Jr., says if you want to find him during the holidays, just phone or wire Virgilia, Va.

And now, wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, we say good-bye for the dear old year of 1934.

EYE FOR DETAIL

By EMILE C. SCHNURMACHER

(Reading Time—4 minutes)

"Sure son, I liked that article you had about me in the paper yesterday. A reporter can do an old flatfoot a lot of good down to headquarters. One thing you got a bit mixed up though... that line about 'Officer Moriarity had an eye for detail that prevented a daring jewelry stick-up.' Begin your pardon for correcting yuh, it was Lefty that had the eye for detail, only he miscalculates a bit.

"Yuh see, Lefty was a guy that worked on his own. When he planned that stickup at Erskine's Jewelry Store, he had everything figured right down to the last detail. He musta studied that store for a week before the stickup. He knew that

old man Erskine let his two clerks go promptly at five, keeping the store open until quarter past.

"As near as I can figure it, he counted on doing the job at exactly five past five, allowing himself exactly four minutes to scoop up the necklaces, then slipping out of the store and losing himself in the crowd of office workers that would be coming out of the big office buildings on either side of the store.

"Yestiddy he saunters up the Avenue and has a last look in the window to see that them five diamond necklaces is still there. We know he was in front of the store because old man Erskine told me later he chanced to look out of the window and see this neatly dressed guy carefully set his watch by the clock in the window. From there he saunters North towards the Park.

"A little later, I come to relieve Officer Reilly. I've been down the block a couple times when I spot this bird half way down the block. He looks at his watch then walks briskly towards Erskine's place.

"I don't know Lefty, of course, or that he has a police record, but that brisk walk of his gets me a bit suspicious. When a guy buys jewelry, he don't walk briskly. He kinda hesitates about going into the place where he'll lay a lot of dough on the line. Sorta thinking it over, like.

"I ducks back into the doorway of a dress shop before he sees me and watches Erskine's entrance. Sure enough, this bird is only in the place five minutes when he walks out just as briskly. He takes a swift look at his watch, then looks at the office building next door and seems to hesitate a bit like he's confused. Then he walks to the curb to hail a cab.

"At that minute Erskine pokes his head out of the doorway and starts yelling bloody murder. That's enough hint for me. I yank out my gun and start running for Lefty.

"He sees me coming and, in a split second there's a gun in his hand and he lets go. He misses me and I hear a tinkle of broken glass behind me as the bullet goes through Erskine's window. Before he can fire again, I pull the trigger and drops him on the curb. Then I turns around to Erskine, who's as white as a sheet.

"What's the matter, I yell. 'Did his bullet get anyone?'

"Erskine looks at the window. Then he pulls out his watch, compares it with the clock in the window. Then he looks back to me. 'No, officer,' he says, 'the bullet didn't do much damage. Just a pane of glass and the big clock in the window. The glass is insured, and the clock. It seems too bad to punish a faithful sergant that way—on a first offense that really saved us. You can see it from inside the store and out, you see. For twenty years we've been going and coming by that clock, and today for the first time in all these twenty years it ran thirteen minutes fast.'"

Short Sermons

By Joe B. Currin

THE MEANING OF BLESSINGS

What is the measure of the Lord's blessings to His people; how does He determine how much to give them?

When we behold the earth and the heavenly bodies which are His creations there is left no room for doubt as to His ability. He who made the body can sustain the body; He who created the soul can supply the needs of the soul.

When we recall His dealings with individuals such as Moses, David, Saul, and others, we realize that He knows the conditions of each and all, and there is, therefore, no grounds to doubt His knowledge of

what to bestow on His children. Moreover, the fact that Jesus Christ died for men on Calvary should assure us that the Lord's love for us is sufficient to prompt Him to give the very best. "How shall He not with Him freely give us all things."

Since, then, His power, wisdom, and love are sufficient for us to receive the best where are we to look for the explanation of the fact that we receive what we do and no more? By what does He measure His blessings?

Is it not true that our blessings are measured by our capacity to receive and use? We do not all get the same out of a walk in the woods, a musical concert, or a visit to an art gallery. We benefit by our ability to appreciate. God's supply is unlimited but our ability to receive and use is not unlimited.

We read that at times Jesus said "Be it done unto you according to thy faith." Is that not the measure of what we get out of life? Whether it be in things material

or things spiritual are we not getting what we have faith to believe we will get? His supply is inexhaustible; His wisdom is infinite; His love is unspeakable! But there is a measure of what one receives—"According to thy faith."

FRENCH TERROR

Extraordinary revelations of the exploits of a French detective, who for nine years was a detective by day and a gangster chief at night. One of many interesting stories in the American Weekly (issue of December 30) the magazine which comes each week with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Buy your copy from your favorite news-dealer or newsboy.

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