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FINDING A NEW SENSE OF VALUES

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12: 19, 20; 18: 24-30; 19: 1-10.
MEMORY SELECTION—The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14:17.

Money, riches, possessions—that's what men are living and striving for in our day. It is going to seem a bit strange, but it will be very salutary to stress once again the eternal truth, best summarized by our Lord Jesus when he said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

I. Don't Depend on Riches (12:19, 20).

The rich man increased in selfishness as he increased in wealth. He began to feel secure because he had laid up much goods. Now he became proud and boastful. He thought he saw years of comfort and ease ahead. Evidently he had not read, or did not believe, the words of Scripture, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1; see also James 4:13-17).

Well, can a man depend on riches? The answer is no. They are here today and gone tomorrow. Man himself is here today and gone tomorrow. When he goes, he leaves all that he has unless he has invested it for God.

Money is like a broken reed. The man who leans on it will not only fall, but will pierce himself through with many sorrows (I. Tim. 6:9, 10). Don't depend on riches—they will miserably fail you in your hour of need.

II. Beware of the Snare of Riches (18:24-27).

The rich young ruler had come running to Jesus to seek eternal life, but had turned away sorrowful when he found that a man cannot love money and love God at the same time.

Jesus improved the opportunity to point out that it is impossible for a rich man to be saved, except as the grace of God gets hold of him and sets him free from dependence on his wealth.

Apart from the grace of God, it is so easy for a rich man or woman to trust in riches, and to feel no need of God.

Look again at I Timothy 6:9, 10 and you will see that even the desire to be rich leads a man into a temptation and a snare. The man of God is warned to "flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness," and thus to be able to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:11, 12).

We repeat that all this has a strange sound to modern ears, so accustomed to the worldly philosophy of trust in things and in dollars. We need to warn our young men and women about the awful danger of loving money.

There is something infinitely better than riches, and that is what we find in our next point.

III. Seek True Riches in Christ (18:28-30).

Peter and the other disciples had forsaken all the things of the world to follow Christ, and now as he reminds the Lord of that fact, he receives the assurance that there is a higher level of riches and reward for the loyal disciple.

God will never be in debt to anyone. There is no sacrifice made for his glory which does not find its glorious recompense, and no burden borne for his sake which does not bring its rich reward.

All this is not the result of some kind of a "deal" with God. We do not serve him because we expect a reward, but the assurance of the reward is there to encourage and spur us on in life and service for him.

The fact is, spiritual currency has far higher value than gold and silver of this world.

IV. Ask Christ to Deliver You From Riches (19:1-10).

Zacchaeus was a man well versed in the devious ways of the extortioner. He knew money, and how to make it. But he was not satisfied. He knew there was something more worth while than riches. His life was empty.

He sought Jesus. One look from the Master and he knew that he must lay his sinful heart open before him in confession. Salvation came to Zacchaeus that day.

Here, then, is the way to be delivered from the snare of riches—take Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. He may then entrust riches to your care to use for him, but he will deliver you from a love for gold and from the folly of putting your trust in it.

The person who lives for riches is lost (v. 10), caught in a snare (I Tim. 6:9, 10), trusting in something that will fail him when most needed (Luke 12:19, 20), and trusting something which will keep him from God (Luke 18:24-27), unless there is grace to flee from it and turn to God.

Beacon Mills Defeats Martel

Hardin Pitches Locals to W. N. C. League Win In Opener

By Quentin Enloe.

J. D. Hardin pitched six-hit ball at Swannanoa's Nolan Field and the Beacon Mills baseball team dealt Martel a 2-1 defeat in both teams' W. N. C. League opener. Over 300 fans saw the contest.

Hardin got in trouble during the opening frame when the Martel batsmen pounded his offerings for their lone tally. The tall right-hander let only one man pass second base after the first inning.

The Beacon's knotted the count in the fourth inning on a walk to Nichols, two infield outs, and a wild pitch by Martel's lanky curveball artist.

The winning Beacon marker was also unearned. Thompson walked to open Beacons' half of the seventh inning, stole second and went to third when the Martel catcher threw over the second sacker's head. The young Swannanoian streaked for home when Hardin hit a hot grounder to third, and slid in safely when the catcher let the ball trickle from his glove.

Ferguson, hard-hitting manager and third baseman for the local club, led all hitters in the fray with two doubles in four trips to the plate.

The Beacon forces play their second encounter at Asheville's McCormick field next week. Coach "Spider" Cooper's Enka aggregation will furnish the opposition in what promises to be an exciting affair.

KEY CITY WINS TWO

Swannanoa	Ab.	R.	H.
Thompson, cf.	4	0	0
Hardin, c.	4	0	0
Bailey, lf.	4	2	2
Ferguson, ss.	4	2	2
Harper, 3b.	3	0	0
McMahan, 2b.	4	1	2
Stahla, rf.	3	1	1
Mitts, p.	3	0	0
Burgess, 1b.	3	1	2

Black Mtn.	Ab.	R.	H.
Medford, c.	1	2	1
Woodside, 2b.	3	1	0
Hoffman, 3b.	3	0	0
Stevens, rf.	4	0	1
Brittain, cf.	4	2	2
Fortune, 1b.	4	1	3
Rudisill, ss.	3	0	1
Burgess, cf.	4	2	2
Stevenson, p.	4	1	3

This game was featured by home runs clouted by Fortune and Burgess in the seventh inning to win the ball game.

Headqts. Detach.	Ab.	R.	H.
Harbeson, ss.	4	1	1
Amerosa, 1b.	1	1	0
Spivey, 1b.	2	1	1
Peacock, 2b.	4	1	1
Crimpin, c.	3	1	1
McBride, 3b.	4	1	2
Stefani, cf.	4	0	1
James, lf.	3	1	0
Erwin, rf.	3	0	0
Schuman, p.	3	1	1

Black Mtn.	Ab.	R.	H.
Reese, 2b.	3	2	1
Woodside, 3b.	4	1	1
Rudicill, ss.	3	1	0
Fortune, 1b.	4	1	1
Stevens, rf.	3	2	2
Medford, c.	3	1	1
Brittain, lf.	2	1	0
McCool, cf.	2	0	0
Stevenson, p.	3	0	1

Carroll Stevens was the hitting star of this contest with a home run and single.

F. S. CUNNINGHAM LEAVING THE NEWS

F. S. Cunningham, who has been with the Black Mountain News as Linotype operator since last October, is leaving this week.

Mr. Cunningham is going into a

business of his own. He recently bought out the Gragg Print Shop here in Black Mountain and has moved it next door to the Post Office, where he intends to do job printing of all kinds. He has been in the printing business all his life and knows the business.

We wish to state here that through his untiring efforts he has helped to make the News what it is today.

We are very reluctant to lose Mr. Cunningham, but we do want him to have the best success in the world, and we will do our part toward that end.

State Bird Club Met At Boone

Plans Are Discussed For Nature Centers In North Carolina

Plans for nature centers to be set up in various sections of the state were formulated during the afternoon session of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Bird club at Appalachian State Teachers college Saturday.

The two-day session opened in Boone, N. C., Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with registration,

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included an afternoon program Saturday, a Saturday night session and a program for Sunday. Approximately 200 persons from various sections of the state attended.

A highlight of the Saturday night session was an address by Randolph Ashton, noted authority on bird life, who spoke following the banquet. A dance followed in the college gymnasium.

The program for Sunday included a number of bird hikes in the Boone area.

Miss Clara Hearne is president of the state group, and Dr. R. C. Busted is president of the Boone club.



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