

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE GOLDEN RULE

International Sunday School Lesson
for November 19, 1940

Golden Text: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."
Luke 6:31.

Lesson Text: Luke 6:27-38

With conditions in the world as they are today, with larger nations marching upon smaller nations and taking from them whatever they want, we realize that the world is not living by what we call "The Golden Rule." The "rule" existent today seems to be "do what you can unto others before they have a chance to do what they can to you," or "take what you can from others before they take what they can from you."

There are some people who say the Golden Rule will not work in the world. They don't know whether it will or not, because they have never tried it. The Golden Rule requires the putting of one's self in the other's place and then doing for that person what is believed will be best for him. The higher demand that is made for our best, truest good, the less danger will there be of our doing a thoughtless kind deed for another that is not for highest good.

Our lesson text gives us a quotation from what is known as the Sermon on the Plain, very similar in sentiment to the Sermon on the Mount, recorded by Matthew. While these may have been different sermons it is just as probable that they represent two reports of the same address. However, it is probable that Jesus very often repeated his remarks in the course of his teaching, all of which was done by word of mouth.

Luke gives us twenty-nine verses as against one hundred and eleven by Matthew, but scattered elsewhere throughout Luke's gospel are thirty-four verses, also, very similar to those given by Matthew. Luke's account begins with four beatitudes concerning the poor, hungry, sad and hated, and follows with four woes, to the rich, satisfied, glad and popular.

In his teaching Jesus always held up the highest possible ideals for mankind. No love can be greater than love for one's enemies. No deed of kindness can exceed that done for one who hates. To understand fully the revolutionary character of this teaching it must be remembered that the Old Testament emphasized hating one's enemies although there are one or two exceptions otherwise. In framing his doctrine Jesus was stating an ideal, and not promulgating a regulation to be literally observed. Loving one's enemies does not mean tolerating an injustice nor does the rule of generosity require the abandonment of all

wisdom and judgment in giving.

Our golden text is the familiar "Golden Rule" of Christianity. Confucius, the Chinese spiritual leader, framed a negative doctrine as follows, "do not to others what you would not wish done to yourself." If the world would carefully consider and act upon the Golden Rule, much of its problems would disappear. Putting ourselves in the place of the other man would make us more tolerant and more sympathetic. If one could only realize the position of other men with whom he came in contact and visualize himself in their places, he would be certain to be more considerate and generous.

Jesus advised his followers to be as merciful as the Heavenly Father. Passing censorious judgment upon others he discouraged, although love and reason some times require us to condemn the acts of others. In all things he advised extreme honesty and straight-forwardness, urging the giving of good measure, piled up rather than scraped down flat.

In these current days, let us remember the words of Jesus to all of his disciples, "Love your enemies and do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you." Hard words you say! Yes, they are but they are commandments from Jesus himself. It is easy enough to love those who are agreeable and kind to us, but to love our enemies seems almost impossible, unless we are filled with the love of God. We can love their souls but hate their deeds of wickedness. We should pray for them and do whatever we can for them.

The Golden Rule is a rule of good will and positive action. To practice it, we must do more than not mistreat others, or take revenge upon those who have wronged us, or merely feel sorry for those whose lives are controlled by sin. We must do something about it, helping with friendliness, with justice, and, above all, by sharing with them the great love of God which prompts us to practice the Golden Rule.

Who Knows?

- When did France surrender to Germany?
- How many islands comprise the Philippines?
- Who is the Prohibitionist candidate for President?
- Is Eire (Ireland) at war with Germany?
- How long is the Amazon River?
- How many Americans voted in the Presidential election of 1936?
- What has happened to the Norwegian merchant ships?
- When did the British attack French warships at Oran?
- What proportion of new American planes is going to the British?
- Has the area controlled by Germany doubled, tripled, or quadrupled since the rise of Hitler?

THE ANSWERS

- June 22, 1940.
- More than 7,000.
- Roger W. Babson.
- No; Eire is neutral.
- About 4,000 miles.
- 45,647,117.
- Most of Norway's 5,000,000 tons of shipping are in British service.
- In July.
- About one-third of the 900 planes produced monthly.
- Tripled.

- What is meant by "Defenders of the Faithful"?
- To what extent is Japan dependent upon the U. S. for scrap iron and steel?
- When was George V crowned in London?
- How many members has the American Legion?
- What American city made the fastest growth, 1930-1940?
- How large are American investments in Japan?
- Has Great Britain guaranteed Greece against attack?
- What is copra?
- What is an equinox?
- What is the "flaming onion"?

THE ANSWERS

- Mohammedans.
- In 1939 Japan got 90 per cent of her supply from this country.
- May, 1937.
- About 1,000,000.
- Miami, Florida.
- About \$169,000,000.
- Yes, provided the Greeks defend themselves.
- Dried coconut meat.
- Equal day and night the world over, which occurs twice a year.
- Incendiary anti-aircraft shells to light up the sky and break up aircraft formations.

- When will the first men be called into service under the conscription act?
- Do all of the polls indicate a

Crowding Vegetables Cuts Yield and Quality

Most vegetable crops must be thinned out in the early stages of growth. If left until they attain some size it is impossible to thin them without checking the growth of those that remain. This does not apply to carrots and beets, which may be thinned when some are large enough to use. It is the half-grown carrots that are most delicious, and the growth is so much more in length than in the diameter of the root that the thinning process does not disturb the others so much.

Turnips must be thinned before they begin to form. The early turnips are round and flat. They do not grow well if crowded. If thinning is postponed until the roots begin to form the growth of all is checked and the ravages of worms, which are always ready to feed on turnips, are likely to be fatal. If the young plants are pulled up so they stand 4 inches apart in the row in a remarkably quick time they will be large enough to use.

Beets are more easily handled than turnips when they are a little larger, and one should not fail to try a dish of beet tops with the tiny roots just beginning to form. It is a delicious introduction to the garden menu. The beets which are left in the ground should be spaced 2 inches apart.

Salsify, parsnips and witlof chery, which are to remain in the ground all season, should be thinned early to 3 or 4 inches apart in the row. If your soil is rich the smaller interval will do, but if it is not, do give more room.

Bush lima beans will never de-



Pick Every Other Beet Early for Greens.

velop properly if crowded. A foot and a half to 2 feet should be given to each plant for best results. Bush beans, green pod and wax, should have 3 or 4 inches, depending on the richness of the soil. Peas are not usually thinned but should be planted with plenty of room to grow.

Radishes are usually thinned by using them. This always results in a lot of imperfect specimens which must be thrown away. It is a good plan to thin the seedlings when they first appear.

Leaf lettuce should be thinned, when growth begins, to about one inch between plants. As lettuce is usually planted, this means discarding the big majority of the seedlings. Those remaining will develop rapidly, however, and soon will be large enough for some to be used. Pull up alternate plants for this use.

Roosevelt victory at the polls?

- What state has the largest Electoral College vote?
- How many members of the House of Representatives will be elected this year?
- How many businesses are subject to the wage and hour law?
- How does U. S. trade with Japan and China compare?
- Who is the American ambassador to China?
- How big is the Dardanelles?
- About how many Americans will vote in the Presidential election of 1940?
- Where is the Sea of Marmora?

THE ANSWERS

- November 18; 30,000 men.
- No.
- New York, 47.
- 435—the entire membership.
- Estimate: 350,000.
- 1930—trade with Japan more than double that with China.
- Nelson Trusler Johnson, 33 of whose 53 years have been spent in the Far East.
- Forty miles long; one to four miles wide.
- Estimate: 45,000,000.
- Between Turkey in Asia and Europe, separating the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus.

ERSKINE-LANE

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Lane of Tyner, became the bride of Ralph Beaumont Erskine, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Erskine, Sr., in a beautiful ceremony performed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, October 18, at Mt. Ecclesia Chapel in Oceanside, California. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Max Heindel, minister at Mt. Ecclesia. The double

ring service was used.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hood of Oceanside and Laguna Beach, California, friends of the bride and groom, were the attendants.

The groom's mother, Mrs. Ralph B. Erskine, Sr., was the couple's only attendant from the East. She wore a purple flowered crepe gown with a violet coat and a corsage of yellow roses.

The bride wore a semi-formal gown of white crepe with a wreath of orange blossoms in her hair. She carried a bouquet of pink, white and yellow roses, sweet peas and swansonia.

The matron of honor wore a gown of aqua blue crepe and carried a bouquet of golden yellow roses and swansonia.

Mrs. Oakley was the organist and used Wagner's Bridal March from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The chapel was decorated with the flowers, fruits and plants typical of the Fall season in California. Seventy-five guests accompanied the bride couple from the chapel to the Mt. Ecclesia dining hall where a wedding supper was served. The bridal table was framed at each end

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by two large baskets of California flowers, while the table was decorated in pink and yellow. The decorations of the rest of the dining hall were of the same colors. The large wedding cake in the center of the bridal table was decorated by a vase of freshly picked pansies inserted in the center of the top of the cake.

Mrs. Erskine was graduated from Chowan High School and from Guilford College. She has done graduate work at Simmons College in Boston, Mass., and at Columbia University in New York City. She has been librarian of the Gardiner Maine, Public Library for the past twelve years, during which time she has been active in the work of the State Library Association and the American Library Association as well as in other local organizations.

Mr. Erskine was graduated from Gardiner High School, Hebron Academy, and the University of New Hampshire Architectural School. He was employed for some time as an architect in Lewiston and Auburn. For the past two years he has been studying geology and mineralogy and recently founded the Beaumont Industries. He is now working with groups and individuals throughout the country in this line.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine returned to Maine by way of the Southern route and visited the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lane, at Center Hill. After November 15th, they will be at home at 25 Kingsbury Street, Gardiner, Maine.

Nature's Veil

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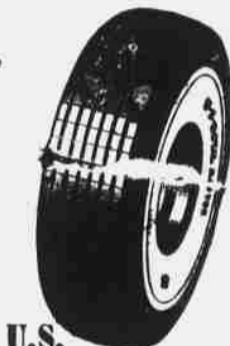
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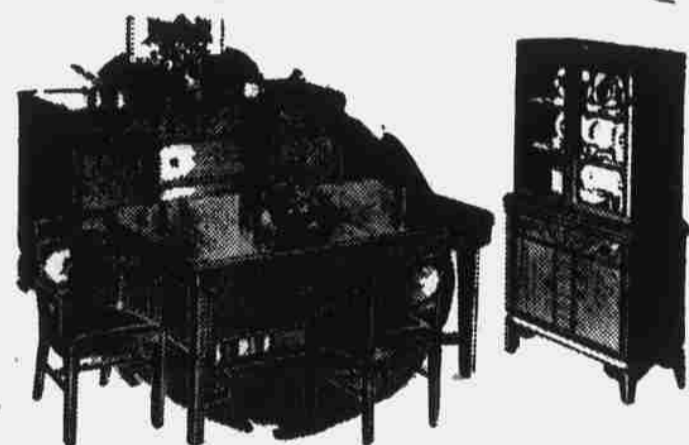
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