

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING

International Sunday School Lesson
for August 10, 1941.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep one's self unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

(Lesson Text: James 1:17-22; 2:4-17; 4:13-17; 5:12.)

There is so much in the Scripture references given for our consideration this week, that we simply cannot go into detail about James, the author of the epistle from which our lesson is taken. However, we would call your attention to the fact that the epistle written by James was probably the first of the New Testament writings, being written between A. D. 45 and A. D. 61. The theme of the letter is practical righteousness—something which needs to be more generally stressed in these days in which we live.

A careful reading of the short epistle of James will reveal a striking similarity to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5 to 7). James also emphasizes the important relationship which exists between hearing and doing. Jesus said that the wise man follows hearing with doing, but the foolish man is he who fails to practice the truth he hears (Matt. 7:27). In other words, the real Christian should practice what he preaches.

James outlines some of the things which Christians should practice: (1) Gratitude—realizing that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadows or turning." (2) Kind speech. We should keep our ears open always, but should keep our mouths closed except when we have something worthwhile to say. He advises one to be "slow to anger"—in other words, exercise self-control, realizing that one of the hardest members to control is our tongue. (3) Purity—keeping one's mind free of filthy thoughts and one's tongue clean of dirty jokes and stories. How our modern society needs such an exhortation.

While some people think that the teachings of Paul and James concerning faith clash, we do not agree. Paul thought that faith alone in Jesus Christ was necessary for salvation. Nothing that James teaches contradicts Paul's teaching. James merely states his belief that true faith in Jesus would be followed by a new life and that new life would

be productive of the necessary action—good works. Someone has said that "Faith" and "Works" are like spiritual Siamese twins. You cannot separate one from the other. Ideas not put into practice soon die. Mere good wishes never helped a destitute person. We cannot, as James declared, feed the hungry and clothe the naked merely by talking about it or wishing for it. If we are sincerely interested in the plight of the unfortunate about us, we, as real Christians, will do something about it.

James' emphasis is upon deeds. The real Christian will see to it that hearing results in deeds; faith results in deeds; and knowledge results in deeds. For, "to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17).

While some of us fail to realize it, there are two kinds of sins. There are the sins of commission, which we all admit and for which we beg forgiveness. But there are also the sins of omission—those things which we have left undone which we know we should have done. Some of us loudly boast of the negative side of our religion—sins that we do not commit—but, if we would examine our hearts, we should be forced to admit that we are great sinners in leaving undone so many things which we know we ought to have done.

If we know that we should attend the church services but do not, we are guilty of sinning. If we know that we should visit the lost to Christ but do not, we sin. If we know we should visit the sick, read God's word, live a positive Christian life, but do not, we sin.

Jesus declared, as recorded by Luke in Chapter 6, verse 46, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" True faith in Jesus Christ will be followed by sincere attempts to live as He lived and do as He did.

Lespedeza Seed Must Be Clean

D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, today issued a warning to North Carolina lespedeza growers urging that they "take immediate steps" to rid their fields of dodder, "a noxious weed," in order to obtain maximum value for their 1941 seed crop.

"Every possible measure should be taken to eradicate this costly weed in the lespedeza fields of North Carolina," he emphasized, explaining that new "regulations approved by the State Board of Agriculture prohibit sale of lespedeza seed containing more than 2,500 dodder per pound and further provide that seed sold containing more than 500 dodder

RURAL TRENDS

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TWO KINDS OF SECURITY

Every day we hear of more city-bred business and professional men buying farms. Most of them look upon these purchases as investments in future security, and they have found sound reasons behind their thinking.

Bricks and mortar, and machines and stores are by their very nature bound to disappear in time. They are subject to constant changes

which affect their real worth. But the land does not change, if it receives reasonable care. An investment in a good farm is a permanent investment. Its dollar value may vary from year to year, but it still remains the same farm, ready to produce the vital necessity—food.

The land offers two kinds of security. The first is simple and elemental—merely something to eat. Any man with hands and feet and energy can raise enough food for himself and his family. That's basic security, reduced to its lowest terms.

The broader kind of security offered by the land is protection for a way of living—a fuller kind of life than mere subsistence.

The farmer who is a good manager can always find a cash market for something that he grows, and from it secure the money to buy the things he cannot raise himself.

To earn that kind of security—to live what we have come to look upon as the American way of living—this one sound principle should never be overlooked; plan your crop before you plant it. Another way of stating that important fact is "raise a crop that will sell, instead of selling the crop you raise."

When you get right down to bed rock in thinking, all the talk we have listened to about starvation farm prices has its beginning with the farmer itself.

We are overproduced on wheat and corn and cotton, largely because too many farmers haven't learned to plan before they plant. What would you think, for example, of a manufacturer of automobiles who persisted in building 25 percent more cars than his market would absorb. Just because he had facilities for making 100 cars a day, would he be wise to build that many, knowing that he could only sell 75 a day? We would accuse such a manufacturer of being a poor planner, a poor manager, no matter how good his product.

Yet that's the very kind of thing our farmers have been doing for a generation. It is one of the basic things we must some day correct to achieve real agricultural prosperity. Some day agriculture will be operated, not on a theory of scarcity or a theory of surplus, but on a plan of producing enough. Perhaps agriculture today is too big and too scattered to plan as carefully as that, but the individual farmer can plan that way.

The man who gauges his production by what he can use, plus what he can sell, will make money out of farming. He will earn that security we like to talk about, but that so few of us ever

per pound must be labeled with a red tag."

Previously the Board permitted the sale of lespedeza containing 5,000 dodder per pound and allowed sales of lespedeza to be made containing as many as 1,000 dodder per pound without being labeled with a red tag. Thus the new regulations reduce tolerances by 50 per cent.

"North Carolina has an excellent opportunity to build a national reputation for quality lespedeza seed and the reduction of dodder tolerances allowed will enable farmers to continue a good reputation and build a better one," Coltrane asserted.

"Some farmers have been selling their neighbors and others uncleaned or poorly cleaned seed containing a high content of dodder and weed seed. It has reached the point, in many instances, where seed were not satisfactory for seeding purposes and ample regulations had to be adopted that were agronomically and economically sound."

WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stallings and family, of Sandy Cross; Mr. and Mrs. McCotter, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Riddick and Georgia Dean Riddick, of Troyville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stallings Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. John C. Trivette, of Belvidere, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Winslow Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Winslow, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Winslow.

Misses Lucille Lane, Iris Winslow, Della Winslow and Lena Winslow

went to Raleigh Monday to attend Farm and Home Week at State College.

Betty Ann Matthews, of Hertford, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow, Leslie Winslow and Elsberry Lane attended the Home-coming Day at New Hope Sunday.

Miss Syble Winslow, of Washington, D. C., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Winslow.

Miss Doris Lane spent Saturday night in Norfolk, Va., with Miss Miriam Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winslow and family, of Chuckatuck, Va., visited with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright, of near Elizabeth City. Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stallings and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Onley and son, Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stallings, Superintendent T. H. Cash and J. Hugh White, of Winston-Salem, called on Mr. White's mother, Mrs. Mary J. White, Thursday. They were enroute to Manteo to attend the Superintendents' Conference.

Mrs. Mary J. White, Misses Pearl White, Marjorie and Thelma White left Monday morning to visit in Burlington, Guilford College and Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Winslow spent Sunday in Petersburg, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lassiter, Harold and Elmer Lassiter and Miss Clema Winslow visited with relatives in Aulander Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane went to Guilford College Monday to attend the Friends Yearly meeting.

Mrs. Leland Winslow spent Thursday and Friday with her parents, at Woodville.

Curious
Lecturer—Now, is there any one here who would like to ask a question?
Some one in the audience—Yeah, what time is it?

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Stephen Elliott wish to thank friends and neighbors for the many expressions of sympathy during the recent bereavement.
THE FAMILY.

NEW RECIPES, HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE
New ways to prepare dishes, hints to lessen housework and other helpful aids for women will be found in the Housewife's Food Almanack, regular feature with the **The American Weekly**. The Big Magazine Distributed With **THE BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN**. On Sale At All Newsstands

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Friday, August 8—
Judy Canova and Francis Lederer in "PUDDIN' HEAD"

Saturday, August 9—
Charles Starrett in "THUNDER OVER THE PRAIRIES"

Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 11-12
Ann Sothern and George Murphy in "RINGSIDE MAISIE"

Wednesday, August 13—
Double Feature 10c and 20c
Humphrey Bogart in "WAGONS ROLL AT NIGHT"
Binnie Barnes in "ANGELS WITH BROKEN WINGS"

Coming Thursday and Friday, August 14-15—
George Raft, Marlene Dietrich and Edw. G. Robinson in "MANPOWER"

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. In what denominations are Defense Savings Stamps available?
A. Ten cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, \$1 and \$5. An album is given free with first stamp purchase to mount stamps of 25 cents up.

Q. In what denominations are Defense Savings Bonds available?
A. You can buy Series E Bond for \$18.75, \$37.50, \$75, \$375, or \$750. The prices of Series F Bonds range from \$74 to \$7,400; Series G Bonds from \$100 to \$10,000.

Note.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail order form.

WE DO COMMERCIAL JOB PRINTING

Local Girl Among Graduating Class

Miss Ellie Mae White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White, is among the twenty-two graduating from the Wake Forest-Meredith summer school at Mars Hill College Friday morning, August 8. Seven will receive degrees from senior schools, while fifteen from Mars Hill Junior College will receive degrees.

What?
"What's the matter with your boss' eyes?"
"They're all right as far as I know. Why?"
"Well, I had to go and see him in his office the other day and he asked me twice where my hat was, and it was on my head all the time."

Hit and Run Flyer
"Oh, Dickie, I've been stung by a wasp."
"Quick, put some ammonia on it."
"I can't, it's gone."

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NOTICE

By order of the Town Council in regular meeting, 1940 delinquent taxes in Hertford will be advertised on August 15th.

The sale of the same will be held on Monday, September 8. Please make settlement now and save additional costs of advertising.

W. G. Newby
Clerk Town of Hertford