

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

AN EXAMPLE IN HUMILITY

International Sunday School Lesson For March 9

Golden Text: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."—John 13:34.

Lesson Text: John 13:15; 34-35.

A very frequent motive moving the human heart is the desire to be first. Ambition plays a gigantic part in the life of every person.

Of the supremest importance is the establishment of the proper values for life, for men to be actuated by high principles. Throughout his brief association with his disciples, Jesus sought to create in them eternal principles by which their life could be guided.

It is hard for us to realize the entire effect of the contrast between the standard of living followed by Jesus and the high principles of his philosophy when brought into comparison with the habits and standards of the people among whom he lived. Even now, when the world has been softened and human conduct improved by his teaching, the difference between the two is still immeasurably great.

Even the immediate group of intimate associates, who accompanied Jesus throughout his active ministry, were unable at first to guess the full significance of his purpose in life. These disciples expected him to establish an earthly kingdom, to seize eventually worldly power and glory and they could not comprehend the truth that his kingdom was not of the present world.

Time and again these followers discussed their own prominence in the future kingdom. Once they asked Jesus as to the greatest in the king-

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat SELECTED SEED

WHEN METHODS OF SEED SELECTION WERE ENTIRELY UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL FARMER, THE RESULTS WERE NECESSARILY "HIT OR MISS." EVEN WHEN A MAN DEVELOPED A CERTAIN TALENT, HE HAD LESS ASSURANCE OF GOOD CROPS THAN TODAY WHEN HE HAS THE BENEFIT OF ORGANIZED FACILITIES AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS APPLIED TO PLANT BREEDING AND SEED SELECTION.



SIMILARLY, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF OUR COUNTRY, AN INDIVIDUAL, NO MATTER HOW PROVIDENT IN PLANNING FOR HIS FAMILY'S FUTURE SECURITY, LACKED THE ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS WE HAVE TODAY WITH OUR ORGANIZED FACILITIES FOR THRIFT AND SAVINGS SUCH AS LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

dom. Then it was that he called a little child and explained that except they became as little children, they would not enter into the kingdom. For, said he, whosoever would humble himself as a little child, the same would be the greatest in the kingdom. The disciples did not comprehend at all.

Months later the brothers, James and John, asked Jesus that they might sit in the favorite places in the day of glory. This request was prob-

ably an aftermath of the conflicting ambitions of the twelve, expressed in a mutual discussion. Jesus answered by laying down the rule that "whosoever would become great among you shall be servant of all."

On the last night of the life of Jesus on earth, these disciples had gathered with him in the upper room at Jerusalem. Again they had been trying to decide among themselves which one would be the greatest in the new kingdom. So, as a part of the answer to this spirit of emulation and striving, Jesus performed the menial service of washing the feet of each of his followers as they prepared to partake of the Last Supper.

The events of the week had been crowded and vital. The preceding Sunday Jesus had entered Jerusalem in triumph, acclaimed by the popularists. Monday the money-changers had been driven from the Temple. Tuesday had seen him teaching in the Temple, engaging in verbal controversy with his enemies who sought to embarrass and discredit him. Judas had begun to negotiate for his betrayal. Wednesday, Jesus had been in retirement in Bethany. Thursday, preparations had been made for Passover Feast and it was for this purpose that the gathering assembled in the upper room where the last supper became the precedent for the ordinance observed throughout Christendom today.

Jesus probably noticed that none of his followers had volunteered to cleanse the feet of the company—a sanitary requirement because of the dusty roads and the sandals worn. Realizing that each felt that such service was below his proper dignity, Jesus, conscious of his own royalty and divinity, assumed the office of slave and performed the task. Peter alone protested. By this act, Jesus once again sought to bring home the lesson that genuine greatness rested upon loving service. "The supreme test of spiritual leadership is to be conscious of great gifts and make them the instrument of humble tasks," says Francis Greenwood Peabody.

S. D. Gordon once said: "We are highest in character when we are Christliest in spirit and action. We are most like the King when we are helping others. Our true motto, in our relation to our fellows is, 'I am among you as one who serveth.' Towel and basin, bended knee and comforted pilgrim—feet and refreshed spirit—this our family crest. We are reaching highest when we are stooping lowest to help someone up. We're nearest like God in character when we're getting nearest in touch to those needing help."

Publish Report Of Variety Tests

The official report on last year's variety test program, conducted by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association and commercial seedsmen, is now ready for distribution.

The report, published under the title, "Measured Crop Performance—1946," contains performance records on every variety and strain of corn hybrids, cotton, wheat, oats, barley and rye tested under the program.

Performance has been tested under the varying conditions of the different parts of the State, and in listing this data secured from these tests, the

author has compiled information for each section of the State. Thus, a grower may check up on the crops for his part of the State without having to pore over data intended for conditions different from his.

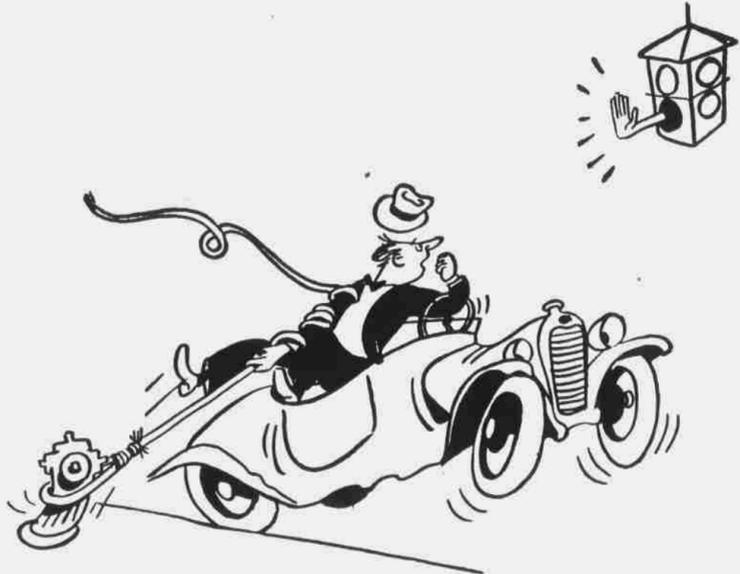
The author of the publication, Dr. R. P. More, who is also director in charge of the N. C. Seed Improvement Program, points out that one of the

most important aspects of the bulletin is the list of recommended corn hybrids. "Growers should use hybrid seed from this list," he says, "and the seed which is listed as merely 'approved'."

Free copies of the publication may be had by writing to the office of the Crop Improvement Association at State College, or to the Agricultural

Editor at State College, Raleigh. Requests should be made for "Measured Crop Performance—1946," N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 359.

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