

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Disciplines Of Discipleship (Temperance)

International Sunday School Lesson For April 24, 1949

Memory Selection: "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple."— Luke 14:27.

Lesson Text: Luke 12:16-21; 14:27-33

While Jesus did not condemn the possession of wealth in itself, he often warned of the danger connected with over-emphasis of the value of wealth to the individual. The wealthy landowner of the parable was engaged in an honorable business. He was exposed to few temptations. He was not a monster in character, but a man whose leading trait has been duplicated a million times over.

Apparently, he was talented and economical, industrious and prudent, honest and moral in all his dealings. Yet he climbed the sweaty slope of toil to the summit of worldly success only to find himself on the edge of a yawning abyss. He had laid his plans without God. He had a false sense of values. He measured success by broad fields and full barns. James Orr declares that "he made three mistakes: he mistook his body for his soul; he mistook time for eternity; and he mistook himself for God, the Ruler of all destinies."

From a worldly standpoint, this farmer was a real success. Yet success is a term of variable meaning and application. One can be successful without having much money or worldly acclaim. Do not misunderstand us. It is right to accumulate and it is wrong to be lazy and thriftless. But we must lay up in a right way the right things in the right place.

This man was rich in material wealth but Jesus intimates that he was not "rich toward God". Just what does "rich toward God" mean? God does not need our riches for himself but we need to be rich toward him by using our riches for his glory. That means that our money-getting should be more for others than for ourselves. There are many in the world today who seem to have the talent for making money and many of these use a large portion of the wealth thus attained for the good of others.

Then, in our text from Luke 14, Jesus pointed out to his disciples the real cost of discipleship. He points out that the discipline is very severe and the cost is very high. Those who would follow him should realize that they must be prepared to exercise the most severe self-discipline, for the goal of his disciples was no ordinary goal, but the goal of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus speaks of the two ways that one may travel through life—a strait gate and a narrow way that leads to life, but few people find it; and a wide gate and a broad way that lead to destruction, and many people travel it. He thus declares that the Christian pathway is narrow. There are some things that a Christian must deprive himself of in (Concluded on Page Two)



WORKIN' FOR THE FAMILY

Here is a team that is hard to beat—a family whose members work together and play together and are bound by a common tie of love and mutual interests. Such families are the hope of the world.

People do not have to be clannish or unsocial to enjoy such home life. They may have interests, associations, and pleasures outside, but their dominant interest will be in the home and the family circle.

Fortunate indeed are the children whose lots are cast in such a home. For parents who are motivated to build such homes are not apt to neglect the moral and spiritual values which make life strong and beautiful.

They turn naturally to the Church and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures for guidance, knowing that these will endure though everything else may fail.

Children reared in such homes become good citizens and useful members of society.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

- Sunday Mark 4:2-9
- Monday Isaiah 54:9-13
- Tuesday Galatians 6:1-10
- Wednesday Isaiah 55:6-11
- Thursday Psalms 126:1-9
- Friday Mark 4:26-29
- Saturday Matthew 13:36-43

For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

Copyright 1949, E. E. Krister, Strasburg, Va.

Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday

CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Walker Perry, Pastor
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except first Sunday, at 10 A. M.
Morning worship on first Sunday at 11 A. M.
Evening worship first Sunday at 7 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
E. T. Jilson, Rector
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Do Go

THIS PAGE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING FIRMS:

Mrs. Viola A. Nachman
LIFE, HOSPITALIZATION, FIRE, AUTO INSURANCE
Phone Hertford 2341

Hertford Banking Company
MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Hertford Hardware & Supply Co.
PAINTS - HARDWARE - BUILDING MATERIALS

Reed Oil Company
ESSO PRODUCTS

Phillips Brothers Bottling Co.
BUBBLE UP—PHILLIPS FINE FLAVORS

Cannon's Cleaners
PHONE 2511 PROMPT SERVICE

Z. A. Harris
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

The Southern Cotton Oil Company
HERTFORD, N. C.

I. C. Blanchard & Company, Inc.
"BLANCHARD'S" SINCE 1832

Hertford Cleaners
PHONE 3851 HERTFORD, N. C.

Roberson's
"ON THE CORNER"

Hertford Furniture Company
"MOVED IN TOWN, IT'S TRUE, BUT STILL RETAIN LOW PRICES, TOO"

Hertford Livestock & Supply Co.
PHONE 2501 HERTFORD, N. C.

Major - Loomis Lumber Company
HERTFORD, N. C.

Hertford Oil Company
SINCLAIR PRODUCTS — U. S. TIRES

Jordan's Barber Shop
BILL JORDAN, Prop.

Lynch Funeral Home
PHONE 2811 HERTFORD, N. C.

Simon's
OUTFITTERS FOR THE FAMILY

Walker's Cleaners
PHONE 2976 HERTFORD, N. C.

Johnson - White Insurance Company
GENERAL INSURANCE HERTFORD, N. C.

W. M. Morgan Furniture Company
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS — G. E. APPLIANCES

Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co.
YOUR FORD DEALER

Hertford Locker & Packing Co.
A COMPLETE LINE OF FROZEN FOODS

Towe-Webb Motor Company
CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH SALES AND SERVICE