

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LIVING TOGETHER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

International Sunday School Lesson for July 22nd, 1951.

Memory Selection: Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.—Matthew 25: 40.

Lesson Text: Romans 12: 9-21; 13: 8-10.

Many of us do not find it so difficult to love our families, our relatives and our friends, but we feel that it just is impossible for us to "love" our neighbors. They are not even likable, we say. We don't approve of what they are, say or do.

Jesus said the commandment to "Love Thy neighbor as thyself" was second only to the first and greatest of all commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . ." When asked the question, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan, which teaches that anyone who needs our help is our neighbor, whether he lives next door, on the other side of the tracks, or on the other side of the world.

Paul picks up this teaching of Jesus and repeats it in the twelfth chapter of Romans. This chapter reminds us very much of parts of the Sermon on the Mount. Paul has much to say about love here, and throughout his writings. He felt that the basic ingredient for a Christian life is love—love for God and consequent love for our fellowmen.

The twelfth chapter of Romans is a discussion of the duties of a Christian as they apply to himself and his fellowman. The thirteenth chapter outlines the Christian's civic duties. Both chapters are summed up by Paul in his repetition of the exhortation of Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is interesting to learn that this commandment was not original with Jesus. It can be found in Leviticus 19:18—another proof that Jesus knew the Scriptures.

How does Paul say the Christian should get along with his neighbor? He underlines and emphasizes the word, "love." If you love, you won't be selfish. If you love, you won't be jealous, or envious, or covetous, or suspicious. You will want to weep with your neighbor when he weeps and sincerely rejoice with him when there's an occasion for rejoicing. You will be forgiving, forgetting the unintentional slight or wrong he has done you. If we will remember the words of Jesus, who said, "Do unto others as ye would that men should do unto you," we could live peaceably and happily with our neighbors.

Who are your neighbors. They are not necessarily those who live on either side of you, and yet these are included. They are the underprivileged who need your help and influence in bettering their condition in life. They are the children who are on the borderline of juvenile delinquency in your community. They are the strangers in need of a friend. Are you a neighbor to these? The responsibility for their welfare is partly yours.

What can you do to help? You, as a Christian, can show a sympathetic interest in them. Often, just the knowledge that there is someone who is interested, someone who cares, can make all the difference in the world to those who feel neglected and dependent. It often supplies the needed spark to a new start in life.

To live peaceably in one's neighborhood, the Christian should avoid suspicion, resentment and the repetition of gossip. Henry Van Dyke gave good advice when he said: "There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart: Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; Never tell even what you know about it, unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary and that God is listening as you tell it."

BE A BETTER CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME CHURCH

NEXT SUNDAY



Could you play baseball without rules? No, in any game there are rules that must be followed. And it's because of these rules that the game is orderly and interesting. Without them a ball game would result in complete confusion, and neither the players nor the spectators would enjoy it at all.

So it is with society. Through the ages the greatest civilizations have been those with the best rules and laws. Our own United States Constitution, a masterpiece in law, has proved that good government produces a great nation.

Life must also have rules if we are to live happily. And to guide us toward this end God has given us a set of rules, which is known the world over as the Ten Commandments.

Open your Bible and learn them today—and tomorrow and always you'll be a better, happier person.

### 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.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	Proverbs	6	12-19
Monday	Romans	2	4-11
Tuesday	1 Corinthians	9	22-27
Wednesday	Philippians	3	12-16
Thursday	Proverbs	20	1-12
Friday	1 Timothy	2	1-5
Saturday	Zechariah	39	1-17

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Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
First Sunday  
11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Colon Jackson, Jr., Pastor  
Church services second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
J. S. Craffin, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

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Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
James F. Burke, Pastor  
Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.  
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

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Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
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Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. M.

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Sunday School, 11 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

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Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
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Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
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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.

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Rev. Charles F. Wulf, Rector.  
10:00 A. M., Church School, Every Sunday  
9:00 A. M., Holy Communion  
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays  
11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer  
2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays  
11:00 A. M., Holy Communion  
Third Sunday

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Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
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