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The Value of Saving

While we pose as no experts, and are usually not too free with personal advice to our readers, we would like to suggest to readers of this newspaper that the year 1956 would be an appropriate one in which to begin, or increase, your personal savings.

National statistics show that the amount of consumer credit extended in 1955 was a record high. However, this alone should not cause alarm, since personal savings also increased. Personal savings increased as did consumer credit because Americans had higher wages, salaries and profits in 1955 than ever before. In addition, more money was paid out in old age benefits, and in other benefits, than ever before.

Nevertheless, and in spite of the prospect for good business in 1956, every citizen should realize that every year cannot be a boom year and every year will not be a good year for all businesses. The prospect for 1956 is good, but the prospect for 1957 is slightly confused, since no one is sure what party will be in power, or who will be President, or what the international situation will be.

If individuals act prudently and save money in 1956, they will place themselves in a position to be able to survive temporarily depressed times. We are of the opinion that no major depression, like that experienced in 1930-33, will overtake Americans in the near future.

On the other hand, we do believe there will be adjustments and that those who have cash on hand, when these adjustments come, will be able to ride out the storm, or even take advantage of unusual opportunities. More than that, the saving of money gives one a feeling of independence and peace of mind, and actual security.

If you can do no more than save one per cent of your earnings per week, or per month, we suggest you make this a belated resolution in 1956 and stick to it throughout the year, and throughout your life, if it is possible.

January, 1956

January, the first month of the year, gets its name from Latin, and the Latin word, Januarius. The Latin word is derived from the name of a Roman god, Janus.

Anglo-Saxons, in the old days, did not use the word January, but called the first month Fulmonath, because of the fact that the wolves left the forests and entered the villages in search of food during the month of January.

Some of the most famous men in the history of the United States were born in January. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, was born on January 30th, 1882. James G. Elaine, who was at one time the most popular political leader in the country, was born at Brownsville, Pa., January 31st, 1830.

Thomas Paine, one of the country's greatest thinkers, was born in England, on January 29, 1737. Emanuel Swedenborg, a great mystic and religious thinker, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, January 29, 1688. Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet, was born in January, 1759.

Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, two brilliant military leaders of the Confederacy, were born on January 19 and January 1st, respectively. Lee was born in 1807 and Jackson in 1767, both in what was then Virginia.

James Webster, a famous statesman and lawyer, was born in Salisbury (now Franklin), New Hampshire, on January 12, 1782.

Benjamin Franklin, one of the great figures in American, was born on January 17, 1706, in Boston. Edgar Allan Poe was also born in Boston, on January 19, 1809. Salmon Chase, the sixteenth Justice of the United States, was born at Cornish, New Hampshire, on January 13, 1808. Alexander Hamilton, a great and influential force in the American Revolution, was born at Charles Town, in the West Indies, on January 11, 1757.

Millard Fillmore, thirteenth President of the United States, was born at Locke, New York, January 7, 1800.

In addition, many famous military actions have taken place in January. The Battle of Princeton took place on January 3rd, and the last battle of the War of 1812, the Battle of New Orleans, was won by the Americans on January 8th, 1815.

January, then, has been a historic month in this country. January, 1956, is the first of twelve months in a year which will produce a new President of the United States, which will probably produce prosperity for most Americans.

As January, 1956, arrives, it is well to keep in mind that the United States now stands at its peak strength, at its greatest power and influence, a giant among nations. It is, therefore, a historical January for U. S. citizens, who might face quite a task in the coming decades to maintain the American posture in a changing world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

REPENTANCE

International Sunday School Lesson For January 15, 1956

Memory Selection: "Except ye repent, ye shall all . . . perish."
 —Luke 13:5.

Lesson Text: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35.

Jesus realized that he would have only a few years of active life to establish the Kingdom of God. He did not expect its immediate and universal success but endeavored to present it to mankind so that its nature and methods could be understood and appreciated.

He had sufficient faith in the ultimate response of men that he could give his life in order to illustrate more perfectly his mission and purpose. As he preached and taught during his three active years of ministry, he was constantly seeking to explain and make more comprehensive the Kingdom of God.

The thirteenth chapter of Luke's gospel begins with telling us how Jesus exposed the prejudices and errors of some Jewish critics. They wanted to know if some Galileans, who had been slain by Pilate, had been punished for their individual sins. The reply of Jesus showed that a disaster should not always be considered a direct and positive retaliation for wrong doing. We have never been able to understand how people believe that a God of love would be so vindictive as to inflict terrible suffering on human beings. We do not believe that these things come through the direct interposition of divine authority. Rather, we believe that they result from error, ignorance and sin, not necessarily always by the injured parties, but certainly as a result of the violation of God's laws somewhere, at some time.

Jesus declared that neither these Galileans, who were killed by Herod, nor the eighteen men who were accidentally killed when the tower of Siloam toppled over on them, were any more wicked than the rest of them. But he warned his hearers that unless they put themselves into right relations with God, by repenting of their sins they would suffer, not only physical death—separation from God forever.

Then, Jesus gave them the parable of the barren fig tree, which, although not as familiar as many other parables of Jesus, is one of the most important of them all. The fig tree, which was mentioned from the early beginning of creation on down through the pages of the Old Testament, was one of the most familiar trees to the listeners of Jesus that day. It is one of the most common trees of the Near East and its fruit, in various forms, has been a part of the diet of that area for thousands of years. Therefore, Jesus was on familiar ground when he told this particular story.

The master or owner of this particular tree had noticed that, for three years, the tree had failed to have any figs on it. Disgusted with it, he ordered his vinedresser to cut it down, so that its place could be taken by a tree which would bear fruit. The vinedresser begged the master to leave it just one more year and he would tend it, dig around its roots and fertilize it. If it then failed to bear fruit, he would willingly dig it up and cast it forth.

There is no argument but that this fig tree stands for Israel, the Jewish people from whom fruit was expected. They were the Chosen People of God, to whom he had sent His Son. But, instead of accepting him, they were on the verge of killing their anointed Messiah. But, not only does the fig tree stand for Israel, and the Jews, it has a special application to each man, woman and child who has accepted Jesus Christ as his, or her, Savior. As His follower, He has the right to expect fruit—in service to him. This service can be rendered only through service to one's fellowmen.

Jesus incurred the stinging wrath of the religious leaders by healing an afflicted woman in the Synagogue on the Sabbath Day. He then gave them the Parable of the Mustard Seed, in which he likened the growth of the Kingdom of God to that of the tiny seed, which, when cultivated properly, grew into a large bush, or tree, large enough for birds to rest in its branches.

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PATTERNS IN THE SNOW

They make pretty patterns on the snow, these fences. But they were not built "for looks." They were erected for protection. They stand as bulwarks against the physical elements.

There are other kinds of bulwarks most of us need in our daily lives—spiritual bulwarks. For even the strongest of us cannot stand alone. Sometimes we think we can . . . but the moment comes when we realize how much we need help.

It is then that we turn toward the Church. And, no matter how remote we may have been, the Church stands there with doors open wide, ready to receive us.

But should we wait until we really need a spiritual bulwark? How much better to establish ourselves in the Church now and be assured of its strength and comfort through all our days.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor in 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: (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	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	48	6-16
Monday	Proverbs	22	23-29
Tuesday	Isaiah	26	1-7
Wednesday	Deuteronomy	3	1-19
Thursday	Deuteronomy	3	16-23
Friday	I Corinthians	11	23-32
Saturday	Hebrews	12	1-7

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

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

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
 Phil H. Quidley, Pastor
 Church services second Sunday at 11 A. M., fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.
 Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
 E. R. Meekins, Pastor

First Sunday:
 New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
 Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.

Second Sunday:
 Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
 Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
 Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.

Third Sunday:
 Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
 New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.

Fourth Sunday:
 Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
 Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
 Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

Fifth Sunday:
 Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
 Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH
 P. M. Porter, Jr.
 Church School, 10:06 A. M.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

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

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
 Orval Dillon, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
 Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
 Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
 Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. J. B. Stoner, Pastor
 Sunday School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Evening service 8 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
 D. Virgil Pike, Pastor
 Church School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
 J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
 Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
 I. S. Richmond, Pastor
 Church School 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock.
 Youth Fellowship, 8:45 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
 Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
 Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11 o'clock.
 Young People's meeting at 8:30 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.
 Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor
 Church School weekly at 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M.
 Holy Communion, first Sunday at 8:30 A. M., and 11:00 A. M.
 Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.

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 Neal Puckett, Minister
 Bible School Sunday 10 o'clock.
 Church Services First and Third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.
 evening services, first and third Sundays at 7 o'clock.
 Communion is served each Lord's Day morning.

CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Ralph Keith, Pastor
 Sunday School every first Sunday at 2 P. M.; preaching at 2 P. M.
 Sunday School every second and 4th Sunday at 11 A. M.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 G. B. Lawrence, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
 Church at 11 A. M., 11:45, 2:30 P. M.
 Evangelistic Services 8 P. M.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN!
 GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!