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**On Growing Old**

Growing old is something which sometimes is done graciously. All of us hope that we will be able to perform this feat graciously.

Of course, in the United States it is sometimes hard to be around for the process. With automobiles killing several thousand each month, with so many men working themselves up to a heart attack or a stroke and with other diseases taking their toll, it is sometimes difficult to make the grade.

Several who come to mind are Bernard Baruch, for example who is 90 years old and is still hale and hearty and seeing the world and offering advice. He has been advising U. S. presidents for many decades.

Another is Sir Winston Churchill, who often gets together with Baruch, who is almost as old as Baruch, and Churchill is still active, painting, writing or making speeches and traveling around the world.

Konrad Adenauer of Germany, who once said he intended to remain as Chancellor until 1962, even though he is well up in his eighties.

In the mad scramble to meet deadlines, pay bills, and keep up with the Joneses, we should

more often take the necessary time to consider the later years, the real values of life and the really important things to be concentrated on.

If we will do this and slow down, and develop a sensible philosophy, we might also live to be 80, and we might be able to kick up our heels and go around the world at 88 and see the sights!

**Newburgh's Relief Plan**

In Newburgh, New York, city officials finally tired of able-bodied loafers drawing relief checks week after week and month and month, when work was available and the loafers simply preferred to loaf.

Officials in thousands of other U. S. towns and cities have tired of the same spectacle. But in Newburgh city officials did something about it. They wrote a tough new welfare code which denied relief payments to anyone refusing available work or who had left a job voluntarily.

The plan was praised by Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, who said: "I'm tired of professional chislers walking up and down

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**Sunday School Lesson**

**DORCAS: FAITH TRANSLATED INTO SERVICE**

International Sunday School Lesson for August 6, 1961.

Memory Selection: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Hebrews 13:16).

Lesson Text: Acts 9:36-43.

Following our study of personalities of the New Testament, and lives that speak for Christ, today we come to the story of Dorcas.

When Dorcas died, she was surrounded by many friends, all mourning her loss, all weeping and exhibiting the terrible evidence of her good works: coats and garments that she had made for them. Therefore, when Peter, in the name of the Holy Spirit, brought her back to life among them, there was much rejoicing and praise for the Lord.

Dorcas was, indeed, a woman who knew how to become rich—truly rich! She discovered the truth of what our Lord meant when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

There is not one among us who has not, at times, had dreams of being rich—of having enough money to live in comfort, with, perhaps, a little left over for squandering on a few luxuries—such as human nature. Duly considering this facet of our nature, we must realize that this desire, in itself, is not evil. It merely calls attention to the fact that in this day and time money is important. It is neither good sense nor good religion to belittle the significance of money. For one thing, in a very real sense money represents our very selves. It is what we receive in return for the expenditure of ourselves. So, when we spend it, we spend ourselves—our heartbeats, our strength, our skills, and the few precious days of our years. And when we give it, we give ourselves. Yes, money is important because it represents personality in negotiable form.

Money also has decisive significance because it is an instrument for good or evil. With ten dollars we can buy enough liquor to besot our intelligence, blunt our sense of propriety, and loosen our inner controls. Or with the same amount we can buy the Bible, thus making available for ourselves the wisdom that leads to righteousness and joy. With our money we can pamper ourselves with some unneeded comfort, or we can be a partner with Christ in His work. Dorcas was honored because she served others with the means that she had. What we gain to use only for ourselves never makes us truly rich. We can see the proof of this anywhere we care to look, beginning even with ourselves. So, says Jesus in effect, "Do you want to become rich? Then try giving yourself away." This is what Dorcas did.

Our Lord recognized the importance of getting, if one is to live; but He emphasized also that blessedness—the greatest joy of life—comes only as we relate getting to giving. It is only as we emulate the examples of persons like Dorcas that we become truly rich. And, of course, the Supreme Example is Jesus himself. Although he died at thirty-three, he was the richest man who has ever lived. He was rich in heart and mind, rich in achievement of good that would live on after him, rich in abiding satisfactions. He became rich through giving.

If we truly want to become rich we must try giving ourselves away as did Dorcas. We must try spending our lives for values that are eternal. We must invest ourselves in deeds of mercy. We must support justice, proclaim truth, create beauty, serve righteousness, and minister to others in a spirit of love. In short, we must try to give all we can of ourselves to the work of Jesus Christ on earth.

We are sometimes inclined to grumble when our church makes an appeal for financial support. We need to remember that the money we give in regular pledges to support the budgets of our churches makes us truly rich as Dorcas was rich. By means of our pledged to these budgets we help open doors of healing and hope and new life to millions of people the world over, whom hunger needs are the greatest. We need but to remember, of such is the Kingdom of God.

**the martian question**

Something to think about . . . If there are intelligent creatures on some other planet, your son and pine may one day meet them!

What sort of people would you hope these "Martians" to be?

Believers in God . . . or atheists?

Men and women with spiritual ideals . . . or materialists of the Krenbia vintage?

Warm-hearted, friendly, with a Christian sense of values . . . or ruthless, indifferent, dedicated only to self?

WOULDN'T IT BE HEARTENING to find on that planet a world of churches . . . of faith . . . of folks at worship and at work for the Truth revealed to them by God?

Something to think about . . . Next Sunday! In this world! Which isn't yet all we want Mars to be!

**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 powerhouse of spiritual values. Without a living Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four main reasons why every person should attend 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	Chap.	Verses
Sunday	John	14	25-33
Monday	John	15	12-17
Tuesday	Acts	2	43-47
Wednesday	Acts	10	34-43
Thursday	Romans	1	18-23
Friday	Romans	15	1-5
Saturday	1 Peter	3	8-12

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**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Norman Harris, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Joe Bricehouse, Pastor  
Bible School, 10:00 A. M.  
Worship Service, 11:00 A. M., 1st and 3rd Sundays. Communion every Sunday.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. J. McClellan, Pastor  
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock, 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**

Rev. Lester Hall, Pastor  
Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday 7:30 P. M.  
Epworth Church: 1st Sunday 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.  
Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.

**NEW HOPE - WOODLAND**  
Dan E. Meadows, Pastor  
New Hope: Church School, 10 A. M.; 1st and 3rd Sundays; 7:30 P. M., 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Woodland: Church School, 10 A. M.; worship service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 1st and 3rd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

**ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. C. T. Wilson, Pastor  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
William S. Brown, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.; Morning Worship, 11 A. M.; Training Union, 6:30 P. M.; Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Hershel Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.; Worship Service, 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.; Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. M.; Prayer Service, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. B. Hammett, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.

**PINEY WOODS FRIELDS CHURCH**  
Mark Hooper, Pastor  
Church School 10 A. M.  
Morning worship 11 A. M.  
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

**WHITEVILLE GRAY'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Walter Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Fred Still, Pastor  
Church School 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock  
Youth Fellowship, 4:45 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
A. E. Barefoot, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11 o'clock  
Young People's meeting at 6:15 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock.

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector  
Holy Communion, 8:00 A. M.; Morning prayer and sermon, 10:00 A. M.

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Charles Presley, Pastor  
Bible School each Sunday at 10 o'clock; Holy Communion each Sunday; Worship Services, first and third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock; Evening Worship Service at 7:30 o'clock. Adult Study Classes and Youth Meetings first and third Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Worship services every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M. BFO every Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley A. G. Elder  
Sunday School 10 A. M.; Worship at 11 A. M.; Evangelistic Services 7:30; Prayer Meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock; and CA Services Friday night at 8 o'clock.

**MT. SIBAY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Walter Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Worship services, 1st and 3rd Sunday evening at 8 o'clock; 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.

**BETHANY METHODIST CHURCH**  
C. T. Wilson, Pastor  
Services 9:45 second and fourth Sundays. Sunday School at 10