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Advice To Graduates

In this season of commencement oratory, when the young people of the nation are being given tons and tons of advice, we add our words of wisdom.
 We would say to the young men and women that they should guard against making the mistake that sets the acquisition of money as the first objective of their human activity.
 We would, next, urge them

to seek an understanding of the expression that happiness is to be found within themselves, rather than in other people, or external forces.
 Thirdly, in their youthful zeal and enthusiasm, remember that the world is an old place, populated by an ancient race, and that human relationships and customs are not to be lightly challenged, or changed overnight, or thrown into the garbage can.
 The last piece of advice would be to induce them to seriously set their own values upon all things and, once convinced of the real value of anything, that they live their lives on the basis of their honest appraisal.

The Drowning Season

The approach of swimming weather brings to mind the fact that each year some thousands of persons drown because sensible precautions were not followed by the victims.
 The following rules bear repeating:

1. Do not go swimming too early.
 2. Use supervised pools.
 3. Stay ashore in heavy weather.
 4. Keep children out of boats not equipped with life preservers, or without swimmers aboard.
 5. Teach children to swim early.
- One other word of caution is the suggestion that you try one of several floating techniques when next in the

Traffic Accidents

Traffic wasn't much of a problem a few centuries ago. But then the individual began to assert himself. He acquired a horse, later a wagon and if he made enough money he bought another horse, one with better lines and more speed and a buggy for him to pull.
 The automobile, mass production, easier financing and better roads brought on a revolution in transportation. Traffic began to get somewhat congested.
 And it was about this time that we began fighting each other and having wrecks on the highways.
 One of the deplorable attitudes that lead to traffic accidents and suffering is our inborn competitiveness. We compete with nature, with other countries, with each other, and in so doing we've become a mighty nation. But there are limits to this competitive spirit.
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Sunday School Lesson

"YOU ARE THE MAN"
 International Sunday School Lesson for May 30

Memory Selection: "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."—Exodus 20:5-6.
 Lesson Text: 2 Samuel 11 through 13.

Today the theme of our lesson is in regard to the opportunities and responsibilities we have when we are confronted by our own sins and the sins of society.
 Up until now we have been studying the life of David in his splendid manhood; his wisdom and sense of fairness and his sense of responsibility as a leader of his people chosen by God. In this lesson we are made acutely aware of the fact that David was a mortal man, such as we are, and as such, was extremely vulnerable to sudden temptation.
 It is a remarkable fact that the Bible records the evil along with the good; thus we see that most of the men of great stature in Biblical times had their weaknesses and their failings. Temptation came to them just as it comes to us today, and then, as now, the sins of just one person can bring tragedy to the lives of many. David coveted the wife of another, and for this he paid dearly, as Nathan, the prophet, had warned.
 Nathan, charged by God to confront David with his sinful acts, approached the matter obliquely; he used the parable of the one ewe lamb. David, incensed at such injustice, roundly condemned the rich man in the parable, and this gave Nathan the opening for which he sought. One can only imagine the shock David felt when he saw the truth of Nathan's charge.
 It is a human failing that we see the faults of others more easily than we see our own. But it is much to David's credit that he acknowledged his sin and repented. It takes a great man to do that, and to stand up to the consequences of a sinful act. This David did, and was forgiven of his sin, although that did not avert the punishment that was to befall him.
 Here is another lesson for us to learn; confession and repentance will, by God's own covenant, restore the sinner to grace. It will not, however, undo the harm that has been done, and the natural consequences of a sinful act must be borne.
 Sin and God are always on opposite sides. God hates sin — but loves the sinner enough to send his only begotten Son to die an agonizing death on the cross in order to save mankind. No greater proof of His love could be offered. He is a merciful and forgiving God, but we must never lose sight of the fact that he is also a just God.
 For what sins is he judging us? Are we selfish with our possessions, and careless of the possessions and rights of others? Are we condoning wrongs in our society that we would not condone individually? Is the "herd instinct" binding us to what is right and what is wrong? Collective sin is just as bad as individual sin — in God's eyes. But in this case repentance cannot come from society — it must come from the individual, because, in the final analysis, individuals make up society.
 Society has its problems today. Because we are society, the problems are ours; and while we, as individuals, may have had no hand in the making, still the fact remains we are the ones who must do something about them. David was the servant of God; it was only after he repented of his sins that he was restored to God's service.
 How much of a parallel can the story of David find in our lives

Make Church Going A Habit

NOON by the Chapel Clock



One . . . two . . . three.
 Four years Connie and I have listened to that deep, resonant chime counting off the hours of our college days. Sometimes it was just part of the setting at State—like the Commons, and the Quad, and Moonlight Walk. But often it called us to high moments of worship and thought and prayer.
 Four . . . five . . . six.
 Today we pause, and count! Exams are over. Trunks are packed. Books are on their way back to the Library. Tomorrow — Commencement.
 Seven . . . eight . . . nine.
 Again we're reading each other's thoughts. Let's walk once more through that graceful arch, hand-in-hand and smiling. Let's kneel together in the sacred stillness, breathing our thanks . . . our hopes . . . our needs . . . our dreams. For life and love await us. And these we will share with God! It is Noon by the Chapel Clock.
 Ten . . . eleven . . . twelve.

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 read your Bible daily.
 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.
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Sunday Psalms 4:1-8	Monday Isaiah 45:20-25	Tuesday Matthew 16:1-12	Wednesday Romans 8:1-5	Thursday Ephesians 4:1-9	Friday Ephesians 4:11-16	Saturday 1 Timothy 2:1-7
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