Sunday School THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE AND WORK

Since all that we are and posses constitute an entrust-ment from the Lord, today's lesson challenges us to be faithful stewards of all that He has committed to us. Nehemiah 2:11-18

In his youth Nehemiah was a captive is a strange land, and was appointed by Artaxeres, king of Persia, to the responsible position of cupbearer, which task required tha services of one whose character and loyalty were unquestioned. Later, when some Jewish brethren, including his own brother, Hanani, were visiting him, he inquired concerning his people and their beloved city. With sad voices they reported that the Jews in erusalem were in miserable and deplorable condition, that the walls of the city were broken down, its gates burned, its streets filled with rubble, and its people living in poverty. Nehemiah sat down, wept, fasted, and prayed.

Normally Nehemiah was happy and buoyant, so when he appeared before the king with a sad countenance the latter inquired as to the cause of his unhappiness. He explained that he was grieved because Jerusalem was ruins and his people were suffering. He requested ermission to return to his beloved city for the purpose of leading in the work of reconstruction. The king ranted his request, gave him assistance, and sent him in his mission of doing all that he could for his people.

Man of God that he was, Nehemiah sought divine counsel upon his arrival there. After spending three days in meditation, he arose in the night and, with a few friends, made a personal investigation of the existing conditions. Then, he called a meeting of the Jewish leaders and disclosed to them how God had led him to them, and what he intended to do. So ardent was his eloquence and so cogent was his argument that the assembly shouted, "Let us rise up and build." Nehemiah's faithfulness in the stewardship of his life and work inspiried others to join him in discharging their duties also for the glory of God. Together they en-joyed the blessing of God upon their efforts.

John 15:1-5

When about to leave them, Christ informed the disciples that they could maintain an intimate fellowship with Him, which relationship was like unto the figure of the vine and its branches. Fellowship with Ghrist is the secret of a radiant personality, the untroubled heart, the victorious life, and effective service. It results in fruit-bearing for Christ. Because He is the life-giving vine, the belivers, who are the branches, should bear much good fruit for the Lord. This calls for pruning, purging, and cleansing. While this process is not always pleasant, it is profitable. Often when the beliver is pleased with what he has done, the Lord purges or cleanses the branch in order that it may prouce more and better fruit.

For abundant furitfulness is the Christian life, there ust be a regular study of the Word of God for correcn and instruction, a frequent calling upon God in rayer, and a consistent dipendence upon Him for the cessary strength for various living, and for the doing of all things that are harmonious with God's will. When the Christian's surrender and Christ's strength unite proper fruit always results. In the bearing of fruit for Christ the believer fulfills his purpose in life and the Lord is glorified. The more fruit of the right sort that the Christian bears, the more that the Lord' is honored and glorified.

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Miss Stallings

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stallings of Rt. 1, Belvidere announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Ann to Michael Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollo P. White, also of Belvidere. The wedding is set for Feb. 17 at the Up River Friends Church at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

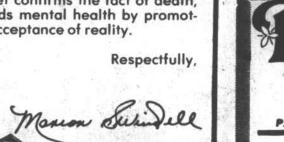
We wish to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness such as cards, prayers, food, flowers, and visits shown to me while I was a patient in the hospital and since my return home.

John Dilbon Young

For Your Information =

Dear friends,

The funeral is a rite of separation. It confirms the reality of death. This, psychiatrists say, is a necessary be-ginning toward healthy adjustment to the loss. Viewing the deceased in the casket confirms the fact of death, safeguards mental health by promoting the acceptance of reality.





Miss Sherlock

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Earl Sherlock of 1109 Weeks Street, Elizabeth City announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette Lynne to Floyd Gene Etheridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy C. Etheridge of Route 1, Hertford. The wedding is set for Februrary 24 at the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City at 2 p.m.

The Perguimans Weekly, Hertford, N.C., Thursday, January 25, 1979-Page 3 Tucker-Spear Exchange Vows

Berea Church of Christ was the setting Dec. 24 for the wedding uniting Helen Carol Tucker and Dutchie Spear, Jr. The Rev. Thomas Biggs heard the vows exchanged at 3 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Tucker of Durants Neck and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dutchie Spear, Sr. of Hertford.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride had Ms. Paula Poyner of Elizabeth City as her honor attendant.

Music was provided by Miss Susan Banks of Durants Neck Community Hertford and mistresses of Building. ceremony were Mrs. The bride is a graduate

Johnny Jarman of at Belk-Tyler Co. The Spear, brother of the at Winslow Oil Co.

Norman Justice and Mrs. of Norview High School in Melvin Eure, Sr. Norfolk, and is employed

Clearwater, Fla., served bridegroom is a as best man. Ushers were Perquimans High School Pat Harrell and Jackie graduate and is employed The couple will make

bridegroom. Following the ceremony, their home on Rt. 3 in a reception was held at Hertford.

Friendship Senior Citizen Club Meets

"Showing You Care" ford Friendship Senior Citizen Club Members, during the Hoilday Season recently. The club members collected and shared gifts among 35 sick

Club President, Mrs. R.B. was the theme of the Hert- · Gibbs, Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Extension Agent, Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Holley, and Mrs. Sadie Davis. All of the sick and shut-ins visited expressed thanks and lost tears of joy

that entered their hearts as quimans County Commis- from the talk on "Sharing and shut-ins. A special a result of the Holiday sioners, and Billy Wooten, of Love" by the club presi-committee included the spirit shared with them. County Recreation Leader. dent, Mrs. Gibbs.

The gifts were collected The devotion was given by during their annual Rev. J.H. London, Pastor Christmas Dinner Meeting of the First Baptist which was held at Wynn Church. A demonstration Fork Court. During the was given on Dried Fruit meeting special greetings Punch and Food Safety by were given by Joe Nowell, Mrs. M.B. Taylor. The Chairman of the Per- members were inspired

Memory Lane Club meets

January 15, 1979 at the Bible and reflected on Parks and Recreation R.E.A. Building. There thoughts and medita-were twenty-seven tions for the new year. sent. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Elaine Phillips. District 1-B. It is expected who wish to make the trip

The Memory Lane Mrs. Selma Harrell read the Memory Lane Club will are asked to sign up in Senior Citizens Club met a short message from the come under the March. thoughts and memories of Department.

will be in Elizabeth City Mrs. Grace Dizon was either the 16 or 17 of May.

Information on how to The Rockaway Revue obtain ID cards was discussed, also how to get help with house repairs



