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To promote the morale of all Greensboro citizens and those individuals living in the United States who might perchance read this paper.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Supreme Test of Discipleship.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—John 13:34.

The Underlying Motive.

During this quarter we have examined the ten commandments in the light of the teaching of Jesus. We have noticed how the New Testament teaching enlarges upon this ancient code. In every case the interpretation that Jesus gave was broader and deeper. The contrast is between the old law, which looked only to the thing done, and his new law, which goes back to the motive. Jesus declares that what is wrong even in murder is not only the deadly blow but also the hatred out of which it springs. So in his treatment of all offenses he shows that the motive is the vital part of the act.

It is clear that Jesus had a high regard for this basic moral code of his people. "I came not to destroy, but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17). However, the emphasis of his teaching was positive and inward. While the law was negative ("Thou shalt not") and outward, he was more interested in doing good than in doing evil. He believed that if the inward attitude was right, the outward acts would be just and fair.

In response to an inquiry on the part of one of the scribes Jesus simplified the commandments by reducing them to two positive principles: Love toward God and love toward one's neighbor. He felt these principles to be so important and universal that he declared, "On these two commandments the whole law hangeth"

(Matthew 22:40).

Was Jesus right in thus reducing all morality to such a formula? Experience indicates that he was. The only adequate fulfillment of this or any other code of conduct is through the prompting of an inward desire of motive. Slavish conformity to rules and regulations is not enough. At best it results only in an artificial goodness, which is neither attractive or genuine. Back of the code there must be a spiritual attitude of devotion so deep that we automatically observe the requirements of the code itself. We do not need a set of laws to guarantee our proper treatment of those we love. The deep prompting of our affection fulfills all requirements. It becomes instinctive with us to promote the welfare of others and to avoid what would do them injustice or harm. Not many of us are acquainted in detail with the laws and ordinances of the community in which we live; but if we are good citizens, we unconsciously obey them. We have an inner regard for the welfare of our neighbors, and this makes us naturally law-abiding.

Why did Jesus make the first and greatest commandment "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength"? Many modern teachers and reformers would not agree with him in this. They insist that the most important thing is to secure correct human relationships. They would put first "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus, however, considered a right attitude toward God as the basis of all other right relationships. He believed that if people loved God, love for man would follow naturally. Was Jesus right in this particular?

If to love God is to love what God is—that is, truth, goodness, beauty—then it would certainly seem that an attitude of devotion toward these final values and meanings of life must underlie all satisfactory relations to our fellow men. On the other hand, a perfect order of society would not guarantee perfect human relations unless there were real devotion, on the part of the individuals who compose society, to goodness, truth, and beauty.

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MEBANE NEWS

Pfc. Graves Vincent, of Ft. Benning, Ga., is spending a 15-day furlough at home with his parents on Mebane route 3.

Mrs. Jim Scott spent Monday in Burlington on business.

Mrs. Mary Rogers visited her sister, who is ill in Hillsboro last Sunday.

Mrs. James Jones and family are visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cora Byod, who is ill in Hillsboro.

Church News.

Second Sunday evening at 3

Wrap the trunks of newly planted shade trees loosely with burlap to prevent sun scald says Glenn O. Randall, horticulturist with the State College Experiment Station.

o'clock there will be a musical program at Kimes' chapel Baptist church, north Mebane. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Neil, of Reidsville.

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