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# PRIMARY ELECTION - SATURDAY MAY 4th

Saturday, May 4, 1968 is Primary Election Day. New-comers can register to vote in the General Election on November 6. Democrats will be voting against Democrats and Republicans will be voting against each other for the purpose of elimination. Democrats will vote against Republicans in the General Election on November 6. Several Negroes are seeking state office in the Primary Election. A few of them are Dr. R. A. Hawkins for Governor, Henry Frye, who is running for House of Representatives and Rev. Cecil Bishop for County Board of Commissioners. Negroes, throughout the state, are seeking office.

Several disagreements exist in this county concerning the government. They include fair employment, destruction of property, and dissatisfaction with the Police Department.

Study your candidate. See if he has a plank which would be suitable to minimize many of these disagreements.

Now is the time for citizens to be aware of a House of Representatives of Guilford County, Congressmen, state and national Senators, Superior Court Judges and other officials. Henry Frye, a Negro of the city, will run for the House of Representatives. The Governor and Lt. Governor of North Carolina will be elected, and of course the President of the United States will be elected this year. Although each official has his specific duties, each depends upon the other for something, if the government is to function smoothly.

It is not our policy to tell our readers who to vote for, but we do stress that all of our readers exercise their franchise at the polls, especially for our state officials. It is also stressed that our readers investigate the candidates so that they will be aware of the platform and the type of qualities they possess. I think every candidate has at least one plank that he would like to inject into our government. Be aware of the candidate who has a long drawn-out platform — especially for the Negro, and conceals that which he has for the white. I am more impressed with a candidate who seeks office with one good plank which will benefit all the citizens at large and with a good sober mind to adhere to any other problem which comes into existence while serving as an official which will benefit the majority of the citizens.

We are informing you. Some of the candidates have served before. You know what happened. Be aware of this type of thing in this election. We urge our readers to talk with the candidate before casting your vote so that you may know something about his platform, or at least his qualifications.

Remember the many things which exist that you liked and disliked with the last city officials. Now is the time to put into office the person that will re-adjust all the ill will that we criticize.

We often state the danger of paid team workers around the polls for a certain candidate. That is good for the person who does not know to vote, but it is bad to be persuaded to vote for the wrong candidate. That is why we urge our readers to know your candidate. Call him up, ask questions. Talk with your neighbors, especially those who know the purpose of the election.

A diagram published in the daily paper shows the voting machine and the candidates. Diagrams should be drawn on the writing boards so that the children can go home and tell their parents how to vote, using the new machines. One has the privilege of being taught how to use the voting machines. All he has to do is go to the designated place.

Children are one of the best advertising media that can exist. I remember that all of the schools did just that for every class in the public school system when it came that they must vote for a bond referendum to supplement the teachers' salaries and improve the school's facilities. All of the school officials followed through with this plan on voting day. I still don't believe it will hurt each teacher in the public school to take about three or five minutes to tell the students how important it would be for them to tell their parents when and how to vote for officials, rather than a group standing around the polls, being paid to advise registrants who to vote for. It has been said that a voteless person is a hopeless person.

# This Week's Sunday School Lesson

## THE WISDOM OF SELF-CONTROL

### What Is Our Concern?

At the end of this month we Americans will engage in one of our grimmest games. When it is over, several hundred men, women, and children will be dead. The name of the game is Highway Murder, and the next occasion for playing it is the Memorial Day weekend. It is also played at Christmas, New Year's, Labor Day, the Fourth of July—any time when millions of Americans use the highways. The toll to date of destruction on the highways is greater than that of all of America's wars, from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam.

Some people like to relieve themselves of responsibility by assuming that this tremendous death toll is largely due to mechanical failures. But the fact is that most are human failures, the chief of which is lack of discipline or self-control. Roswell P. Barnes contends that discipline breaks down when persons no longer respect the value of human life. Such persons feel entitled to have anything they want, no matter who else gets hurt. This attitude really means that they respect neither themselves nor others.

On the highway such a person is a menace. If he has been drinking, the danger is multiplied. When this irresponsible person gets behind the wheel of his car on a public highway, his actions are no longer his own affair. Society then has the right to regulate his behavior, including his right to drink.

Certainly, in the context of the social consequences of lack of self-control, we can see the "wisdom" of the teachings of the sages of Israel regarding the need for self-control.

### Before You Read the Scripture

The selections from Proverbs 16 and 20 are from a collection of 375 sayings called the "Proverbs of Solomon," which is probably the oldest part of the book—not later than 700 B. C. The selections from Chapter 23 are part of the "Sayings of the Wise," from about the seventh century B. C.

The Hebrew proverbs have two basic forms, both of which involve parallelism. They are called "antithetic" and "synonymous" parallelism. Antithetic parallelism contrasts two ideas. For example,

Wisdom is a fountain of life to him who has it,  
 but folly is the chastisement of fools. (16:22)

In synonymous parallelism the second line reinforces the first with a similar or related idea. For example,

A worthless man plots evil,  
 and his speech is like a scorching fire. (16:27)

### What the Scripture Says

The Scripture for today is Proverbs 16:22-32; 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35. Selected verses are printed below. See Home Bible Study suggestions in the back of the quarterly.

Proverbs 20:1

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler;  
 and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-35

19 Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your mind in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers, or among gluttonous eaters of meat;

21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.

29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?

Who has strife? Who has complaining?

Who has wounds without cause?

Who has redness of eyes?

30 Those who tarry long over wine,

those who go to try mixed wine.

31 Do not look at wine when it is red,

when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly.

32 At the last it bites like a serpent,

and stings like an adder.

33 Your eyes will see strange things,

and your mind utter perverse things.

34 You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,

like one who lies on the top of a mast.

35 "They struck me," you will say, "but I was not hurt; they beat me, but I did not feel it.

When shall I awake?

I will seek another drink."

### Memory Selection:

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
 and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

—Proverbs 16:32

### How We Understand the Scripture

Proverbs 16:22-32 points to speech as both a positive and a negative force in human relations. (See verses 23-24 and verses 27-28.)

Students of communication today know that the spoken language is only one means of communication. Edward T. Hall, a leading anthropologist, has written a book entitled *The Silent Language*, in which he examines the ways people "talk" to one another by other means than words. This knowledge is not new, for the wise men of Israel knew about nonverbal communication. In Proverbs 16:30 they point out how a wink or the way a person holds his mouth conveys meaning to others.

Proverbs 20:1 speaks of the folly of drunkenness. The word translated "led astray," can also mean "stagger" or "reel."

Proverbs 23:29-35 is an essay on the terrible consequences of drunkenness. Verse 29 refers to bloodshot eyes; verse 33, to hallucinations; verse 35, to addiction or alcoholism.

### What the Scripture Says to Us

The wise men of Israel championed the temperate life. They were aware of the dangers of excessive eating and careless talking as well as the tragedy of intemperate drinking. In America in 1968 each of these three expressions of lack of self-con-

trol is extremely evident. Let us consider them.

### Harmful Speaking

We have all known at some time or another someone who is a gossip. The proverb writer said, "A whisperer separates close friends." (16:28) Today's gossip fractures friendships and sometimes causes grievous personal harm to the person or persons involved. For example, I know of a minister who only last year left his home conference and went to another state because someone started a false rumor that he was having an affair with a woman in the congregation.

Gossip is malicious; and, unfortunately, it seems to be as prevalent among church members as among other members of society. What motivates a gossip? Is it insecurity? Is it a desire to "cut down" someone who occupies a respected place in the community? Is it self-hatred?

The uncontrolled tongue is not limited to attacks on individuals. The proverb writer says, "A perverse man spreads strife"; and, indeed, many such persons are operating in America today. A number of these troublemakers stir up suspicion and hatred toward The Methodist Church, the National Council of Churches, the United Nations, and anyone else they choose to hate. They confuse and mislead many persons who read their writings or hear them on the radio. Truly their speech is "like a scorching fire." (16:27)

What can we do about hate-mongers who speak carelessly and maliciously? For one thing, we can "turn them off" and not believe or repeat their bitter accusations. And certainly we can control our own tongues. We can make it a conscious and explicit part of our personal code of conduct to refrain from malicious gossip about other persons or groups.

Closely related to this problem is the need to refrain from telling jokes about racial or religious groups. Our unthinking repetition of such a joke can delay the building of good relations among the various racial, religious, and ethnic groups in the community.

### Intemperate Eating

The wise men of Israel also warned against intemperance in eating. "Be not . . . among gluttonous eaters," they said. (23:20) They based their warnings on economic reasons: "The glutton will come to poverty." (23:21) But in America in 1968 we know other reasons why the advice is still good.

One of my physician friends said recently, "Many of my patients are digging their graves with their teeth." This may sound rather inelegant, but we get the point. Over-eating is a national problem. Physical consequences include obesity, strain on heart, lungs, and circulatory system, and — frequently — a shortened life.

### Uncontrolled Emotions

Self-control in one's behavior includes not only one's speech and one's eating habits but one's emotions as well. The wise men placed high value on this aspect

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