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## CHILDREN'S DAY

Have you forgotten Children's Day, which was celebrated on the second Sunday in June, the 14th? This day has been set aside at which time the members of the younger generation receive recognition. Like Mother's Day and Father's Day, Children's Day is observed in our churches and in our homes.

Most all Christian parents make preparations for their children to participate in some type of youth activities, especially in the churches. Children's Day is called a day of benevolence, that is the child learns to make contributions to the various charitable causes, namely, in foreign missions, home missions and education.

One should not forget this important day, because the church, social and civic organizations depend on its development of the youth of tomorrow. Families should share with the youth on Children's Day in the various activities and programs. They should give the children an opportunity to execute leadership in the church. Of course, some call this a day of poems, simply because the youth are participating in programs, giving recitations, and the like. The recitations carry a vivid thought of what the youth will mean to his church, school, and community of tomorrow.

Many churches have disbanded the annual Children's Day and added other activities for the youth. The children should have an annual day to celebrate just as the members of the older generation have Mother's Day and Father's Day. Most of the rural churches usually celebrate Children's Day more than any other day in their churches.

It is in the Bible, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven." What were your plans for Sunday the 14th? Did you worship with the children? Did you give them some type of home training to take an active part in your church activities? Did you make a sacrifice to give your child financial aid so that he may contribute to the benevolent funds in your church? Let us trust that you spent Children's Day attending Christian activities at your church with your children.

## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is the setting apart of a day on which to honor fathers with special services in the churches and in other countries at different times of the year.

The first suggestion for Father's Day belongs to Mrs. John Brice Dodd of Spokane, Washington. The idea occurred to Mrs. Dodd in 1909 as a suitable tribute to her own father, who had successfully reared a family of children after the death of their mother. She wrote to Rev. Conrad Bluhm, president of the Ministerial Association, proposing that the third Sunday in June be set apart for honoring fathers. The Association approved the proposal and the first celebration of the day was held in Spokane, Washington in June, 1910.

Sons and daughters were asked to wear a red rose in honor of a living father, and a white rose if the father was dead.

The knowledge of the celebration did not spread far, for in 1911 the observance of Father's Day was discussed in Chicago as though it was something new. Miss Jane Adams approved it, saying, "poor father has been left out in the cold. He doesn't get much recognition, but regardless of his bread-winning proclivities it would be a good thing if he had a day that would mean recognition of him."

Mrs. D. C. Sternberg prevailed upon J. Hampton Moore, a representative, to introduce a bill designating the first Sunday in June as Father's Day. The bill was not passed.

A Father's Day of a different kind was observed on November 24, 1918, when, at the suggestion of the Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force in France urged that the fathers at home write to their sons on the battlefield and the sons in return, write home. The letters were delivered without delay and without risk.

A real father is always a pal to his children. Some families believe that the father contributes most and gives more time to his boys than girls. On the other hand,

# This Week's Sunday School Lesson

## SERVING GOD IN THE WORLD

### BEGINNING WHERE YOU ARE

"Tangled World" is Roger Shinn's title for the human community in which the Christian must live out his faith. Many problems and concerns confront man in his present-day world:

1. Problems are growing out of the rapid progress of scientific technology with its ever-increasing control of man's physical universe and its frightening by-products—the pollution and waste of man's environment.

2. The rising population poses a hunger threat to millions over the world. The underdeveloped nations are making great efforts to increase food production, but so far the population is increasing faster than the food.

3. Dehumanization in modern society continues. As work becomes more and more complex, the individual man finds less and less satisfaction in it.

The fascination of modern society with material things does not contribute finally to mankind's moral and spiritual health. Yet many persons seem to be caught up in an overpowering rush to acquire, use, and consume things.

Ernest Becker points out the danger in such a trend: "In a society in which everything is a thing to be had, to be used, and to be discarded when no longer satisfying—in such a society people themselves are turned into objects, into things."

Although progress is being made in racial and ethnic group relations, men are still divided, and smoldering animosities lie just below the surface. In the United States mounting frustration grips many who feel that their own needs and concerns are being ignored in the frantic rush of state and church to meet the needs of racial and ethnic minorities.

4. War is an ever-present reality in the modern world, presenting an enormous challenge to the human spirit. Not only is there misgiving about the necessity of war, but revelations of such matters as dishonesty among military personnel and in the awarding of defense contracts create anxiety and unrest.

5. Perhaps the most serious sign of illness in our society is a loss of purpose. As man's conception of his place in the universe has diminished, as he has become aware of his biological linkage with the rest of creation, many persons have begun to question whether life has ultimate meaning.

Becker has stated: "This is why modern man whines so pit-

ifully with the burden of life—he has nothing ultimate to dedicate it to; nothing infinite to assume responsibility for; nothing self-transcending to be truly courageous about. He has only himself, his dazzling and diverting little consumer objects; his few closely huddled loved ones; his life-span; his life-insurance; his place in a merely biological and financial chain of things."

This is the face of the tangled world in which the Christian is called to the worship and service of God.

### SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

The Scripture for this lesson is Romans 12 and 13. Selected verses are printed below.

Romans 12:1-2, 14-21

1 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you heap burning coals upon his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 13:8-10, 13-14

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

13 Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Memory Selection: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. —Romans 12:21

### EXPLORING THE QUESTIONS

How does one live as a Christian in the kind of world we inhabit? Is it enough to assert that the Christian function concerns spirit and attitude more than specific technique and action? Can we spell out definite required or prescribed courses of action for Christians in today's world? How can we translate the basic thrust of the Scripture passages into relevant terms for our times?

When we read Romans 12 and 13, are we engaged merely in a historical exercise, or are we discovering guidelines that have meaning for living as Christians in our century?

These questions are important to us because we cannot know how to live as Christians until we have some understanding of our relationship to the world.

Some persons believe that the present world is so evil, has departed so far from the intention and purpose of God, that the Christian has no choice except separation and isolation. Some would interpret the whole purpose of the coming of Christ, the revelation of God in him and the salvation of mankind through him, solely in terms of life after death, heaven, escape from hell, and so forth.

In certain respects this is a valid concern. We believe that human life has ultimate significance, a goal and destiny beyond this world. We must be prepared for this larger life. But we cannot read the Scripture for this lesson or much of the rest of the New Testament without feeling the sense of urgency that Christians should function in this troubled world as redeeming and transforming agents. What else could Jesus have meant in calling us to be salt, light, servants, witnesses, neighbors?

### FINDING HELP WITH YOUR QUESTIONS

The Christian's understanding of his world begins with the doctrine of creation. Regardless of what a Christian believes about the process of creation, his basic conviction about the world in which he lives is that it came into being through the creative purpose, will, and power of God. All other understanding of the nature and character of God rests upon this first and central affirmation: God is the Creator.

This affirmation immediately plunges the Christian into deep, dark mystery. This mystery is the ever-present tension between God and evil in the world God has created.

For our purposes it is sufficient to say that the doctrine of creation affirms that we are loved and judged by God, on whom in the final analysis we are totally dependent, that God is in control of his world, and that evil will finally be overcome.

This understanding allows the Christian believer to adopt a positive, victorious attitude in the struggle against evil in this

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some fathers consider the love and affection of his child, when the child achieves recognition from society, civic organizations, and churches, especially when he hasn't done his duty in bringing love and affection toward the child in the home and in helping rear him. A father usually thinks of his child when some misfortune happens, especially when they violate a criminal law or bring some mortal shame on the family, but a real father loves his child at all times, regardless of achievement or misfortune. Again we urge that you make "Ole Dad" happy Sunday, June 21, with some type of gift, or visit him, or send a card showing what your dad means to you. Let's make dad happy and let him know he is the "hero" of your family.