SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS POSSESSIONS
Luke 16 : 1-31

Printed Text: Luke 16 : 10-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."—Luke 16 : 13.
THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING
Time.—January, A.D. 30.
Place.—Peraea.

We study in this lesson two parables, the parable of the Unjust Steward, and the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Probably more parables spoken by our Lord are based upon incidents connected with the use of property and money than are related to any other single aspect of our daily life. This is one of the many evidences we have showing Christ's interest in the daily occurrences of human experience, and the importance which He attached to what men do with their material posessions. Many mystics in different ages have attempted to persuade men to live apart from earthly possessions, to give no attention to them, to possess nothing, seek for nothing, never engage in business, never to own property, and to give their time entirely to meditation and prayer, preferably in some secluded cave or desert oasis. Not so our Lord. He taught men how to live in the circumstances which surround all of us, and that is why so much of His teaching concerns what we do with our bodies, our time, our possessions, and our relationships to those with whom we come in contact.

The True Riches

Luke 16 : 10. "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in very little is unrighteous also in much." The essential fidelity of the heart is the same whether it be exercised in two mites or in a regal treasury. 11. "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?" True riches of the spirit—the abundant life—do not come to the person whose soul is pegged down to money-grubbing. Directly, verse 11 means if we are faithless in the insignificant charge of putting our money to the best use, then we are not deserving of the true riches.

Only One Master

13. "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." This statement is also found in the Sermon on the Mount. To serve is to give one's obedience and allegiance. If a man lives for the acquisition of money, his heart is in his money, his love is there, so that at the same time his heart cannot be yielded to God, he cannot be loving God with all his being, and he cannot serve God in any right way.

Misuse of Property

14. "And the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things; and they scoffed at him. 15. And he said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. Externally the Pharisees (like many people in Canada today) pretended to be righteous, but internally they were robbers, cruel, misers, merciless on the poor, hard on their creditors, doing anything to acquire wealth. Jesus means here that property, when made to exalt men, when unlawfully acquired and unrighteously used, when it results in the building up of vast estates and palatial homes only for selfish purposes, is an abomination of God.

Rich Man and Lazarus

19. "Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day. 20. And a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21. And desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; yea, even the dogs came and licked his sores." What a contrast here, so evident in our world today, between the wealth of the one and the poverty of the other man. 22. "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom: and the rich man also died, and was buried. And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Both men died. All men have to die. Wealth never can save a human being from the hour of departure from this world. After death, why did the rich man suffer, while Lazarus enjoyed the bliss of being present with the saints of God? Certainly the rich man was not in Hades because he was rich. Neither was Lazarus with Abraham, in peace, because he had been poor. The rich man was simply like millions of other people, a man who had lived for himself and had eliminated God from his life.

H.R.H. PRINCESS ALICE

Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice, photographed in her uniform of matron-in-chief of the Canadian Girl Guides.
Portrait by Karsh, Ottawa.

Soviet Union Leads Europe's Birth Rate

Russia claims to have the most prolific parents in Europe and uses its census, recently completed, to prove it. Since 1927 the population has increased by 24,000,000 and is now 170,467,186. During the same period the population of the rest of Europe rose by only 32,000,000.

Moscow and Leningrad almost doubled their numbers. Baku's birth rate increased 33.9 per thousand, and that of Moscow 28.5, whereas London and Paris could show only 13.6 and 11.5, respectively.

"Democracy has to prove its worth for the world now, not for any local community."
—Pearl S. Buck.

Daily War Cost At Three Million

Ottawa Forecasts Increase in Expenditures During 1941

War outlays by the Department of Munitions and Supply alone are now running at the rate of three million dollars a day, it was stated at Ottawa last week and likely to be expanded. This covers Canadian and British orders.

The return of Hon. C. D. Howe was followed by consultation with the manufacturers of those lines the output of which is likely to be increased.

The Minister had been in London for over a month finding out what most is required. At Glasgow on his departure, Prime Minister Churchill stated that it was not big armies but munitions and equipment which are the large needs for 1941. His appeal was addressed to manufacturers in America.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

HONEY-VOICED

A new singing star has blossomed on WBEN's horizon — Edith Ballachey, honeyvoiced songstress who is heard Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock. Edith's story is that of a "radio Cinderella" — an inspiring singer who took a regular audition, was told she would be "kept in mind", sang a couple of times with the studio orchestra and presto! was signed to a sponsored series. The songstress studied in grade schools in Ossining, N.Y., and was graduated from Alma College, St. Thomas, Ontario.

She received a degree in music from the University of Toronto, wher she majored in piano before turning her attention to voice.

—o—

AROUND THE DIAL

One of the best of the Sunday night shows is still — Columbia Workshop — heard over the CBS chain at 10.30 (Standard).

This program of dramatic pieces and novelties brings to thousands of radio listeners the best in broadcasting technique, featuring radio stars in scripts from the pens of outstanding writers. This type of shop augurs well for the future of radio, as it gives a clear-cut picture of air shows at their best.

—o—

Remember! Every Canadian should make it a point to tune in some of the Win The War programs over the CBC chain each weekday morning at 9.15. It will tell you how you can do your bit.

Then too, every Friday night during February at nine o'clock (daylight) the Win the War committee will present an all-star show that will be worth hearing.

Trivia. — Sammy Kaye and Bea Wain have contributed one hundred of their records to the Bundles for Britain Fund, figuring they may help to bring a bit of cheer to the air raid shelters . . . Marion Hutton has quit the Glenn Miller band to keep an appointment with the stork . . . Kenny Baker has made a nice disc of You Walked By for Victor — While from the female division, Dinah Shore has turned out a nice job of My Man, and Ella Logan has streamlined the tear-jerker of years ago, The Curse of an Aching Heart. Fred Lowry, Horae Heidt's blind whistler, is engaged to be married . . Irna Phillips, who writes "Road of Life" is vacationing in Jamaica . . . Ben Bernie will make another movie . . . Dinah Shore is being screen-tested . . . Germany's "Lord Haw Haw" has been definitely identified as an American-born Fascist named William Joyce . . . Magazine writer Quentin Reynolds is making the odd radio talk in the U.S. But is going back to England . . . Eddie Cantor is steadily cutting into Fred Allen's audience; they are on opposition webs at the same time.

—o—

New Toronto Station

A new 1,000-watt radio broadcasting station will replace CBY, 100-watt station now operated in Toronto by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Gladstone Murray, C.B.C. general manager, has announced.

"The new station, which will be 10 times as powerful as CBY, puts Toronto in a better position from the point of view of our service," Mr. Murray said.

Farm Notes . . .

Grow Soybeans For Home Use

Soy beans may be used either as a hay crop by cutting the plants when the pods are about two-thirds filled, or the seed may be allowed to ripen and be fed as an addition to the grain ration. The ultimate use will determine the method of planting.

If an annual hay about equal to alfalfa in feeding value is desired the seed should be drilled in similar to oats at the rate of about ninety pounds per acre. Seeding should be done about May 15. When the plants have reached the proper stage cutting may be done after the dew is off and the hay allowed to wilt before raking into windrows. Completing the curing in windrows appears to be the most satisfactory method.

Where a high protein supplement to the grain ration of livestock is desired, soybeans will be found to replace such feeds as linseed and cottonseed oil meals. Whole soybeans should not be fed to bacon hogs, but soybean oil meal may be safely used in this case. Whole soybeans contain about 35 per cent protein and 16 per cent oil. This high oil content is objectionable in bacon production.

FOR FEED

Soybeans for feed should be planted about May 15 in rows 28 to 30 inches apart at the rate of 30 to 40 pounds per acre, states C. W. Owen Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow. Cross cultivation of the rows with a spike harrow having the teeth shaped backwards during the early stages of growth will aid in controlling weeds. Later row cultivation may be done as required. When ripe the seed may be harvested with a binder or preferably a combine if available.

Whether the crop is grown for hay or grain, the seed should be inoculated with a culture of soybean nitrogen fixing bacteria before planting. If this is done the full benefits of the leguminous properties of the crop will be realized.

—Experimental Farm News.

Kilt's Origin Not Scottish

Claim Is Made That Garment Was Brought to Scotland in 200 B.C. From Athens

The kilt is so much associated with the Highland Scottish regiments that there is a general belief that it is purely of Scottish origin. That is far from being the case, however, and a Scottish historian, inspired no doubt, by the exploits of the crack Greek regiments which wear a ceremonial dress resembling a bailet girl's skirt, has been looking into the subject, writes the St. Thomas Times-Journal. He makes the remarkable statement that the Scottish kilt is actually a descendant of the Greek soldier's skirt, having been brought to Scotland about 200 years B.C. by Gathelus, son of the King of Athens.

IRISH LAY CLAIM

It appears that Gathelus, "alarmed by the fame of Moses," fled the country, taking with him Jacob's Stone which Jacob had used as a pillow. He had married Scotia, a daughter of the Pharaoh of that day. Mr. and Mrs. Gathelus, or Prince and Princess Gathelus as they more probably were, first went to Spain and then to Ireland, where, for some years, the Stone was used in the coronation of Irish kings. Other Greeks went to Ireland, and from there they went to Scotland, there introducing the type of skirt worn by the Greeks on ceremonial occasions. Thus the origin of the Highland dress; although the kilt did not become the habit of the soldiers until about 200 years ago, when the heads of the clans, who customarily wore the kilt themselves, adopted it for their private armies.

ANCIENT ASSYRIANS WORE IT

It is also known, however, that the ancient Assyrians wore a species of kilt, and drawings of men wearing it have been found on pottery and friezes. Several Balkan peoples wear a pleated dress which they call the fustanella. Irishmen, too, wear kilts, so they probably got the idea from Gathelus before the Scots did.

The output of the leather tanning industry in Canada in 1939 was valued at $25,584,972, an increase of 30 per cent over the preceding year.

Preliminary estimates place the gross farm value of the Canadian tobacco crop in 1940 at approximately $10,400,000.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ANSWER: Larger scales No matter how large a fish grows, it never adds additional scales. Those which covered it in the beginning continue to grow just fast enough to keep it covered through life.

NEXT: How much chewing gum did Americans chew last year?

PINK-FLESHED FISH

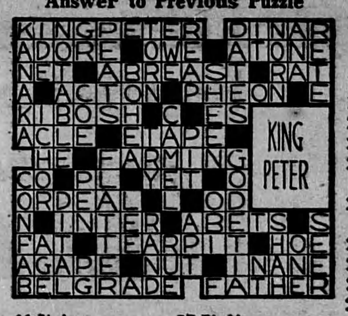
HORIZONTAL

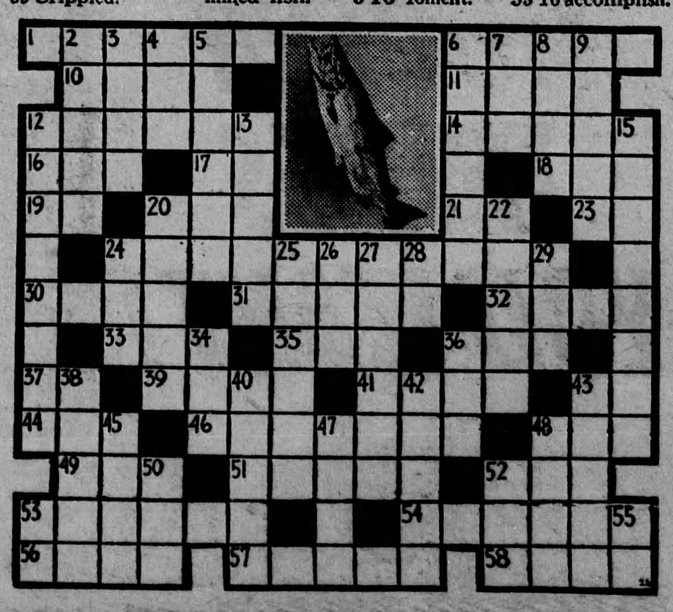
1 Pink-fished ocean fish.
6 It ——s or lays eggs in fresh water.
10 To lend.
11 Fig basket.
12 Mischievous sprite.
14 Sharp and harsh.
16 Onager.
17 Hawaiian bird.
18 Beverage.
19 Mama.
20 Insect.
21 Lava.
23 Senior (abbr.).
24 Not separable.
30 Midday.
31 Made an engagement.
32 Hops kiln.
33 Walnut.
35 Golfer's term.
36 Mongrel.
37 Street.
39 Crippled.
41 It is an important —— fish.
43 Form of "a."
44 Serrated tool.
46 Dress.
48 Tennis point.
49 Negative.
51 Wild cattle.
52 Work of genius.
53 Rodent.
54 Discerned.
56 It is a —— finned fish.
57 It lives near the sea ——.
58 Taro root.

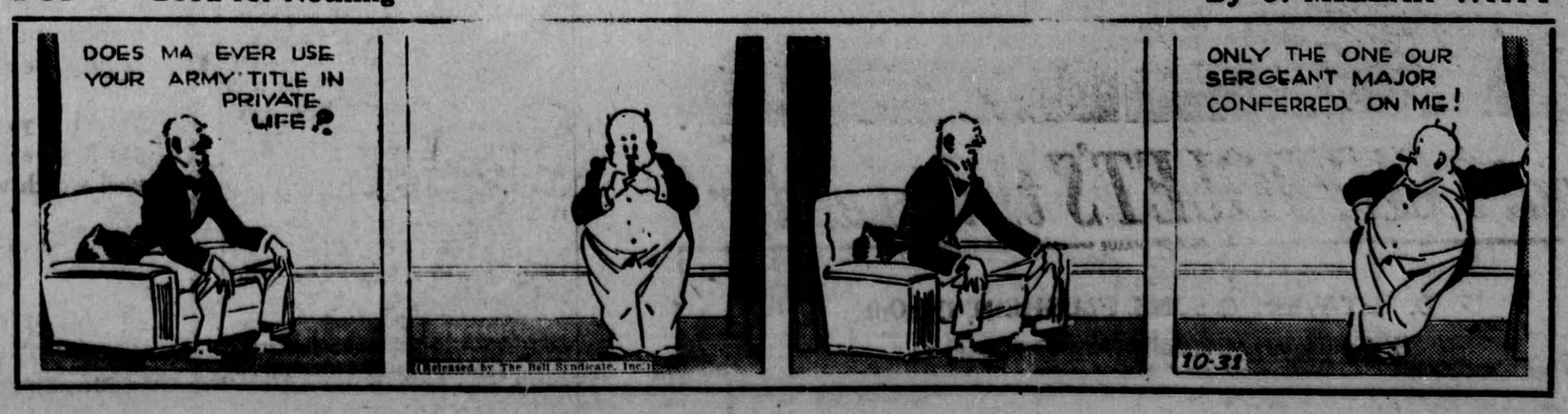
VERTICAL

2 Shad.
3 Tennis strokes.
4 Bad (prefix).
5 Garden vegetables.
6 Conventional beetle.
7 Logger's boot.
8 To foment.
9 Merchandise.
12 It is known for its —— or endurance.
13 Eminent.
15 Singer's voice.
20 To cancel.
22 Audibly.
24 Electrified particle.
25 Circular ornament.
26 Supped.
27 Short coat.
28 Publicity.
29 Organ of hearing.
34 Label.
36 Folding bed.
38 Dance.
40 Sorcery.
42 Assault.
43 Performed.
45 Opposed to warp.
47 Kind of banana.
48 Dry.
50 Hush!
52 To mock.
53 Like.
55 To accomplish.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





POP — "Good for Nothing"

By J. MILLAR WATT