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The SNAPSHOT GUILD
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Since the puppy is likely to move, a photographic flash bulb, which gives an instantaneous flash of light, was used in making this silhouette.

PHOTOGRAPHIC silhouettes are a source of decorative pictures—and camera fun—which every snapshotter should try. The arrangements are simple—a white sheet stretched over a doorway, or division between two rooms, with a strong light behind it and the camera set up in front. By arranging his subjects in front of this brightly illuminated sheet, the clever photographer can construct any number of imaginative or story-telling pictures. Costume snaps are particularly interesting in silhouette, and there are possibilities for many humorous pictures of the "it-can't-be" variety. For instance, a juggler can be pictured keeping a dozen or two balls or bottles in the air at one time, or a camper can be pictured with two skillets, flipping a dozen flapjacks at one shot. In both these pictures, the objects to appear in the air would be cut from black paper or cardboard and pinned to the sheet at proper points. The sheet must be stretched evenly, as wrinkles will show in the pictures. Lighting behind the sheet should also be as even as possible. Five feet is a suitable distance from lamps to sheet.

When the silhouette is snapped, of course, all lights must be turned off in the room which contains the camera and subject. Unless this is done, detail in the subject will show, spoiling the silhouette effect. The photographer should also be watchful of stray light from windows, and mirrors which might catch light from the illuminated sheet and throw it toward the shadow side of the subject.

John van Oullder

TESTING DISCIPLESHIP
BY SERVICE

International Uniform Sunday School
Lesson, May 15, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT: "Come, — follow me." Mark 10:21.

LESSON PASSAGE: Mark 10:17-31.

I would not give the world my heart, And then profess Thy love; I would not feel my strength depart, And then Thy service prove.

O choose me in my golden time: In my dear joys have part: For 'Tis the glory of my prime, The fullness of my heart, — Thomas Hornblower Gill Aspiration, 17.

A young man came running to Jesus, kneeled before him and asked him, "Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Why did he ask this question? What had implanted within him the desire for eternal life? Was it because of training in a religious home or had he seen in others a quality of life that he himself did not possess? Our yearnings teach us much about ourselves. What is our dominant thought? Do we know our most frequently recurring desire? Do we spend our spare time in day-dreaming, wishful thinking, following phantasms of the mind, or are we planning actual achievements? "It is the deed. It is the deed." This young man was following the right lead when he asked what he should do. Belief is not enough. It must be translated into conduct. It is through action that we make our dreams come true. Christ's life is our perfect example and he combined, in a marvelous way, the function of a teacher of truths and the doer of actual deeds of service. Repeatedly he laid emphasis upon the necessity for action. "This do and thou shalt live." "Inasmuch as ye have done it..." "This ought ye to have done." We must beware of extremes, avoiding the dreary meditation of the East and the bustling activities of the West. We must learn to keep our ideals and our actions harnessed together.

Character, 18 - 28

This young man could have been given an excellent recommendation as to character. He had no vices, and he knew the commandments and had observed them. He had done an excellent piece of work in his youthful education. He had established right habits, his reputation was good, his self-respect stood high, he had no crime record, yet he was not satisfied. He knew there must be something more in life than he was getting from it. Doubtless he realized that there was much more in religion than his legal correctness had brought to him. It may be that he had been listening to Jesus teaching and saw with a keen gladness and confidence to which he was a stranger. The tragedy in modern religion is that so many people regard it as a discipline and do not find its joy. They go through worship as routine and miss the glad fellowship with a God who is a spirit. They make religion mechanical when it should be spontaneous. They feel that religion is a load and do not get its lift. Something has been wrong in our religious training when so many devoted church members miss the joy that Christ left them as their rightful inheritance. The secret of recovering the lost radiance of the Christian religion is to have a personal experience of God which is shared in a fellowship.

Youth, 21-22

Looking at this young man who had made such a good start in life, Jesus loved him. He saw the possibilities of his youth and spiritual awareness. He also detected at once what was holding the young man back. He accepted at face value the young man's certificate of character and respectability but he detected that the young man was acquisitive, he was property-minded. His soul was tangled up with things and he could not feel the reality of the God who is the Spirit. Jesus challenged him to make a full surrender of himself to God. It came to the young man as a sudden shock that he should have to turn his attention from gathering wealth to the service of the unseen Holy God. That appeared to him to be quixotic and impractical. He was attracted to Christ but not on those terms. The cost was too great. To him God's providence was linked up with his personal possessions. He went away sad at heart. He had refused the hurdle.

Riches, 23-27.

Are riches as unfriendly to the spiritual life as Christ said? Some people are prosperous by reason of their virtues. Their reliability brings success. Yet there is always the danger of being rated by riches instead of by character. At its best, money is an inadequate test. It leaves out the higher values of love, unselfishness, devotion to the will of God. Wealth engrosses the mind and the care of stocks and bonds become so complicated that little time or rest is left for higher things. Public opinion supports the standards of Christ because the highest acclaim is not given to people by reason of accumulating great wealth, but rather public approval is given to those who render some disinterested service to humanity as a whole.

Service, 28-31.

Peter thought that he had made a great surrender in leaving his fishing boat to be a disciple. He received no financial gain but his spiritual reward was infinite. He spent months in the companionship of Christ. He preached his great sermon on the day of Pentecost and influenced history. He had a friendship with the Apostle Paul. He wrote words which still inspire. At the end he was a martyr for the Christian faith. Surely in spiritual values Peter did receive an hundredfold. If we had to preach our own funeral sermon, what could we say of ourselves? Would we list our cars, suits, insurance, jewelry, stocks and bonds or would we tell of raising a family, teaching a school, caring for the sick, giving friendship to young and old? It might lead us to ask in a personal and individual way this young man's question, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

Questions for Discussion

- 1. What do our ideals do for us?
- 2. What right have we to be satisfied with ourselves?
- 3. What is my greatest need?
- 4. What will make us cease rating people by riches?
- 5. Can "our little, unremembered acts of kindness and love" take the place of a great, constructive life purpose?

PENSION FUNDS NOT USED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Characterizing many of the statements made in the present campaign against the Canadian National Railways as "mischievous and vicious misrepresentation of facts," W. A. Kingland, Vice-president, Central Region, Canadian National Railways, denied, "as absolutely false and without any foundation, in fact," the statement made by Lieut.-Col. George A. Drew to members of the Ontario Association of the Canadian Credit Men's Association, that the funds collected by the Canadian National System from employees for pensions, to be held in trust, were being used for current operating expenses. Mr. Kingland's statement follows:

"In the issue of The Globe and Mail of yesterday's date Lieut.-Col. George A. Drew is reported to have stated to the members of the Ontario Section of the Canadian Credit Men's Association, in Eaton's Round Room, Thursday night, that funds collected by the Canadian National Railways from employees for pensions, to be held in trust, are being used for current operating expenses. "Being a lawyer, Colonel Drew should know what constitutes a slanderous statement. The statement which he is reported to have made is absolutely false and without any foundation, in fact. Had he taken the trouble to inquire, he would have found that all moneys contributed by employees of the Canadian National Railways for pension purposes are properly safeguarded. The second purpose is to express surprise that a person of Colonel Drew's education and intelligence would make an irresponsible statement of this kind, which he must have known was bound to create



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a feeling of distrust on the part of the employees toward the officers in charge of the fund and a fear that their pension rights were not properly safeguarded."

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