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INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM Sunday School LESSON

The Christian Attitude Towards Possessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1941

GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16:13.

LESSON PASSAGE: Luke 16:10-15, 19-23.

Innocence is strong. And an entire simplicity of mind. A thing most sacred in the eye of Heaven.

—Wordsworth

Character Counts, 10-12

Christ observed the diligence and resourcefulness of men who were bent upon acquiring wealth. He admired their energy and willingness to take risks. To his disciples he suggested that they might well display similar zeal and skill in their work for the kingdom of God. To modernize the illustration, might we use as a parallel the suggestion that church leaders have something to learn from a crime gang. In a certain city a gambling organization requires loyalty from each member. They use the utmost effort to ingratiate themselves with the police and with their patrons. If arrested, they stand by one another. If there can be such brotherhood in crime, cannot members of a government or leaders in a church work together with greater freedom from suspicion, jealousy and resentment? Religion needs inventiveness, adaptation to present-day conditions and

a holy daring if it is to be redemptive. Good men may learn something from certain personal qualities in the fess of society.

A Divided Will 13

Christ said that we cannot serve both God and mammon. Where there is a divided allegiance, very often mammon wins the final victory. An idealistic young student won many scholarships at college. After post-graduate study, he was given a remunerative appointment. He assigned a large portion of his monthly check for the payment of his college indebtedness. When his college debts were fully paid, he continued to save the same monthly amount. In time his savings were invested and brought in a return. Gradually the work of his profession came to have less interest than the values of real estate, stocks and bonds. By middle life, the idealism of youth has "indefinitely" given way to a materialistic outlook. His concern for his children was chiefly to provide their desire with financial security. When the financial depression arrived, and he had to take his losses, the sun in his sky was darkened. As old age comes on, there is bitterness and disappointment, with disinterest in his profession and work. In the process of trying to gain wealth, he has lost much of the fitness from his own soul.

Crooked Thinking, 14, 15

A flash of light into the motives of the Pharisees is provided by one clause "who were covetous." The Pharisees were deeply religious, yet they were covetous. This covetousness was not in this covetous all their thinking, even their religious convictions. John Galsworthy has told the story of the effect of increasing wealth upon a whole family. The founder of the family was diligent, thrifty, a nominal church man, who was ambitious to own property and gradually succeeded beyond his dreams. Before the end of the story, the property was in control of the owner's life; he thought in terms of property and his daily life was a constant effort to acquire more buildings and money. The spiritual attitude of the father affected his wife, his children, even his grandchildren, and a whole family suffered deterioration and tragedy because of one man's covetousness and respectable greed. Galsworthy's long story is just an exposition of Christ's brief statement: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

A Painful Contrast, 19-21

The poor can bear poverty. There have been whole nations injured to poverty. The pioneers of Canada had few luxuries but they had inner contentment. What makes the cup of the poor bitter is to see the flaunted wealth of the rich. If all were alike, or if there were some reasonable proportion in the division of wealth, there would not be this social cleavage that is a national weakness in our time. Nearly every city has its slum district and choice residential sections. Motor cars may crowd several blocks for some social event that will receive great publicity, while poor people on relief wait in line to get their vouchers. In certain homes some children have so many Christmas gifts that they become weary opening them, while in an underprivileged home a ragged child clutches eagerly one tawdry doll. Christ presented this contrast in his vivid picture of the rich man Lazarus and the poor beggar at his gates. The probability is that Lazarus was not a bad man at heart, but he had become calloused toward his less fortunate brother. Every great city can supply many times over, this contrast between plenty and want.

War Aims, 22, 23

While it is impossible as yet to define clearly war aims and plans for peace, enough is being said to indicate trends. Winston Churchill as Prime Minister of Great Britain, speaking at a school, said that for the future there must be greater equality of opportunity. Great church-leaders have issued official statements urging that in any reconstruction of society there must be a greater degree of social justice. The British Broadcasting station keeps telling of the way rich and poor in Great Britain are working together — titled people and humblest workers sharing common dangers. The distinction between the "haves" and the "have nots" must in some way be resolved between individuals, classes, nations and continents. There is plenty for everyone's need, but not sufficient for everyone's greed. What an achievement it would be if by wise planning and loving service, humanity could be freed from poverty, illiteracy and strife!

Questions for Discussion

1. What determines our actions?
2. Am I more interested in things than in thoughts?
3. Am I covetous or contented?
4. What is a living wage for a family of five?
5. Shall we occasionally judge our own lives?

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OVERLOOKED

This week we were glancing over our Christmas cards and came across a news item which had been sent in last December and mixed in with the cards by mistake.

- Our apologies to L.O.L. No. 346, for late reporting of the fact that the election and installation of officers was held on December 9th. The Lodge has enjoyed a successful year, and the members are congratulated on their work.
- Here is the list of officers—
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Timely Topics for Women

BY BARBARA BAINES

WINTER SPORTS IN AMERICA

Something of the vastness of this great continent can be learned from the variety and diversity of its winter sports.

While young folks are dispersing themselves on skis among the snow-capped hills of the Laurentians, the Rockies or the Adirondacks, others are equally enjoying the swimming, surf-bathing, or beach-picknicking in the sunny south, and still others, probably not so young, are soaking up the sun and fresh air as they chase a little white ball over green fairways in California or Florida.

Supposing you were free to choose where you would go for a winter holiday? Would you choose Miami Beach, warm and inviting, where you could swim, or lie on sun-drenched terraces, or go sailing along the Gulf Coast, and where, if you felt in the mood, you could play golf or tennis, or dance to a swing orchestra?

Or would you like to take a "sky-cruise" from Miami's Pan American airport by "baby clipper" to Nassau where water-skiing is so popular, or to Jamaica, or to Mexico, the land of colour? Or would you rather go by "stratoclipper" to Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires where it is Carnival time and, have you forgotten, summer is just beginning; or to the jungle country in the Panama where bush negroes still hunt five-foot lizards? Since the International Service was begun four years ago, over 300,000 passengers have travelled by air from the U.S.A. to lands to the south.

Perhaps, though, you would prefer to go North, to the land of snow, where the skies are bluer and there is sport galore. When you tire of skiing, if you do, you can try ice-fishing, bob-sleigh racing, skating, tobogganing or ice boating, and finish up glorious days in the invigorating mountain air with a jam session, around a cozy fire. Besides, who wouldn't like to have an opportunity of wearing the lovely ski clothes being shown this year?

If you choose California for your holiday you would probably want to be there for the Rose Petal in Pasadena at New Year's. This year the parade included a seven mile long procession of flower-laden floats, 300 saddle horses and 20 bands. There were a million and a half spectators, of which only 90,000 were able to crowd into the Rose Bowl to see the Football game in the afternoon.

A visit to Hollywood and the occasional glimpse of a glamorous movie star is also a thrilling experience on your first trip to sunny California, and of course you must see the Grand Canyon of Arizona and the Garden of the Gods.

This year, because travelling in the States is limited by government regulation, many Canadians are going to Victoria, Canada's only evergreen playground. There you will enjoy the balmy weather, the soft sea breezes, the flowers in bloom; and you can spend a leisurely holiday golfing, motoring, fishing or swimming in the warm sea waters. Other Canadians are going to Bermuda where exchange offers no problem, and there are golf courses of great natural beauty, coral bathing beaches, international regattas, moonlight sailing, bicycling between bright hedges of hibiscus, and deep-sea fishing to lure you back again and again to this enchanted isle.

THEIR COURAGE MUST NOT BE IN VAIN

It is easy for us to say "England can take it," easy for us to glibly talk about how confident we are that the R.A.F. can meet and defeat 4 to 1 odds in the air, that England can successfully resist any invasion — but just now England needs more than our glowing admiration. Courage is the supreme virtue of mankind, the quality that enables men not only to fight, but to endure and fight again. The British have dauntless courage, but valour must be backed up by weapons.

Few Canadians, perhaps, realized until it was over, the terrible crisis that England went through directly after the Fall of France. Expert opinion now indicates that early this spring will be the "zero hour" for an attempted invasion, and that Hitler will not be prevented by moral scruples from using any and every device of modern warfare, including poison gas. Britons are straining every nerve to be prepared to meet the blow when it comes, and have steeled themselves to achieve victory at whatever the cost. But if, in the winning, there is not to be an intolerable loss of life, both military and civilian, and a greater destruction of property than yet known, England must have more and more material aid from America. Churchill has said "Every ship, every plane, every gun sent before spring is worth three sent later."

The urgency of the situation is a reality many Canadians have not yet fully faced. They have not yet caught the war spirit. We have not made it a personal war, and it must be. War production must be speeded up. More people must work in factories and vital war industries, including those who "do not need to work." We must utilize to the full all the skill, ingenuity, facilities and resources we possess to increase the flow of war materials across the Atlantic. We must take decisive action now.

The hearty support of the War Savings Certificate campaign under way at present will ensure the cash to help finance Canada's war effort, and it will also show that the Canadian people are behind the government in "all-out" support of Britain.

If, by greater effort and self denial, we are able to send Britain more planes and guns and ships to meet the German onslaught, we may be the means of saving thousands of lives and preventing untold destruction. The unflinching fortitude and courage of the British people MUST NOT BE IN VAIN.

LET ME REMIND YOU

Who can ever forget the faces which never had a chance to grow old — the brave young warriors who fell in battle and gained the price of immortal youth. For them there is no shadow of struggle or poverty, no trouble of gray hairs, or failure of strength, no care of the present or fear of the future. The unflinching light of morning is forever in their eyes.

BOOK REVIEW
By Rene Kraus

WINSTON CHURCHILL
By Rene Kraus

Rene Kraus, an Austrian born in Paris, has given us a sympathetic biography of Britain's popular war premier. He tells us of his family background, his English grandfather, the great Duke of Marlborough, a warrior and a statesman, of his American grandfather, Leonard Jerome, a prominent New York publisher and "King of the turf" — and just as arrogant, haughty and stiff-necked as the Churchills, but equally good-natured and generous at heart.

Then follows the romance and marriage of Lord Randolph Churchill and Jennie Jerome, the radiant American heiress educated in Paris. On Nov. 30, 1874, Winston Churchill was born. A problem child and often lonely, he fitted badly in conventional school life.

When he was 13 his brilliant parent "the father of Tory democracy" resigned as Chancellor of the Exchequer, a personal tragedy. Winston said "I mean to be Chancellor too, some day."

He went to Sandhurst Military Academy and made good. When he was 21 his father died and he was commissioned in the Queen's Own Hussars. He saw hard service in India for three years, and then in the Sudan. He won popularity as a writer of war articles and books but was disliked by the high command because of his criticisms.

On his return to London he decided to go into politics, but was defeated in his first election. He went with his regiment to Africa where he was acclaimed equally for his deeds of daring and his war stories. He was captured by the Boers but escaped.

He returned to England, and this time won a Tory seat with ease. Then follows 40 stormy years in politics. In 1911 he prepared the fleet for action 3 years later. In 1913 he spoke in support of aerial defense. During the Great War he was second only to Lloyd George until he fell out of favour after Gallipoli. Life for him was never easy. He was often rash, more often brilliant. He was called a rebel in his class, but his foresight on many occasions showed him to be far in advance of his times. It is a tragedy he was not in power from 1934 to prepare for the present war, but he is at last filling the position for which he seemed, from the beginning, destined.

DRESSED MEAT LOAF

The savoury bread stuffing is just what is needed to make this meat loaf top. It is especially good when served with mushroom sauce. (I can of condensed mushroom soup, heated) and garnished with parsley.

- 1 pound fresh pork
- 2 pounds beef
- 4 cup minute tapioca
- 1/2 cup stock (or milk)
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup tomato ketchup
- 2 eggs slightly beaten
- 2 cup savoury bread stuffing
- 6 slices fat salt pork

Have the meat ground, add tapioca, stock ketchup, onion, eggs and seasonings. Mix well. Shape half the mixture into patties in greased pan. Spread the savoury bread stuffing evenly on top with them. Add the balance of the meat mixture. Press firmly to hold loaf shape. Place 6 thin slices of fat pork across the top. Bake in hot oven (400 deg. F) 1 1/2 hours. Baste frequently, at first with 1/4 cup hot water then with the fat in the pan.

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