

Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1950

VICTORIOUS IN DAILY LIVING Golden Text.—Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. Jas. 1:2-3.

Lesson Text.—2 Cor. 11:18-30; 12:8-10.

Exposition 1. The Glory of a Christian is Not in Carnal Things, 2 Cor. 11:18-21.

The Apostle Paul had been under such criticism from some in the Corinthian church that he felt it necessary to vindicate himself. It had been the habit of some Jews to follow Paul around seeking to undermine his influence. Undoubtedly he had reached Corinth. They said things about Paul such as evil-minded and jealous men have frequently spoken about ministers. The ministry is a special object of criticism from those who are servants of Satan. It is their delight to undermine a minister's influence if they can (2 Cor. 12:7). By doing so they are able to accomplish Satan's purpose of making God's servant unacceptable to the general public and to cast aspersions on the Gospel (1 Tim. 5:15). For this reason, ministers must be careful of their good name. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold" (Prov. 22:1). Ministers must be prepared to defend their reputation. Paul, therefore, answers his enemies. He deals with the false teachers in satire. They "glory after the flesh"—so will he. They "suffer fools gladly" (v. 19). They appear to raise small objection against those who bring them "into bondage." They will let false ones "devour" them, "take" them, yea, even "exalt" themselves and "smite" them. Paul is here showing that there is a false humility and a too ready gullibility. Well, is it not so in our day? Would the strange cults whose followers run down ministers and their churches be so successful in drawing off members thereof unless Christian people lacked in stamina to defend their own fellowships against evil invaders.

II. Paul Glories in What God Enabled Him to Suffer, 22-30.

The test of Paul's ministry is his sufferings and sacrifices. He was a Hebrew, an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham (v. 22; Rom. 11:1; Phil. 3:4-7). All the pride of race, religion, culture and position were once his. These he "counted loss" for Christ. He would have nothing to do with human conceit and vanity. He would defend his character but not boast about his merits. His credentials were God's recognition of his ministry. It was what pleased Christ that counted (Rom. 14:18). His labors were "more abundant" (2 Cor. 6:5). He was beaten "stripes above measure"—if awarded forty stripes he would be beaten with a whip of three lashes thirteen times, it being the ordinary custom to punish under "measure" but in bitter cases there would be one stroke more, making forty-two lashes (Ac. 16:23). Paul's lot as a preacher of the Gospel was to know the inside of "prisons more frequent," and to meet death face to face (2 Cor. 4:10; Ac. 9:23; 13:50; 14:5, 19; 17:5, 13).

Nor were these all. Paul suffered shipwreck three times before the time at Malta (Ac. 27:41-44). These were the times when he journeyed between the European mainland and Asia Minor. He spent a day and a night "in the deep." He faced "perils of waters," undoubtedly swollen rivers he crossed in his journeys. He met with robbers. There were dangers in cities and in the wilderness. "False brethren" undoubtedly hurt him most (v. 26). Notice the list in v. 27. "Weariness," "painfulness," "watchings," "fastings"—not necessarily hunger but deliberate in the practice of intercessory prayer—"cold," "nakedness." All these are associated with misery but God supplied grace to Paul to endure them all. Besides all these, he carried the care (supervision) of the churches the Lord had enabled him to establish. He has reached the conclusion, if he will glory at all, it shall be in his infirmities. This

Pensions Without Means Test Favored By Majority of Halton Farm Forums

On December 4th, the Farm Forums met to discuss the question "Pensions for Everyone." The first question was "What kind of government pension plan would you favor (a) with or without means test? (b) at age of 65 or 70? (c) \$40 or \$50 a month (d) or what?"

Out of 15 reports received, three were in favor of means test, while twelve were in favor of pensions without means test. No. 1 and No. 7 Nassagaweya Forums favoured the pensions starting at 70 years without means test, and at the age of 65 with means test. Omagh Forum had one group which favored pensions without means test at age of 65 years with pension at \$50 a month, and a plan which would provide an income based on a sliding scale according to cost of living. The second group of that Forum favoured a pension of \$50 a month at the age of 65 years of age based on a contributory plan, collected by indirect taxation or commodity taxes.

The majority of forums thought that a pension of \$50 a month according to the cost of living would be sufficient, while Bannockburn and Town Line Forums thought \$40 a month, having regard to cost of living index.

The second question was "If an International crisis develops that leads to greatly increased taxes for defence purposes, should the government proceed with the pension plan programme?" Twelve Forums expressed themselves in answering Yes, because they thought whether there is a crisis or not older people have to live and be cared for. Boyne Forum stated their answer to be that the government might have a plan whereby people could be forced to lay aside a certain amount for old age themselves, if they were able. Instead of income tax, a great many of us would not need old age pension.

Ligny Forum were divided in their opinion on this question. One group thought the government should carry on with their plan is an answer which his traducers could not gainsay.

III. Paul Receives God's Grace, 12:8-10.

We do not know what particular affliction was Paul's "thorn in the flesh." Concerning it, we are told that he besought the Lord three times that it might depart. This was not God's plan for Paul. He preferred that the "thorn" should remain but that Paul should triumph over it by the grace and power of Christ which should rest upon him. By this means he discovered the glory of that power. Affliction became the schoolroom of Divine praise to him. This is the constant miracle of grace by which our testimony cannot be defeated (Rom. 8:35-39; Rev. 12:11; 2 Cor. 13:4, 9; Eph. 6:10; Isa. 41:10; Ps. 42).

regardless of international crisis as these elderly people have to be cared for, and even under the old plan this is a very scant living. The second group thought that defence should come first, for a pension is useless if you have not a country to live in safely and securely.

S. S. No. 4 Esqueving Farm Forum had as their guests, Miss Ruth I. McKenzie, Editor of Farm Forum Guide and Mr. Floyd Griesbach, National Secretary as well as Mr. McNabb of Manitoba.

After the broadcast the evening was devoted to pre-testing for the Forum topic for January 8, 1951, "Wanted — new markets." This meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hunter.

Minnow Farming Is Future Industry

Possibility of private propagation of minnows suitable for bait, is seen by officials of the Fish and Wildlife Division, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, because of the shortage of minnows in some parts of the Province.

Actually, officials say, minnows are plentiful in some areas but labor to obtain and market them is scarce. On occasion, anglers have paid up to 50 cents a dozen for the highly-prized bait — one which is taken by practically every type of game fish in the Province, not to mention a lot of coarse fish which, fishermen say, are just plain old greedy bait-snatchers.

For instance, no one has managed to figure out a way to keep hungry rock bass from taking the minnow which the angler intended for the five pound black bass!

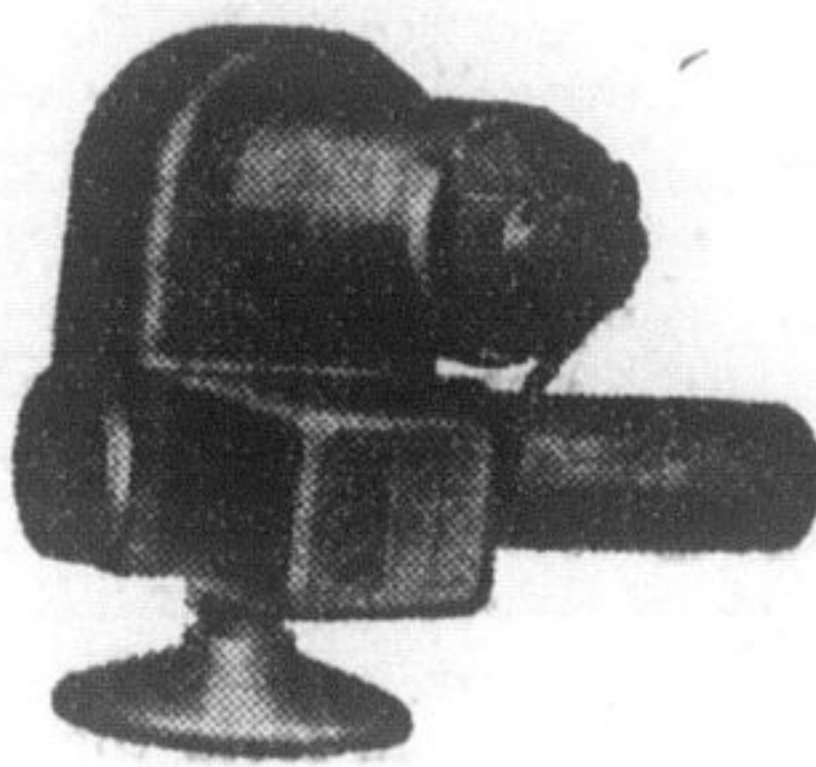
The minnow supply is particularly low in Southern Ontario waters and Department officials feel there "just might" be an opportunity for an enterprising individual to start up a minnow industry.

What would be needed? A source of supply of water, terrain suitable for minnow ponds. The right type of minnows, perhaps golden shiners or blackheads or bluntnoses. Some minnows are more suitable for pond raising; others prefer streams, the biologists say.

There are provisions in the fish and game regulations prohibiting the placing of minnows in waters other than those from which they came. Officials say this applies particularly to carp, smelt and similar types of fish which may become predators on the young of game fish.

Meanwhile the Division has collected from its own and other sources masses of information relative to the possible raising of minnows as a commercial venture. The information has already been supplied to some individuals who are toying with the idea of establishing minnow farms.

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THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN Hydro Home Economist

Hello Homemakers! At this season school children are practising songs for concerts and their masters are debating the relative merits of old favourite carols for the Christmas service. The carol is one of the most ancient items of the Christmas program. Even the origin of the name is lost in obscurity, but the word comes from "Carolla" meaning circle, coronet and hence ring-dance. Today we go about our work quietly singing what was meant to be a rollicking song—or sing many a modern song until it is "thread-bare."

As you read this column you will look over the advertisements of the numerous gifts you might buy. According to the clerks in our shops the common question asked is, "What shall I buy for a four, five or six year old? And the favourite selection still seems to be blocks for the tots, then clay modelling, dolls, household equipment, crayons and paints. Mothers seem to shy away from mechanical noisemakers because they realize the din that makes her ears ring.

As for Christmas goodies, our suggestions of a moist Banana Loaf, delicately spiced Doughnuts and a never-fail sweet cake should please you. These taste like good homemade foods and can be made now and put on the shelf for the holiday or may be used now for the lunch box as they are inexpensive yet fragrant enough for the festive season.

TAKE A TIP

- 1. Put bananas through the potato masher to pulp them quickly. Four or five bananas are required for 1 1/2 cups mashed.
2. To make fine oatmeal from coarse rolled oats put the cereal through food chopper, then measure.
3. Ever try coconut flavoring and nutmeg in a butter icing for a plain cake or Banana Loaf?
4. To measure 3/4 cup sifted pastry flour, sift and fill one measuring cup, then remove 3 tablespoons flour.

Banana Bread
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
2 1/2 tps. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 1/2 cups mashed bananas
1 cup melted lard
1 cup shredded bran
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Sift the flour with baking powder, salt and sugar. Combine egg, bananas, lard and bran. Add dry ingredients and nuts to banana mixture, mixing only enough to moisten dry ingredients. Pour into greased loaf pan (about 5"x9") and bake in electric oven of 350 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 1 loaf.

Cinnamon Doughnuts
1 1/2 tbsps. shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg, separated
1/2 cup milk
2 1/2 cups cake flour
3 tpsps. baking powder
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. salt

Cream the shortening, sugar and egg yolk together. Add alternately the milk and half the flour, sifted with the other ingredients. Add the remaining flour slowly and beaten egg white last. Turn the dough out on a lightly floured board and pat to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with doughnut cutter or cut in strips and shape in figure eight. Fry in melted shortening heated to 375 degrees or until an inch cube of bread browns in 40 seconds. Turn doughnuts in 2 minutes; let brown another minute. Drain. While warm sprinkle with sugar. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen.

Matrimonial Cakes
1/2 lb. chopped dates
2/3 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 1/2 cups fine oatmeal
1 1/2 cups flour
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup soft butter

Cook dates, water and sugar until like jam. Allow to cool and add walnuts. Mix the oatmeal, flour, brown sugar, soda, salt and work in the butter with finger tips. Put two-thirds of this mixture in a greased 9-inch cake pan. Spread date filling over it and then sprinkle on the remaining crumbs mix. Bake in preheated electric oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cut in squares when cool.

THE QUESTION BOX
Miss E. B. asks how to keep doughnut batter from clinging to fingers like paste.

Answer: Dip fingers in flour and rub off any dough; do not try to wash hands at this point.

Mrs. B. H. asks if you can make pancakes in a waffle iron.

Answer: No. For best results you should use a tested waffle batter in the electric waffle maker.

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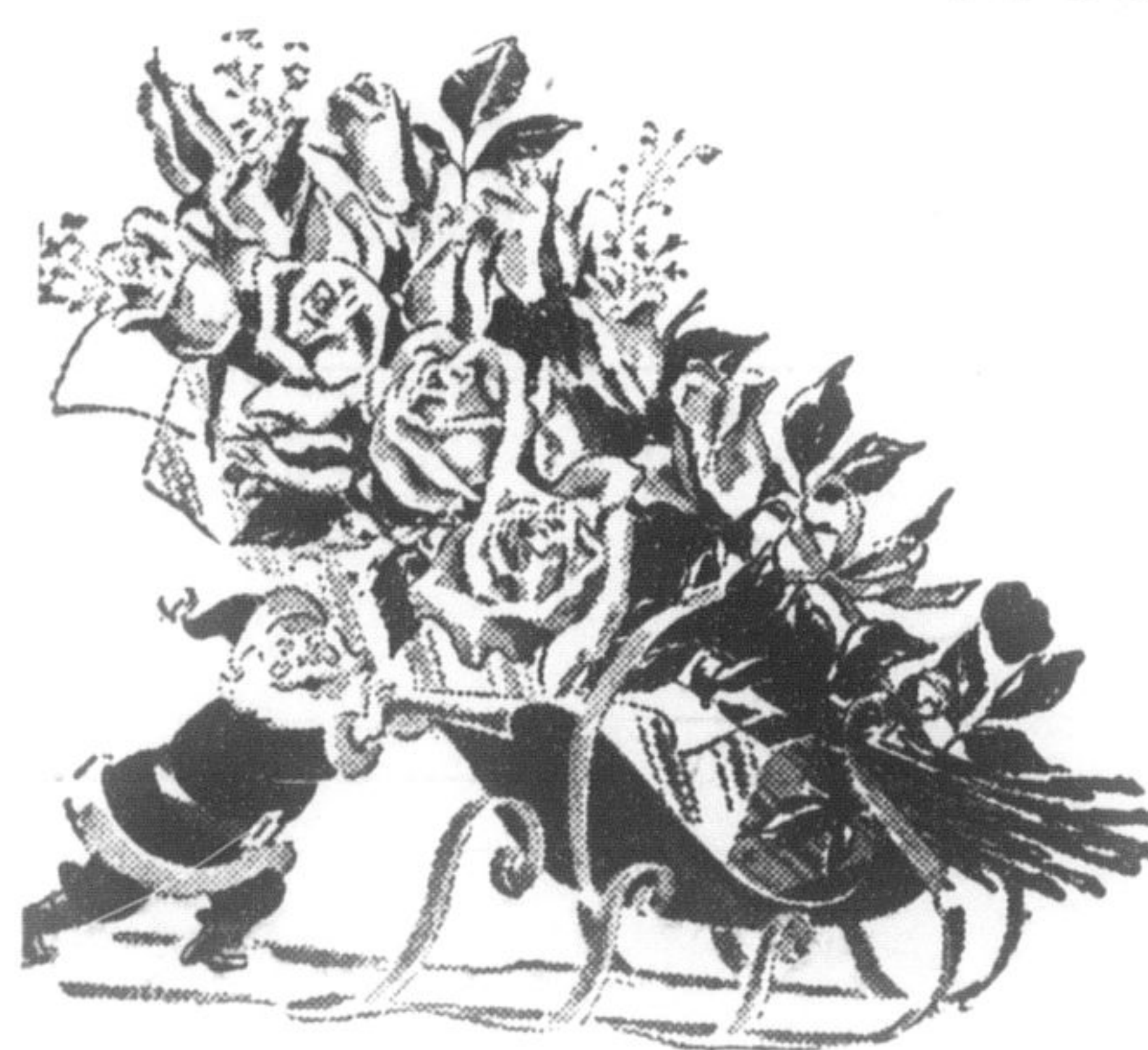
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