

TEACHER'S NOTES

JUNIORS

Throughout my experience teaching children I find some of the same questions asked over and over again. I have tried to answer some of these questions in the first twelve lessons of this quarter. The thirteenth lesson will be about the resurrection of Christ. I trust you, the teacher, will be able to add interest to the lessons, so that they will saturate the student's minds.

The mind of a child is like a computer being programed. Let us do all within our ability to put beneficial programs into it. Children are forming values everyday. Teachers can help them get their values in the right perspective, so they can be men and women that know and do God's will. Make good use of the time you have molding this piece of human clay.

Plastic Clay

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded at my will.
I came again when days were passed,
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently fashioned it day by day,
And molded with my power and art,
A child's soft and yielding heart.
I came again when years were gone,
It was a man I looked upon,
The form I gave him still he bore,
But I could change that form no more.
—Selected

Have you heard the story about the king who searched for the answers to three questions? The questions were:

1. Who is the most important person?
2. What is the most important time?
3. What is the most important thing?

After much searching by him and all the wise men of his kingdom, the answers were obtained. The most important person is the person who I am with at any given moment. The most important time is NOW! The most important thing is what I am doing at this time!

Keep these three important questions and their answers in mind at all times. They will help you to be more effective with the students. What you can do for the child must be done while he is young. The only time you have to do it is when you are permitted to contact him or her. Remember the most important person, time and thing!

Another important thing to consider is the ages of your students. Of course all children meet emotional levels at different ages, and some children are emotionally, physically, and intellectually different. A student's chronological age may be ten, but he or she may be nine emotionally or perhaps eight or eleven intellectually. All of these things are to be considered, but God will give you wisdom to meet the need whatever it is. Trust in Him and not your own ability. He is abundantly able to work through you if you will stay empty of self and give Him room.

Ten year olds many times are looking for heroes. They love stories about great men, kings, presidents, explorers, inventors, or athletes; just anyone who is great. Girls like stories about great mothers, queens, nurses, artists, musicians, etc. Some boys may like something I have listed for girls or vice versa.

Many children of this age pick out someone they wish to pattern their life after. This is a great opportunity for the church. Let us help them know the end of peoples lives who have chosen to disregard God while living. Likewise let us let them see the end of those who chose to live noble Christian lives. Let us draw them to God through being good examples. Pray for and encourage adults in your congregation to take special interest in the students.

At this age students are also learning how to make decisions. This is a very critical age. Learning how to make good decisions or choices, as I have called them in their lessons, is what will make them responsible adults and men and women for God. Take special care with this age! What they learn now will show up a few years from now in either good or bad decisions.

—Sis. Charlotte

PART	DATE	MEMORY VERSE	SONG
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1	Jan. 5	Psalms 59:9	43
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TITLE AND CENTRAL THOUGHT

Learning About God (A study of the different characteristics of God)

Learning About Life (God is the giver of life, and there would be no life without this beginning)

Origin of Man (Evolution of man is a theory, the truth is God is man's Creator.)

Man is Body and Soul (Man is made of two different beings, one spiritual another physical.)

Understanding Death (The soul is united to a body during life and separates at death to return to God.)

Life After Death (A little scriptural proof that people continue living after the body dies.)

Who Am I? (A lesson to help children understand who they are, in relationship to God.)

God's Plan For Me (God's plan for every person)

Understanding Sin (This lesson is not the origin of sin. It is to help children understand they are responsible for sin in their own life.)

My Responsibility Toward God (A list of six important responsibilities each one has to God.)

My Enemy (An explanation of man's worst enemy.)

Overcome My Enemy, ME (Explaining God's plan to give people power over self.)

Christ Overcame Death (The Easter Story)

Self-Mastery

Nature's program for every life is that it should be a masterpiece. There is no place in the world for weaklings. Every day should be a day of mastering something. One should master his lessons, master the home, master the farm, master music, master himself. Mastery is the key to success.

The most beautiful time of life is at the ages of eleven and twelve. At this period a child's mind has out-grown its body. He never thinks more clearly, more fairly, more logically, more sincerely than at this age. His differentiations are wonderful. His conscience is quick, his vision clear, his heart warm, his hands willing, his feet faithful in loving service. Before a child is eleven his physical life is prominent. It grows more rapidly than the intellectual life, but at eleven and twelve the intellectual life out-grows the physical and quickens the human spirit in beautiful freshness, buoyancy and spontaneity.

This is nature's respite of meditation; it is the time when a child is to decide the kind of a life he is going to live; whether ugly or beautiful; kind or rough; thoughtful or neglectful; a fighter or a peacemaker; helpful or harmful; a joy to the home or a sorrow. The most sacred time for the preparation of life is at eleven and twelve. All persons dealing with life building should use to the limit this growing junior child. How I do love those children, bright, alert, sweet, darling, affectionate, precious youngsters!

—Selected

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Book That Would Not Burn

How Betty loved her Daddy! Some how, even though she had seven brothers and sisters, she felt that her daddy loved her best of all. Perhaps that was because she was the eldest in the family and so, of course, daddy had had longer to love her than all the rest.

Daddy was a minister, and among his most precious possessions was a Bible that a very dear friend had given him many years ago. He always used this Bible when he was studying, or preaching, and, of course, in family worship.

One day when Betty and her daddy were alone in his study, he suddenly became very solemn.

"Betty," he said quietly, "none of us knows what is going to happen in the future, but if anything should go wrong—or—if anything should happen to me—"

"Don't say that, Daddy," said Betty, with a worried look on her face. "Nothing must ever happen to you."

"Of course, we hope not," he replied with a smile. "But just in case something should happen to me, I want you to have my Bible. It is to be yours, always."

"Oh, thank you, Daddy," cried Betty. "I shall value it above everything else all my life."

From that day on, even though daddy continued to use his Bible as he always had, Betty watched over it with special care. Every now and then she would go

into the study and dust the Book tenderly, then open it to read some message for herself. She felt that it was her book already, and that it would be a precious memory of her father forever.

Not long afterward her daddy became ill. Month after month went by, and he became steadily worse. Then one day he said good-by to everybody and died.

Betty was heartbroken, and her only consolation was the thought that daddy had given her his Bible, his most precious possession. She left it there on his study table, where it lay surrounded by all the other books in the library, like a king amid his courtiers. Every day she would tiptoe into the room and touch it reverently, silently turning its sacred pages. Tears would come to her eyes as she remembered that this was his book.

Then one day something terrible happened.

Betty was visiting in the home of a girl friend across the road. While they were talking together, they heard the fire alarm, and one said to the other, "There must be a fire somewhere; I wonder whose house it is this time?"

They went to the window to look out, and suddenly Betty screamed, "It's our house! Oh, look at the flames!"

They ran outside and tried to cross the road, but already a large crowd had gathered, and two fire engines were busy pumping water on the flames, while helmeted firemen were smashing windows and trying to carry out what furniture they could.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Learning About God

(New words: *Atheist*—A person who believes that there is no God. A person who ignores his duty to God. *Existence*—Real or actual being. (When we were born we came into existence.)

(You will find some new words in this lesson as you learn about a few of God's characteristics. Following the new word is a short explanation.)

He is a Spirit:

John 4:24 "God is a Spirit."

He is invisible:

I Timothy 1:17 "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

He is not a fleshly being:

Luke 24:39 "... for a spirit hath not flesh and bones ..."

He is self-existent: God was not born, He has life within Himself.

John 5:26 "... the Father [God] hath life in himself; ..."

Psalms 36:9 "For with thee [God] is the fountain of life."

He made all things:

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

He is eternal: which means He has always been and will always be.

Psalms 90:2 "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

He is omnipresent: that is, He is everywhere at the same time.

Jeremiah 23:34 "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth?"

Acts 17:27 He is "not far from every one of us;"

28 "For in him we live, and move, and have our being."

He is omniscient: that is, He knows everything.

Acts 15:18 "Known unto God are all his [man's] works from the beginning of the world."

Heb. 4:13 "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

He is omnipotent: that is, He has unlimited and universal power.

Matthew 19:26 "With God all things are possible."

Revelations 19:6 "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

He is holy: that is, pure in every way.

Leviticus 11:44 "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy."

Habakkuk 1:13 "Thou [God] art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity."

He is light:

I John 1:5 "This then is the message which we have heard of him, ... that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

He is love:

I John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

He is our Judge:

Hebrews 12:23 "God the judge of all. ..."

Rom. 14:10 "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

Heb. 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

MEMORY VERSE

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence. Psalm 59:9.



Let's talk about God. I opened the dictionary and turned to the word God. Guess what it says? It says, "God—the *maker* and *ruler* of the universe; the one Supreme Being." Yes, He is the power and life that brought the earth, planets, stars, moon and sun into existence. We are all sure that nothing can come from nothing, so the Earth could not come from nothing for it is something. All things of nature which we see each day come not from *nothing* but from *something*. They came from the Supreme Being, which has life in itself. All the manmade products which surround us each day, such as cars, buildings, clothing, toys, are all made from something which God had already created.

The idea that God is the beginning of all things seems very natural to the majority of intelligent people. Most of them, without hesitation, believe that a Supreme Being is responsible for all things of nature. However, there is a minority group of atheistic thinking people who have dedicated themselves to writing about this subject and have produced many books that cause the reader to doubt the existence of this Supreme Being. Many of you have probably read stories or paragraphs written by this minority group. Be strong and don't change your belief in the Supreme Being because of something you read.

Some have said they could not believe in God because they could not see Him, but everyone believes there is wind although they have never seen it. They believe there are pictures and sound in the air but without a radio or screen the sound cannot be heard nor the picture be seen. Sometimes it has been said that God does not exist because one cannot discover Him through one of the five physical senses, which are seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting, and smelling. However, we are all sure that we humans have another power within us that makes us aware of things that cannot be felt, heard, seen, tasted or smelled. Think of

the times you felt like someone was staring at you, you suddenly whirl around and sure enough they are staring at you. You knew it without using one of the five senses. We also have an awareness of danger. We are undoubtedly aware that we do exist and that we are something. We also have within us a consciousness which makes us aware that there is both bad and good in the world.

These awarenesses, which people have, prove within themselves that there is a spiritual Supreme Being; that there is more in the universe than just the physical that can be discovered through the physical senses of the body.

Only "the fool has said in his heart, There is no God." Psalm 14:1. He can only say it with his wishful heart and mouth, but his mind forces him to admit that there is a God.

Not one of the men who wrote the books of the Bible argue the existence of God. They just say God did this or that. Nature itself teaches about the Supreme Being, God!

Once an atheist said to a small boy, "I'll give you a dime if you will tell me where God is." The boy looked up at the man and answered, "Sir, I will give you a dollar if you will show me where He isn't."

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. What is God?
2. Describe a spirit.
3. Who is God's mother and father?
4. What did God make?
5. What is the meaning of eternal?
6. What kind of power is omnipotence?
7. Who has this kind of power?
8. How would you be if you were omniscient?
9. Would you enjoy being omnipresent? Why?
10. What does the word holy mean?
11. Will God judge everyone after they die?

(Answers: 1. He is a Spirit. 2. It is invisible and has no bones or flesh. 3. No one, for He has no father or mother. 4. All things. 5. Eternal means, always has been and always will be. 6. Unlimited. 7. God. 8. I would know everything. 9. Yes, or no, answers will vary. 10. Pure in every way. 11. Yes.)

Betty struggled to break through the crowd, but the neighbors held her back. She appealed to a policeman.

"There's something in there I've got to save!" she cried.

"Ah, missy," he said, "you can't go in there. It's just a roaring furnace. You'd be burned to a cinder."

"But I've got to go!" cried Betty. "I've got to go! Let me go!"

"No, dear, I couldn't let you go in there," said the kindly policeman. "I'm sorry, but it's impossible. See, even the firemen are leaving now."

Betty turned away heartbroken. It was of no use. Of course it was of no use. She could see that. But, oh, her Bible! If only she had stayed at home!

Surrounded by the crowd, yet feeling more alone than she had ever felt in all her life, she thought of Jesus.

"O Lord," she cried, wringing her hands, "save my Bible, Daddy's Bible. Don't let it burn. Please don't let it get burned!"

She prayed, while the angry flames roared through the building, turning the home she loved so dearly into a heap of ugly ashes. Two hours after the fire had started there was nothing left but two gaunt chimneys and some blackened, smoldering timbers. Room, bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, study, all had vanished.

It was some time after this before even members of the family were allowed to wander through the ruins, but Betty was among the first. She hurried to where the study had been. She knew the place well, and it was still clearly marked by remnants of half-burned books which had belonged to her father's library.

What a terrible sight! What would Daddy have said!

She came to some charred pieces of wood which she recognized had once been a desk, *his* chair. With more tenderness than ever, she moved them and peered beneath.

She gasped. What was that? Could it be? Could it possibly be?

Yes, it was Her Bible, Daddy's Bible!

With a cry of joy she picked it up and turned its pages with an eagerness she had never felt before.

There was not a mark of fire upon it, not the shadow of a burn upon the cover or the inside!

I know it is true. Betty herself told me about it. And she told me something else. She said that that Book of hers, so marvelously preserved in the fire, became the center of the new home that the family finally built. All the children turned to it as never before. They listened to its message as they never had in all their lives. All of them gave their hearts to God. And even today, though they have all grown up and scattered over the world, they still come back home as often as they can to gaze once more upon the Bible that was saved from the fire, the wonderful Book that would not burn.

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George Washington Carver

"What have you there?" asked Mrs. Carver as Mr. Carver came up the path with a bundle in his hands.

"A surprise," he said, as he pulled back his jacket which served as a blanket and revealed a little black baby.

"Mercy! Mercy!" cried Mrs. Carver, "what do you expect to do with him?"

"Care for him, what else?" Never know about these Negroes, he may be the most valuable bit of property we have."

Mrs. Carver took the boy in her arms. "Poor little creature, he's so skinny, I doubt he lives through the winter. You think this is old Manna's baby?"

"Sure thing it is. The slave raiders already sold her, but no one wanted the sickly child, so I traded him for a horse. Well, you feed him good and we'll see what he looks like by next spring."

Obediently Mrs. Carver placed the boy beside the wood stove in the kitchen and stirred the gruel. She opened the oven and pulled out the brown biscuits. She placed them on the table and dished up three bowls of gruel, two big ones and one small one for the new member of their family.

The boy, frightened by rough treatment from white men in the past, could hardly eat. The next day was easier, and the next. By springtime, he was a happy little boy although not as healthy as the Carvers had hoped.

Mrs. Carver spent a lot of time telling little George Washington, as they named him, about things she knew. He wanted to know about everything. What is the

sun? Who put it there? Why does it disappear every evening? Why do we feel warm when we stand in a window where the sun is shining? The thing he asked about the most was plants. Poor Mrs. Carver couldn't answer all the questions he asked.

"What have you there in your hand?" Mrs. Carver asked one day as George held up his dirty hands to show her a scrawny, wilted plant.

"It's a new plant I've found, but it's sick and I must make it well."

Mrs. Carver laughed. "You're always trying to heal some plant," she said. "Did you pray for that one?"

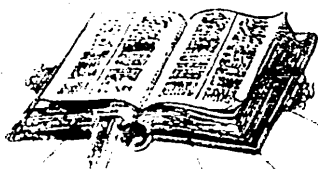
"Yes, I did. But the cold wind makes it sick. Can I please keep it in the house?" Then he bent over the wooden box placed under the south window and added it to the large collection of plants already in the box.

Mrs. Carver understood his great love for God's nature. Often she had followed him through the woods to see a new plant he had discovered. She saved every scrap of paper or smooth wood for him to use drawing or painting pictures of beautiful wild flowers. The paint he used was made from berries, roots, or stems, or anything else he found in the woods.

An old speller and the Bible were the books which Mrs. Carver used to teach George to read. George soon learned all Mrs. Carver could teach him. He prayed often for God to help him go to school, but it was five miles away, and there was no way to get there except walking.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Learning About Life

Gen. 1:11 "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."

12 "And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed [life] was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

20 "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."

21 "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

22 "And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth."

25 "And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind and God saw that it was good."

Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Mal. 2:10 "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?"

Acts 17:24 "God that made the world and all things therein, . . ."

25 " . . . seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;"

26 "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined the times before appointed; and the bounds of their habitation;"

28 " . . . in him we live, and move, and have our being;"

Gen. 6:17 " . . . I do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life,"

Lev. 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood:"

14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works;"

15 " . . . My substance [what I am made of] was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret,"

Ps. 139:13 " . . . Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb."

16 "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect [incomplete]; and in thy book all my members [parts of my body] were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

This text shows we are living before we are born:

Luke 1:41 "It came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary [Jesus' mother], the babe [John the Baptist] leaped in her womb:"

The Great Reality is Man

Man is the Crowning Work of Creation;
The Masterpiece of the Infinite;
Made in His Image and Partaker of His Nature;

With a Soul as big as an Empire;
And with the Equipment of a God;
Built to be a Citizen of Heaven forever.

—Selected

What Man in the Bible Had Eighty-Eight Children?

He was an Old Testament king, son of the wise king Solomon Find his name in II Chronicles 11:21 and write it here:

How many sons did he have?.....

How many daughters?

MEMORY VERSE

The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7.



Let's talk about life. Life is something that comes from God. It cannot be made. It must come from living things which already have life from Him.

Man may take some materials, such as metals, plastic and fiberglass, and make a car. They can take wood and stone, and make a house. From crude oil, they can make different oils, gasoline, and several other products. There are many, many different products which can be made using a mixture of available materials. However, no living thing can be made from materials alone. There must be life already within a seed before there can be another plant or animal. The seed may look very dry and lifeless but there is a bit of hidden life within it if it grows into a plant. You have discovered this in science classes, by adding a little water and warmth to a seed and watching it grow. First a small stem appears and then a leaf.

Every plant or animal you see came from a seed or egg which had life within itself. The mother and father animal give life to their young. In this way the life that God gave in the beginning is continued. The mother plants also produce seeds, which will grow into another plant just like the mother.

Life within people is different than life in plants and animals, but it is also given by God and must come from a mother and father which have this life already. Never has a baby come to birth without receiving life from its parents.

A human physical body is made up of several elements. After a person dies, his body can be oxidized until only these elements are left. However, a scientist, nor any other person, could not make another living person from these elements. The elements could be given the correct care for many years but a new living human body would not grow from them. Every human body has received its life from another living human body.

One living being must give life to another. Can you now understand that God is the giver of life, or else there would be no life?

Men know that the world and everything in it is made from ninety-two elements. However, having these ninety-two elements does not produce another world. God formed the earth and put life upon it.

All life comes from God!

—Sis. Charlotte

THE GREAT LIFE

Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow,

That a time could ever be
When I let the Saviour's pity
Plead in vain, and proudly answered,
"All of self, and none of Thee."

Yet He found me: I beheld Him
Bleeding on the accursed tree;
Heard Him pray, "forgive them, Father."
And my wistful heart said faintly:
"Some of self and some of Thee."

Day by day, His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and oh, so patient,
Brought me lower, while I whispered:
"Less of self and more of Thee."

Higher than the highest heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, thy love at last has conquered;
Grant me now my soul's desire,
"None of self and all of Thee."

—Selected

Questions:

1. Did the earth have life upon it at the beginning?
2. Who created living things upon the earth?
3. Name a man who has made a living thing?
4. How do new living things come into being?
5. Does all life come from God?
6. What was the first man made of?
7. Are all men made from the same blood?
8. Can people live without blood?
9. Does God know about us before we are born?

(Answers: 1. No, 2. God, 3. There is none, 4. They receive life from their parents then grow into a being, 5. Yes, 6. Dust, 7. Yes, 8. No, 9. Yes.)

Finally, when George was 11 years old, God gave him courage to walk the five miles to school and trust God for a place to stay at night. He said "Bye" to Mrs. Carver as she watched him carrying everything he owned yet whistling as if he owned the world.

The first few nights he crept into a horse stable and slept. Then God gave him a job chopping wood and doing the chores in exchange for food and a place to stay. He soon finished the three grades which were taught in the little log school. His teacher told him of another school in a distant town. All day long he walked to the other town. The next day he entered the school, trusting God to give him a place to live. He went to many houses and asked for a job and a place to stay. Finally a woman said, "You don't look big enough to work, one hard puff of wind would blow you away."

"I can work and I will work," he said. "Just try me!"

She gave him a little supper and very early the next morning awakened him to carry water from the well and build the fires. Over and over he walked to the well, filled the buckets and carried them back to the house, emptying them each time into her large tin wash tubs. By school time he had already done a days hard work, but off he ran, asking God to give him strength.

When George was seventeen he went back to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carver. How happy they were to see him, and how proud they were that he had finished his schooling after studying only seven years!

"You may be the most valuable negro in America," Mr. Carver said. "You do plan to go on to school, don't you?"

"Yes, if I can find a school that will accept me. You know many people don't think a black person needs to study."

"It's because they have never met a genius like you." Mr. Carver answered.

"I'm not a genius," George explained. "I just have faith in God and He shows me the answers to all my problems."

George tried many different schools, but he was always turned down because he was a Negro. Finally he was accepted at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He earned his Master of Science degree

in agriculture from Iowa State College. Later he became the Assistant Botanist of the Science Department of this same college. All the time he was studying, he operated a laundry to have money he needed for food, clothing, shelter and books.

Later George lost his job because of another assistant being jealous. This was God's way of giving him time to do research work. He helped the farmers solve many problems.

One day Booker T. Washington, President of Tuskegee Institute, came into Dr. George Washington Carver's research laboratory. "Dr. Carver," he said, "the Negro people need you. You must come and help us in this first school for our own people."

How well Dr. Carver knew that his people needed more and better ways of education. "I will pray about it," he answered.

After much prayer and waiting on an answer from God, he packed his clothing and necessary tools to continue research and boarded a train for Alabama, and the Tuskegee Institute.

At this institution he had very little to work with and a tiny salary, but he was happy doing God's will. When the sun arose each morning he could be found in the woods praying. It was during those times of prayer that God put ideas into his mind about helping the people of the southern United States.

This man of God who loved God so much, turned many weeds into food and made waste places into lush gardens. His help to people has never been forgotten by either the white or Negro race.

His well-worn Bible proved to everyone that he spent much time reading God's Word.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver never regretted having helped little George, for he was a valuable bit of property, not of Mr. Carver's but of God's!

—Charlotte Huskey

SOMETHING TO FIND OUT

Read II Kings, chapter 19. Then read Isaiah chapter 37. What did you find out?

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Columbus

In the year 1492, Christopher Columbus walked along the dusty road leading from Santa Fe to La Rabido, the boys school on the Tinto River, where he had left his five-year-old son, Diego, whose mother died when he was a baby. Diego saw him coming and ran to meet him.

Hugging his son tightly to himself, he asked, "How is my little man? And have you said your prayers every day and obeyed Father Perez?"

"I have said my prayers every day and obeyed Father Perez." Diego said with a smile. "My Papa, tell me, do you bring me good news? Did the Queen accept your plan for the voyage?"

"Nay, nay, my son. The people think I am nothing more than a vagabond, just an idle wanderer. Everywhere I go they think I am a foolish dreamer."

"But, Papa, I said my prayers every day. Why does not God answer? Maybe He will through the king of England. Is Uncle Bartolomia back from England yet?"

"Yes, he is back, and the king, Henry VII, also considers our idea to be pure madness, yes, pure madness."

"But, Father, we have asked God and I still believe He will make a way!"

"God is the only One who can make a way. I have sought help from every possible source, except for the king of France, but everyone thinks I'm crazy!"

That night, inside the stone walls of the Franciscan monastery, Father Perez

and Columbus talked through the quiet hours while Diego slept.

Columbus explained how he felt that God wanted to send forth his expedition that would be the means of bringing the gospel to undiscovered lands. "I was very sure after that King John II of Portugal, and King Henry VII of England only scoffed at my plans that God had reserved this great honor for King Ferdinand and Her Majesty Queen Isabella, but now, after waiting four and one half years, their advisers also say "my plans rest on weak foundations; its success seems uncertain and utterly impossible to any educated person!"

The next day Father Perez and his friends who knew Queen Isabella, sent a message to her. It said, "Your Highness, we are very convinced that God's hand is resting upon this Christopher Columbus, that he might be used to enlighten the people of the world about our Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Queen sent a return message and some money telling Columbus to come again to see them.

As Columbus donned his badly needed new clothing Diego asked, "Will I see you again, Papa?"

"I will sail as soon as the majesties approve!"

The King and Queen decided to accept his plan, possibly because God had given them a great victory over the Moorish king. They wanted to show their gratitude to God by sending Columbus to

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WORDS OF GOLD



Origin of Man

New words in this lesson: *Dominion*: Supreme authority; rule; control. *Subdue*: Conquer; overcome by superior force.

Gen. 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

18 "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

19 "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof."

20 "And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him."

21 "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;"

22 "And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."

23 "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Heb. 2:6 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

7 "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:"

8 "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him." (Man does not have power over death.)

I Cor. 15:39 "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds."

40 "There are also celestial [heavenly] bodies, and bodies terrestrial:"

45 "The first man Adam was made a living soul; . . ."

47 "The first man [Adam] is of the earth, . . ."

If there is *nothing* then *nothing* comes from it. Therefore, we know that something has existed from eternity; for everything that has not existed from eternity has a beginning and has been produced from something else already existing.



An atheist complained to a friend because Christians had their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter, and Jews celebrated their national holidays, such as the Passover and Yom Kippur. "But we atheists," he said, "have no recognized national holiday. It's unfair discrimination."

His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?" (April fool's day.)

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MEMORY VERSE

Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crowned him with glory and honour, and did set him over the works of thy hands. Hebrews 2:7.



Let's Talk

The Bible has the only satisfactory account of man's origin. There have been many attempts to explain man's origin by a theory called evolution. Here is a quote from the *World Book Dictionary*, "Evolution—3. The theory that all forms of life develop from earlier forms through a series of physical changes. According to evolution, the first mammal developed from a type of reptile, and ultimately all forms are traced back to a simple, perhaps single-celled, organism." Did you notice the word *theory*? What is the meaning of this word? Again we will quote the *World Book Dictionary*. "Theory—1. a. An explanation; an explanation based on thought; an explanation based on observation and reasoning; b. A hypothesis proposed as an explanation; a reasonable guess."

Now what is *evolution*? You are right, it is a *theory*. What is a *theory*? You are right again! It is an explanation, either based on thought, observation, reason, or a reasonable guess, or hypothesis. No where in the meaning of theory do we see the word *truth*! A theory is not truth, it is an explanation of something, a reasonable guess or hypothesis. Hypothesis is something taken for granted without actual proof because it seems likely to be a good explanation.

So we now understand that evolution is not the truth! It is not even said to be the truth. It is only a *theory*, which is a *guess*.

Remember reading about the people years ago who had a theory that the earth was square? They were afraid to travel far out upon the water because they believed they might suddenly drop off. Christopher Columbus watched the ships and reasoned a little better than some other people. He reasoned that the earth is round. He was right! He learned later that men who had studied the earth also believed it to be round. However, most of the people just believed what others said about the world being flat. Let us not believe only what others

say, but reason like Columbus. Doesn't reason within you cause you to doubt that you have evolved from a frog, and the frog from a small one-celled animal? From where did the one-celled animal come?

Even if most of the children around you believe that man evolved from lower animals does not make it true, for they are only believing what they hear, see in pictures and read. Most of the people in Columbus's day believed that the world was flat. Did that make it true? Perhaps someday, after more scientific study, men will learn the true origin of man which is told so simply in the Bible.

God made us "fearfully and wonderfully." (Psalm 139:14) A human has power to plan, think, reason, learn and to know. This power of ideas and reason is the vital force behind every earthly achievement. Let each of you ask God for wisdom to use these great powers so you will know how to choose between the truth and untruth in everything you hear and read.

A materialist once declared that he had absolutely no superior qualities above the animals. One man said, "If I believed that, I would send my dog to school and let him do all my work so I could just loaf around."

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. What did God say in the first verse of the lesson?
2. What does the word "dominion" mean?
3. What are people to have rule over?
4. In whose image did God create man?
5. Were any of the animals made in God's image?
6. Was Adam created with a soul and a body?
7. How did the animals get their names?
8. How was woman created?
9. What relationship are we to angels?
10. What is the one thing man has not subjected?

Answers: 1. "Let us make man in our image." 2. Rule or control. 3. Over fish, fowls, cattle, creeping things and the earth. 4. His own. 5. No. 6. Yes. 7. Adam gave them names. 8. From a rib taken from Adam's side. 9. We are made a little lower than the angels. 10. Death.

discover new lands into which the gospel could be spread. Whatever the reason, Columbus was given money, (some say about \$14,000 and others say nearer to \$500,000) for three ships, ninety men to "man" the ships and provisions to last for one whole year for all these men!

He worked eight months preparing his ships, the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. These ships were better equipped to cross the Atlantic ocean than many who crossed here 200 years later.

As he sailed past La Rabida early in the morning, he could hear the monks chanting some verses which ended in "now and forever." "Yes," said Columbus to himself, "I am now and forever on a voyage to bear Christ's name to the ends of the world. For that is just what my name means, 'Christ's bearer.' Little Diego," he said, looking back at the school, "be brave as your father is brave. Ask God every day to watch between us, and bring me again to see thy face."

The ships traveled in an opposite direction than anyone of their time would have thought. This was an idea which Columbus had. He believed it to be a revelation from God, and it proved to be the key to his successful voyage.

On the long voyage, each day was greeted by the ship's boy singing a song which went something like this:

"Praised be the light of day
and the Saviour's cross, we say;
and the Lord of Veritie,
and the Blessed Trinity.
Blessed be the everlasting soul,
And the Lord who keeps it whole,
Praised be the light of day,
And God who sends the night away."

Seventy days after leaving Spain, they were three thousand miles away from home. None of them had been more than three hundred miles offshore. It seemed that all the crews wanted to turn back except Columbus, and to keep from being killed and thrown overboard, he agreed to turn back toward home after three more days. On the night of the third day, at 10:00 o'clock, Columbus

and another sailor saw a light in the distance. "It looks like a small wax candle being raised and lowered," said Columbus. "It is God's sign to me that land is near."

At 2:00 o'clock in the morning land was sighted! This of course was Oct. 12, 1492. It was noon before they were able to anchor and row to shore.

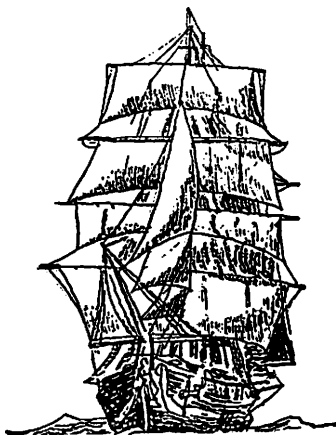
They kissed the white coral beach. Their eyes filled with tears as they knelt with heads bowed in prayer. Columbus prayed aloud, "O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, by Thy Holy Word Thou hast created the heaven, and the earth, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy name, and praised by Thy Majesty, which hath designed to use us, Thy humble servants, that Thy holy name may be proclaimed [preached] in this second part of the earth."

He named the island San Salvador which means "Holy Savior."

He liked the people on this new land from their first acquaintance. "These people are to be delivered and converted to our holy faith by love rather than force," he said to his men. Then gifts were given to the Indians, as he called them.

On each of the five islands that he explored, he ordered, "Do not molest or mistreat the Indians in any way!" He also had his men erect large wooden crosses "as tokens of Jesus Christ, our Lord and in honor of the Christian faith."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Columbus

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On Christmas day Columbus' largest ship the Santa Maria was wrecked on the shores of the most beautiful island he had ever seen. Later he thanked God for letting it happen because on this island he met wonderful Indians. They helped him save everything in the ship and start building a fort from the ship's timbers. They also gave him gifts of gold for which he was especially happy because he hoped discoveries on this trip would make him, his country and his church rich.

Finally, on January 16, 1493, he loaded the Nina and started for Spain with a crew of thirty-eight men. Thirty-nine men voluntarily stayed at the fort in Navidad. Espanola, as he named the island.

Martin Pinzon, captain of the Pinta had deserted him in search of gold before the shipwreck. Now he faced more than three thousand miles of changeable ocean water in one small ship.

"With God's blessing," he thought, "thirty days from now I shall be near the Canary Islands, where I can get provisions and necessary repairs, and then on toward home, where I shall see my new wife and little Ferdinand, and visit Diego at the school."

How thankful he was that he had taken Diego to the school, for there is where he met the people who had influenced the queen to give money for this

voyage. Salty spray from the ocean mingled with the tears on his cheeks, tanned nearly as dark as the six Indians he had with him.

On the third day of sailing through the islands out to open sea, who do you suppose he met? La Pinta! At first he was angry because Pinzon had been disloyal to him, but after a little talk he decided to forget it all. They traveled on toward home together.

He was thankful to God for the calm water and a sunny sky for over 2,000 miles of the journey, but during the night of February 12, the wind howled and screamed. The ships groaned as they were tossed about as a soccer ball is kicked about in the roughest of games. At times high waves of green water came crashing down on them from both sides throughout the night and the next day.

Columbus knew he might die on this trip, so he had done all he knew to do that his soul might go to heaven should that happen. Before he left Spain, he had knelt on the beach and taken the holy communion and asked God's blessing over them.

Darkness was coming and with it the feeling that death might catch them any minute.

He called the crew together for prayer. "Let us make serious promises to God," he said. "If God brings us safely home then let one of us make a pilgrimage." (A pilgrimage is a journey made as a thank-you to God.) Everyone quick-

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WORDS OF GOLD



MAN IS A BODY AND A SOUL

Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Matt. 10:28 "Fear not them which kill the **body**, but are not able to kill the **soul**, but rather fear him which is able to destroy both **soul** and **body** in hell."

Job 14:22 "But his **flesh** upon him [his **body**] shall have pain, and his **soul** within him shall mourn."

I Cor. 6:19 "What? know ye not that your **body** is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your **body**, and in your **spirit** [soul], which are God's."

I Cor. 7:34 "The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in **body** and in **spirit** [soul];"

II Cor. 4:16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man [body] perish, yet the inward man [soul] is renewed day by day."

II Cor. 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house [body] . . . were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2 "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:"

4 "that mortality [death] might be swallowed up of [eternal] life."

6 "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the **body**, we are absent from the Lord:"

8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the **body**, and to be present with the Lord."

9 "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him."

10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive [a reward for] the things done in his **body**, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

11 "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;"

James 2:26 "For as the **body** without the **spirit** [soul] is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

James 5:20 ". . . he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a **soul** from death."

I Chron. 29:15 "For we are strangers before thee, . . . our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

Eccles. 12:7 "Then shall the dust [body made from dust] return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit** [soul] shall return unto God who gave it."

Questions:

1. What causes us to understand?
2. Whom are we to fear?
3. Does Job teach that we have both a **body** and a **soul**?
4. What does I Cor. 6:19 & 20 tell us to do?
5. Is man both a **body** and a **spirit**?
6. Does the **body** and the **soul** grow old about the same time?
7. List several things that our **body** is called in our lesson.
8. Paul said he would rather be absent from the **body** and present with the Lord, would you?
9. Will everyone appear before God to receive a reward according to whether he has done good or bad?
10. What happens to the **spirit** when we die?

MEMORY VERSE

Fear not them which kill the **body**, but are not able to kill the **soul**; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both **soul** and **body** in hell.

Matthew 10:28



Let's Talk

Let's talk about electricity. There are probably several electric appliances around you every day. Take a look around. How many can you name? Perhaps a clock, a radio, lamps of different kinds, a stereo, a vacuum, kitchen appliances, and many more. Without being plugged into an electric current all these things are dead and useless. Look into the electric plug-in, do you see anything there that looks like power to run these machines? Do you see a light? No, but when you turn on the lights, electricity makes the room light. Many of you have electric heat for your homes, but you cannot see a fire running along the electric lines outside your home. The people long ago did not know about the electric power of our world and therefore could not enjoy the many things we enjoy today. They did not know it was there because they could not see it, but today we all know there are many things in our universe which cannot be seen with the eye. Electricity is just one thing which cannot be seen yet it is very useful and powerful.

Our soul is like electricity in that it cannot be seen but is very useful and powerful. Our body without the soul is like an electric appliance without electricity. It has useful parts, and is ready to do many things, but without being filled with the soul which God designed to work within it, it is useless and lifeless. It cannot walk, talk, think, speak, or do anything.

In many places in the Bible, our body is called our house in which our soul lives. Remember when Jesus was dying on the cross? He said, to one of the thieves which was crucified with Him, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43. Jesus was not telling the thief that his body would be with Him in paradise. He was telling him that his real self, his soul or spirit would be with Him that day in another world.

Dr. F. D. Moore, M.D. says that biologists (people who study physical life or

living things in all its forms) have long known that man is soul and body. He says, "I am a soul, dwelling for a time in a body. Each person's body is a complex machine housing the human mind and soul. When a person dies his mind is stilled, and his soul is alleged [declared] to depart for other regions, and his body is then consumed [destroyed] by fire or decay."

King Solomon, the wisest man living in his time, once began to wonder if man was different than the animals. He said, "That which befalleth [happens to] the sons of men befalleth [happens to] beasts: . . . as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath;" (Eccles. 3:19), and "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?" Eccles. 3:21. Then he studied for a long time and answered his own question. "If a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many." Eccles. 11:8. And "know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore . . . put away evil from thy flesh;" Eccles. 11:9, 10. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Eccles. 12:7. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:14.

Throughout the ages of this earth, great men have wondered whether man was more than just a higher form of animal. Each time they have studied about it for a long time, they come to the same answer; Man is "a soul dwelling in a body." —Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. The spirit within us. 2. He who has power to destroy both soul and body. 3. Yes. 4. To glorify God with our soul and our body. 5. Yes. 6. No, our body may be very old but our spirit cannot be renewed everyday. 7. Our outward man, earthly house, flesh, dust, and body. 8. Answers will vary. I would rather be absent from the body and be present with the Lord because we will have no trouble, pain, or sorrow when we are with the Lord. 9. Yes. 10. It returns to God who gave it.)

ly agreed, so a cross was carved on a dried bean. It was then mixed with thirty-eight more beans and each man drew out one bean to see who would make the pilgrimage. Columbus drew out the bean with the cross carved on it.

The storm raged all night!

The next morning a second vow was taken and the bean drawn by another man. Still the storm exploded around them like bombs. The pumps were kept busy continually to keep them afloat! Extra lights were hung so the ships could see one another. Soon the storm blew them so far apart that not the faintest light from the Pinta could be seen. The storm continued to toss the Nina and her crew around.

Finally the whole crew got down on their knees and cried so loud to God for mercy that it could be heard above the noise of the storm. It seemed hopeless, but they were sure God was their only help, so they kept on crying and making promises. One promise was that they would go in shirt sleeves, and bare feet (in cold January weather) to a chapel to worship. They thought this would make God happy!

As the sun was setting a week later, the sky cleared. Someone cried out, "Tierra! Tierra!" ("Land! Land!") It proved to be one of Portugal's Azores. A small crew rowed out toward shore in a little boat and the rest fell asleep, for the first time in seven days and nights.

The men did not return! They were taken captive by the people of the island because the King of Portugal had commanded them to be captured if they returned, as he wanted to send an expedition and claim the new lands for himself. Later everyone was miraculously released. However, they had scarcely left the Azores when another winter storm tore off all their sails. They were totally at the mercy of God and the storm, so they prayed again, made more vows, and drew more beans.

Five days the ship, full of praying men, rolled creaking and groaning over the angry billows. On the sixth day Columbus wiped the rain from his burning eyes and peered ahead. He spotted

Portugal's coast and the mouth of the River of Lisbon. This meant sure trouble! Either death by drowning in the angry water, death by being battered upon the rocky shore, or a long imprisonment by John II, King of Portugal, awaited them.

The Nina reeled over on its side so far that water poured in the gunwales! The men screamed, for death was sure now! However, the ship straightened as if lifted by the hand of God Himself, and a strong wind carried it into the mouth of the river.

Columbus was surprised that King John II did not imprison him. He only tried to get as much information as possible from him.

Columbus soon had the ship repaired and new sails, then he set out for Spain.

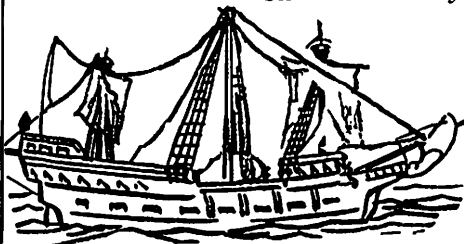
On March 15, 1493, a monk at the school where Diego lived was hoeing the garden when he noticed the Nina sailing up the river. Running for Diego, he called, "Tu Papa! Tu Papa!" ("Your father! Your father!") Diego saw the ship and knew God had brought his Papa home to him.

Columbus saw the monastery and knew God had watched between him and his son and they would see each other face to face again.

In later years, Diego and his brother, Ferdinand, would be pages in the court of the king and queen. Ferdinand even went on a voyage and wrote a book about their father.

Columbus' last words before he died were, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." He did not understand many things about God and the Bible, but he knew he had a spirit that was leaving his body as he was dying. (This story based on facts.)

—Charlotte Huskey



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Just in Time!

When God sends us the help we need, He loves to send it just in time—not too soon, and not too late, but just when we need it most.

When the children of Israel were fleeing from the cruel Egyptians, they found themselves in a very difficult place. There were mountains on one side of them, the Red Sea in front of them, and the Egyptians behind them.

They were caught, and their plight could hardly have been worse. Nearer and nearer came the Egyptians. In fact, God let them come so close that His people could actually see them, and they were really frightened.

Another few hours and all would have been over. There would have been a dreadful slaughter, and those not killed would have been dragged back into slavery.

Just then, when hope of being saved had almost gone, God made a way through the sea. The Bible says: "Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided." Exodus 14:21.

The children of Israel walked through the sea to safety, just in time.

Another Bible story you know well is the one about the three young men who were thrown into the "burning fiery furnace," because they refused to worship the golden image set up by King Nebuchadnezzar.

Now a fiery furnace is a very hot place, but this furnace was heated "seven times more than it was wont to be heated," and that must have been hot indeed.

However, the Hebrew youth were not burned. In fact, we read that not even their hair was singed, nor did their clothes smell of smoke! (Daniel 3:27)

How did this happen? Well, even while the big, burly soldiers were binding the young men, to throw them into the fire, the dear Lord Himself was preparing to rescue them.

King Nebuchadnezzar, peering into the fiery furnace, beheld a sight that astonished him.

"Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" he asked his counselors. They replied, "True, O king."

The king exclaimed: "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Daniel 3:25.

Again God had come to the rescue, just in time.

The same thing happened when Daniel himself got into trouble. You remember how some wicked people tried to stop his praying to God, and how, because he refused, he was thrown into a den of lions.

Well, everybody else who had ever been thrown to those lions had been torn to pieces in a minute, but when Daniel entered the den, the lions be-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Understanding Death

James 2:26 "... the body without the spirit is dead, . . ."

I Corinthians 15:21 "For since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Jesus] came also the resurrection of the dead."

22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

23 "But every man in his own order: Christ the first...; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

25 "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."

26 "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

35 "But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?"

36 "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:."

37 "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be."

38 "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."

40 "There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another."

49 "... as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;"

51 "We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed."

53 "For this corruptible [perishable body] must put on incorruption [an imperishable body], and this mortal [a body sure to die] must put on immortality [a never-dying body]."

54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying, . . . Death is swallowed up in victory."

II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house [our body] . . . were dissolved, we have a building of God [a spiritual body], an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2 "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:"

4 "... that mortality [death] might be swallowed up of [eternal] life."

6 "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home [living] in the body, we are absent from the Lord:"

8 "We are . . . willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Job 14:1 "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, . . ."

2 "He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

7 "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again,"

8 "Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;"

9 "Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant."

10 "But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?"

14 "If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." [that I may change into another body.]

Mortality

"Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

Like a fast-flitting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,

A flash of lightning, a break of the wave,

He passes from life to his rest in the grave."

—Abe Lincoln

MEMORY VERSE

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
I Corinthians 15:44.



Let's talk about death. As we have learned from the book of James, chapter two and verse twenty-six, the body is dead when the spirit (soul) is separated from it. In the lesson "Learning About God" on January fifth, we learned that a spirit has not flesh and bones. (I Timothy 1:17) A spirit is invisible.

After Jesus' body was crucified, He came back to this world, not as a spirit but in a different body. He could talk and sometimes the people could see and feel Him. One time the disciples were eating together and the door of the room was shut. All of a sudden, Jesus was standing in the room with them, and the door had never opened. You may read about this in Saint John 20:26, 27.

Death must come to everyone. Has it visited your home? Has a grandfather or grandmother died, an uncle or aunt, a brother or sister, mother or father? It makes everyone in the family sad even though they are Christians. We are sad because we must separate from the one we have enjoyed sharing with. We can not expect to enjoy anything else with this person here in this life. However, those who are Christians can expect to enjoy another time with their Christian friends and family who have died.

As you look on a dead person, he or she looks very much like they are only asleep, but if you try to arouse them, they do not respond. The part that causes them to know they must awaken is not there. The muscles they used for getting up are still there, but they cannot get up. The voice that spoke, speaks no more but the mouth and voice box that was used in speaking is still in the body.

That invisible part of your loved one which caused him to do the things you enjoyed, is not living in his body any more. It has gone to God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

Death is often spoken about as if it were our enemy, and it is an enemy to the body, for it destroys the earthly body. However, to the Christian, death is not an enemy. It is like moving from

one house into another. (II Cor. 5:1) This body in which we live is wonderfully made. It is so unique that no two bodies are exactly alike. Even identical twins have things about their bodies that are not alike.

This body in which we live is very inferior to the body which Jesus has ready to give us after we separate in death from this one. I Corinthians 15:48, teaches us that we are living in our earthly body and we shall live in our heavenly body.

Leaving our earthly body to go and live in the heavenly one could be like moving out of a straw hut and moving into a king's palace. Much better, right?

—Sis. Charlotte

Who Is the Meanest Grandmother in the Bible?

She was the mother of a king. When her son died, she ordered all his sons put to death so that she could rule the land as she pleased. Find her name in II Chronicles 22:10 and write it here:

Questions:

1. What happens to the body after the spirit leaves?
2. Will every body made in the likeness of Adam, die?
3. What is the last enemy to be conquered?
4. What two kinds of bodies do we have?
5. If we have an earthly body, do we also have a heavenly body?
6. Will everyone be changed from one body to another?
7. What will we do after this earthly house is dissolved?
8. If a tree is cut down will it live again?
9. What is death called in Job 14:14?

(Answers: 1. The body dies. 2. Yes. 3. Death. 4. There are many names for the two distinct bodies we each have. One body is called natural, physical, mortal, corruptible, terrestrial, or a fleshly body. The other is called spiritual, immortal, incorruptible, celestial. The most common of these names is natural body and spiritual body. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. We will live in our spiritual body. 8. Yes. 9. A change.)

haved like tame pussycats! They walked around him and smelled him, but they never touched him.

When the king came to the den in the morning to find out what had happened, he called out: "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" Daniel 6:20.

Whether or not he expected to hear an answering voice out of the den we cannot tell, but to his delight there came a reply in strong, happy tones: "O king, live forever. My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." Verses 21, 22.

I wonder when the angel was sent. Perhaps just as the order was given for Daniel to be cast to the lions, or perhaps when the soldiers were dragging Daniel out of his house to take him to the den. I don't know; but I do like to think that another order was given at the same time by another King, an order to the swiftest angel in heaven to fly with all speed to the rescue of this faithful child of God. And he arrived, just in time.

When Jesus came to live on this earth for a little while, He was always arriving just in time to help people. Sometimes the people who wanted His help thought He came too late, but He always proved that the time was just right.

Maybe you remember the wonderful story of Lazarus. This poor man became very sick, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, immediately thought of Jesus and how He had healed so many other sick people. As they were very friendly with Jesus, they felt sure He would come soon and make their brother well. However, He didn't come. Though He knew all about what was happening, He did not hurry at all, and finally Lazarus died. Not till then did Jesus go to the home. As He arrived He was met by Martha, who said: "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." John 11:21.

Martha was really rebuking Jesus for having come too late. However, it is

never too late for the Lord. Always when He seems to delay things a little, He has some beautiful purpose in it, and this time it was to raise Lazarus from the dead. So His seeming lateness led to the most wonderful miracle He ever performed. So, after all, He was really just in time again.

Because He never changes, He is ready to be as thoughtful for us and our needs today as ever He was for His people in the olden days. As He helped them, so He will help us, just in time.

I remember so well having to move to a new place of work some years ago. It meant leaving the house in which I had lived for several years, and I tried my best to dispose of it. Nevertheless I couldn't sell it, and I couldn't rent it; so finally I had to leave it empty—with the Lord. Months and months passed, and still the house stood unoccupied. Meanwhile I lived in all sorts of uncomfortable places, looking for a new house, but unable to get one because the first was not sold. Then one day I found the very house I thought I needed. It seemed to fit every purpose, and I had just a few hours in which to buy it. Before those hours had passed I received a telegram saying, "House sold."

I shall never forget that moment, for it was very wonderful to me.

I said, "Thank you, Lord. Just in time again!"
—Selected

How Many Years Did Their Spirit Live in Their Body?

A score is 20. Threescore is 60. Now you figure it out.

ADAM	years
	(Genesis 5:5)
METHUSELAH.....	years
	(Genesis 5:27)
MOSES.....	years
	(Deuteronomy 34:7)
ISAAC	years
	(Genesis 35:28)
NOAH.....	years
	(Genesis 9:29)
ABRAHAM.....	years
	(Genesis 25:7)
JOSEPH.....	years
	(Genesis 50:26)

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More Than His Share

Bennie Owen was a farmer boy in the state of Vermont. When Abraham Lincoln sent out a call for volunteer soldiers to help put down the rebellion, called the Civil War, Bennie Owen begged permission of his father to enlist. After much pleading Farmer Owen gave his consent, and Bennie went to war. With him went Jemmie Carr, a neighbor's son; and these two homes were always filled with anxiety fearing some evil tidings might come that one or both of these boys had been killed in battle.

One morning a telegram was received by Farmer Owen, and this is how it read:

"Private Benjamin Owen, Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, was found asleep at his post while on picket duty last night. The court-martial has sentenced him to be shot in twenty-four hours as the offense occurred at a critical time."

Mr. Allen, the village minister, had heard of the sad news, and hurried to the home of the Owen family to give them counsel and comfort.

"I thought, Mr. Allen, when I gave my Bennie to his country, that not a father in all this broad land made so precious a gift—no, not one. The dear boy only slept a minute, just one little minute, at his post; I know that was all, for Bennie never dozed over a duty. How prompt and reliable he was! I know he only fell asleep one little second; he was so young, and not strong, that boy of mine! Why, he was as tall as I and

only 18! and now they shoot him because he was found asleep when doing sentinel duty. Twenty-four hours, the telegram said—only twenty-four hours. Where is Bennie now?"

"We will hope with his heavenly Father," said Mr. Allen, soothingly.

"Yes, yes; let us hope; God is very merciful."

" 'I should be ashamed, Father,' my Bennie said, 'when I am a man, to think I never used this great right arm,' and he held it out so proudly before me, 'for my country when it needed it. Palsy it rather than keep it at the plow.' "

" 'Go, then, my boy,' I said, 'and God keep you!' God has kept him. I think, Mr. Allen!" and the farmer repeated these last words slowly, as if, in spite of his reason, his heart doubted them.

"Like the apple of His eye, Mr. Owen; doubt it not."

Blossom sat near them listening with blanched cheek. She had not shed a tear. Her anxiety had been so concealed that no one had noticed it. She has occupied herself mechanically in the household cares. Now she answered a gentle tap at the kitchen door, opening it to receive from a neighbor's hand a letter. "It is from him," was all she said.

It was like a message from the dead! Mr. Owen took the letter, but could not break the envelope on account of his trembling fingers, and held it toward

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WORDS OF GOLD



Life After Death

I Corinthians 15:19 "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

John 11:25 "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"

26 "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

II Corinthians 15:3 "... Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures:"

4 "... he was buried, and ... he rose again the third day ... "

5 "... he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:"

6 "After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once:"

Matthew 27:52 "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,"

53 "And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

Matthew 17:1 "Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,"

2 "And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."

3 "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him."

Luke 16:19 "There was a certain rich man, ... "

20 "And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, ... "

22 "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried:"

23 "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

24 "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

25 "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."

26 "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

II Corinthians 12:3 "I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth:)"

4 "How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,

When that which drew from out the
boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time
and place

The flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

—Selected

MEMORY VERSE

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25.



There are many stories and books about life after death. Many stories are experiences of people who have been dead for a few minutes and then brought back to life. I believe many are reality, but of course, some are just imaginations of the mind while the body is in an unconscious state. Most seem to have an experience of going through a dark tunnel. Death is a dark-tunnel experience for all, because it is leaving things well known and going into the unknown. To fear to go through the dark tunnel is called "the sting of death." Jesus has taken away the sting of death for the saved person. He does not fear passing through this time. He has much more knowledge about this unknown life into which he or she is going. He knows about it by reading and studying the Bible, also by communication with God and his Son Jesus. The saved person has a peace in facing death which is unknown to sinners.

You have probably seen trees that have been cut down, and are growing again from the same root, or perhaps another kind of a plant growing which you thought was dead. Plants seem to have a stronger life within themselves than animals. However, even some animals, such as lizards, can grow new parts of their body which have been broken off. Some animals even reproduce by dividing into two. All this is very strange and interesting.

Nevertheless, we human beings, the distinct, special creation of God, were made not only to live on this earth, but to live with God and the angels. "The life of the body ends, but the life of the soul is forever."

Life is like a water cycle. Water falls upon the earth as rain, it seeps through the earth, and forms streams and rivers which flow into the oceans. Water from the oceans is then changed into a vapor or fog and raises up through the sky and forms new clouds. The clouds are

then blown over the earth and cold air causes the vapor to form into rain drops and fall again onto the ground. Our spirit is a part of God and it unites with a physical body and we are a human being upon the earth. We live in this body upon the earth until God calls the spirit out of the body again and takes it back to be with him. The body left without the spirit then rots and decays until it changes into earthly particles. The spirit lives with God. Do you understand now that life is never ending? It is a cycle. It always exists but in different forms. There is life after the death of our physical body.

—Sis. Charlotte

Hands and Feet in The Bible

What were driven through the hands of Jesus when He was crucified?

(John 20:25)

What disciple would not believe that Jesus was risen until he could touch these prints with his own hand?

(John 20:24, 25)

Who washed his hands of blame when Jesus was put to death?

(Matthew 27:24)

Questions:

1. Jesus said that although we are dead yet we what?
2. What shall happen to the person who believes in Jesus?
3. How many days was Jesus dead?
4. By how many people was Jesus seen after He arose?
5. Did the rich man die?
6. To whom was the rich man talking after he had died?
7. What did he ask Abraham to do?
8. Was the dead rich man able to feel pain?
9. Why couldn't Abraham help the rich man?
10. What was heard by the man who was caught up to Paradise?

(Answers: 1. We live! 2. After he dies, he shall live again. 3. Three, 4. More than 513 people, 5. Yes, 6. Abraham, 7. He asked that Lazarus might bring him a drop of water to cool his tongue, 8. Yes, 9. A great grief was between them. 10. Words that were unspeakable.)

Mr. Allen with the helplessness of a child. The minister opened it, and read as follows:

"Dear Father: When this reaches you I shall be in eternity. At first, it seemed awful to me, but I have thought about it so much now that it has no terror. They say they will not bind me, nor blind me; but that I may meet my death like a man. I thought, Father, it might have been on the battlefield, for my country, and that, when I fell, it would be fighting gloriously; but to be shot down like a dog for nearly betraying it—to die for neglect of duty! Oh, father, I wonder the very thought does not kill me! But I shall not disgrace you. I am going to write you all about it; and when I am gone, you may tell my comrades. I cannot now.

"You know I promised Jemmie Carr's mother I would look after her boy, and when he fell sick, I did all I could for him. He was not strong when he was ordered back into the ranks, and the day before that night I carried all his luggage, besides my own, on our march. Toward night we went in on the double-quick, and though the luggage began to feel very heavy everybody else was tired too; and as for Jemmie, if I had not lent him an arm now and then he would have dropped by the way. I was all tired out when we went into camp, and then it was Jemmie's turn to be sentry, and I would take his place; but I was too tired, father. I could not have kept awake if a gun had been pointed at my head; but I did not know it until—well, it was too late."

"God be thanked!" interrupted Mr. Owen, reverently. "I knew Bennie was not the boy to sleep carelessly at his post."

"They tell me today that I have a short reprieve given to me by circumstances—'time to write to you,' our good colonel says. Forgive him father, he only does his duty; he would gladly save me if he could; and do not lay my death up against Jemmie. The poor boy is broken hearted, and does nothing but beg and entreat them to let him die in my stead.

"I can't bear to think of mother and Blossom. Comfort them, father! Tell them I die as a brave boy should and that, when the war is over, they will not be ashamed of me, as they must be now. God help me; it is very hard to bear! Good-by, father! God seems near and dear to me; not at all as if He wished me to perish forever, but as if He felt sorry for His poor, broken-hearted child, and would take me to be with Him and my Saviour in a better, better life."

A deep sigh burst from Mr. Owen's heart. "Amen," he said solemnly, "Amen."

"Tonight, in the early twilight, I shall see the cows all coming home from pasture and precious little Blossom stand on the back-stoop waiting for me; but I shall never, never come! God bless you all. Forgive your poor Bennie."

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MY DEAD

I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me nor more;
Along the path of life I tread
They have but gone before.

The Father's house is mansioned fair
Beyond my vision dim;
All souls are His, and here or there
Are living unto Him.

And still their silent ministry
Within my heart hath place,
As when on earth they walked with me
And met me face to face.

Mine are they by an ownership
Nor time nor death can free;
For God hath given to Love to keep
Its own eternally.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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More Than His Share

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Late that night the door of the "back-stoop" opened softly and a little figure glided out and down the foot-path that led to the road by the mill. She seemed rather flying than walking, turning her head neither to the right nor to the left, looking only now and then to heaven, and folding her hands as if in prayer. Two hours later the same young girl stood at the Mill depot watching the coming of the night train; and the conductor, as he reached down to lift her into the car, wondered at the tear-stained face that was up-turned toward the dim lantern he held in his hand. A few questions and ready answers told him all; and no father could have cared more tenderly for his only child than for little Blossom. She was on her way to Washington to ask President Lincoln for her brother's life. She had stolen away, leaving only a note to tell where and why she had gone. She had brought Bennie's letter with her; no good, kind heart like the President's could refuse to be melted by it. The next morning they reached New York and the conductor hurried her on to Washington. Every minute now might be the means of saving her brother's life. And so, in an incredibly short time, Blossom reached the Capital and hastened immediately to the White House.

The President had just seated himself to his morning's task of overlooking

and signing important papers, when, without one word of announcement, the door softly opened and Blossom, with downcast eyes and folded hands, stood before him.

"Well, my child," he said, in his pleasant, cheerful tones, "what do you want, so bright and early in the morning?"

"Bennie's life, please, sir," faltered Blossom.

"Bennie? Who is Bennie?"

"My brother, sir. They are going to shoot him for sleeping at his post."

"Oh, yes;" and Mr. Lincoln ran his eye over the papers before him. "I remember. It was a fatal sleep. You see, child, it was a time of special danger. Thousands of lives might have been lost for his culpable negligence."

"So my father said, sir," replied Blossom, gravely, "but poor Bennie was so tired, sir, and Jemmie so weak. He did the work of two, and it was Jemmie's night, not his; but Jemmie was too tired, and Bennie never thought about himself, that he was tired, too."

"What is this you say, child? Come here, I do not understand," and the kind man caught eagerly, as ever, at what seemed to be a justification of an offense.

Blossom went to him; he put his hand tenderly on her shoulder, and turned up her pale, anxious face toward his. How tall he seemed! and he was President of the United States, too. A dim thought of this kind passed for a moment through

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WORDS OF GOLD



Who Am I?

New word: *Heir* is a person who freely receives property or anything from another.

I am God's special creation:

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: . . ."

Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

I am made a little lower than the angels:

Hebrews 2:6 "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

7 "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands."

8 "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him."

I am God's child:

Galatians 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

I am an heir to God's kingdom:

James 2:5 "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"

Galatians 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."

7 "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

17 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;"

9:20 "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

21 "Hath not the potter power over the clay; of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"

26 "And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God."

Through God I have power over everything on earth:

Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them."

28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

I John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

I am important to God:

Luke 9:47 "And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,"

48 "And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me:

Luke 18:16 "Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Zechariah 2:8 "... for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye."

MEMORY VERSE

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Galatians 4:7.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about ourselves today. Who am I? Am I just an animal which was born into this world and must live, suffer and die? A fish is tossed about by waves of water in which it swims while looking for food. Am I, as a fish, being tossed about by problems while trying hard to do what I am supposed to do? Am I a bit of a bad society and must do my part to help change the society so I can be better? Am I helpless in the hand of an Almighty God? Does He have all my life planned, and whatever He has designed for me will happen to me? Am I helpless to do anything about what happens to me? Or am I an individual who can plan, choose and decide my own destiny?

Have you ever thought on these things? Most children your age wonder about them.

Some people think the Scriptures teach that we are helpless in the hands of God and He does with us whatever He wishes. Others who do not believe in the Bible, believe God has nothing to do with what happens to us. Some believe that others surrounding us cause us to choose to do whatever we do.

What do you think? Are we like a piece of wood floating upon the water with no control of our lives?

Just who am I? I am a special creation of God. He knows all about me, what is good about me and what isn't so good. He has a special plan for my life, but He will not force me to accept this plan. He has made me different from the other creations of this universe because He made me in His own image; with a spirit and power to choose what I wish to do. God wants me to have this power. He wants me to use my mind and decide of my own will to worship Him. He will not force me to worship and obey Him. I must choose to do whatever I do. I have to use my mind to choose. Being free to choose makes it easy to make the wrong choice so I must always be careful about my choices. God is not in any way respons-

ible for them. If I make a bad choice, such as using drugs, then I must suffer the pain and trouble that comes from this choice that I made. If I make a bad choice about who I marry, then I have to suffer the unhappiness that comes with a bad marriage.

I am also His child, when I turn my life over to Him. Being His child makes me able to receive many benefits from Him just as a child receives many benefits from a good parent. One of these benefits is wisdom to know how to use the freedom of choice which we have. Another benefit is that we have power through Him over everything we need to overcome.

I am in no way like a fish or a piece of wood afloat upon the water. I am a special creation of God with a power of choice, and the power of God within to enable me to make good choices that I will enjoy!

—Sis. Charlotte



Questions:

1. What did God say before he made the first man?
2. By what is man crowned?
3. Can everyone be a child of God?
4. What must we do to be a child of God?
5. Why do God's children have power over everything?
6. What is an heir?
7. Are Christians heirs to the kingdom of God?
8. What did Jesus say when He called the children unto Himself?
9. When people touch us, what part of God do they touch?

(Answers: 1. "Let us make man in our image," 2. Glory and honour, 3. Yes, 4. Have faith and be baptized in Christ, 5. God gives them power, He has power and He lives in them, giving them power, 6. A person who freely receives anything from another, 7. Yes, 8. "Suffer the little children to come unto me," 9. They touch the apple (pupil) of His eye.)

Blossom's mind; but she told her simple and straightforward story and handed Mr. Lincoln Bennie's letter to read.

He read it carefully; then, taking his pen, wrote a few hasty lines and rang his bell.

Blossom heard this order given: "Send this dispatch at once."

The President then turned to the girl and said: "Go home, my child, and tell that father of yours, who could approve his country's sentence, even when it took the life of a child like that, that Abraham Lincoln thinks the life far too precious to be lost. Go back, or wait until tomorrow; Bennie will need a change after he has so bravely faced death; he shall go with you."

"God bless you, sir," said Blossom; and who shall doubt that God heard and registered the request?

Two days after this interview, the young soldier came to the White House with his little sister. He was called into the President's private room, and a strap was fastened upon the shoulder. Mr. Lincoln then said: "The soldier that could carry a sick comrade's luggage and die so uncomplainingly deserves well of his country." Then Bennie and Blossom took their way to their Green Mountain home. A crowd gathered at the Mill depot to welcome them back; and as Farmer Owen's hand grasped that of his boy, tears flowed down his cheeks, and he was heard to say fervently, "The Lord be praised."

—Selected

Who Am I?

In Genesis you may read of my life.
I lived in a Garden with Eve, my wife.
I walked with God in the twilight shade;
The only man that the Lord had made.

Who am I?

I killed a giant with my sling,
I made up Psalms for men to sing,
I am the famous Shepherd King—

Who am I?

I turned a rock to a crystal fountain,
I talked with God on His holy mountain,
Ten Rules I gave for man's accounting—

Who am I?

I'm the man who knew, when the world
was young,

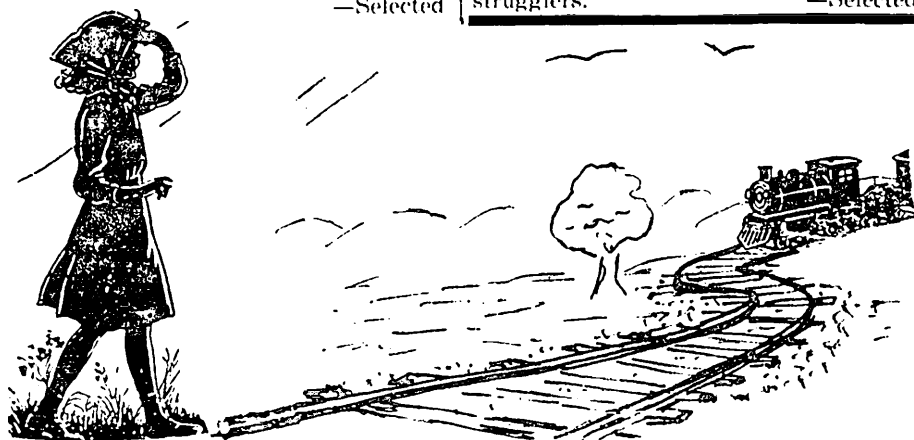
I could please God if I offered my son.
But an angel cried, "Put up thy knife".
So on the mountain I spared his life.

Who am I?

(Answers: 1. Adam, 2. David, 3. Moses, 4. Abraham.)

Life never gets to its real meaning until one senses the joy of interpreting life to others; until he makes life easier and places life-long inspirations in the lives of others. This is a mighty awakening force in one's life and nothing more surely brings life to an unfolding than thoughtfulness for one's fellow strugglers.

—Selected



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Saved From the Storm

The evening had been so warm and sultry that everyone was hot and tired. So was little Jessie; and when mother told her to go to bed, she was actually glad to go.

However, when the light was put out, she was just a little bit frightened, for from far away in the distance came the long rolling of thunder, and now and then the whole room was lighted up with bright flashes of lightning.

Jessie didn't like storms; so she shut her eyes tight and said a little prayer, asking Jesus to take care of her.

Then the rain came. Down and down it came, and while it was raining little Jessie went to sleep.

How long she slept she didn't know. It seemed like a minute, though it must have been hours. Then something woke her, something startling and terrifying. It was mother's voice, and she was frightened.

"Jessie, Jessie, quick, wake up!" mother was saying.

As Jessie awoke she heard another sound, the most dreadful noise she had heard in all her life. It was a terrible roaring like one great peal of thunder that would not stop. Jessie was very frightened now.

"Oh, Mamma, Mamma, what's the matter? What is it?" she cried.

"It's a tornado, and it's right upon us," said mother. "We must pray, darling. I'll wake daddy and get him to pray, too."

Daddy awoke with a start, and jumped out of bed. He guessed at once what was wrong.

They knelt down by the bed, mother on one side of Jessie, daddy on the other, their arms crossed over the little girl's head as though to protect her from danger.

By this time the fearful roaring seemed right overhead, and there were other sounds now as of windows being shattered and things being torn to pieces.

"Dear Jesus, please take care of us," one of them began.

Crash! There was a terrific noise as the house next door was smashed by the fury of the wind.

"Dear Jesus, please don't let the storm—"

Crash! Another awful sound told that the house on the other side had gone now.

Crash! Now it was the house across the street.

"O Jesus, help! Save us, please save us!"

So they prayed, while all the time those loving, sheltering arms were close over Jessie's head.

And above those arms were other arms, stronger still and yet more loving—the everlasting arms of God.

When the storm had passed, the light of morning revealed a scene of awful desolation, with trees uprooted and the wreckage of houses strewn all around. For a block and a half every building had been smashed, with one exception—

WORDS OF GOLD



God's Plan for Me

To know God: I John 5:19 "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness."

20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

John 6:35 "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

36 "But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not."

37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

To be drawn by God:

John 12:32 "... I, if I [Jesus] be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

To be saved from sin:

I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Hebrews 7:25 "... He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

I Timothy 1:15 "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; ..."

Matthew 1:21 "... thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

To be sanctified:

II Thessalonians 2:13 "... God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Hebrews 13:12 "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

I Thessalonians 4:3 "... this is the will of God, even your sanctification,"

To live in Heaven forever:

I Thessalonians 4:16 "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, ... and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

17 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Hebrews 10:34 "... ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance."

Hebrews 11:16 "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Matthew 6:20 "... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

The Creator Has a Plan

It is a great plan: the only kind He makes.

It is an interesting plan full of romance and adventure.

It is a plan related not only to a great career in this world but to the Universal plans of the Infinite. Think of living a life forever and related to the unfolding stars, planets and worlds of the Universe.

It includes great thoughts, great experiences, supreme friendships.

It includes all of life's greatest and enduring things.

It means that one is to be guided into all truth.

It is the plan of the Great!—Selected

MEMORY VERSE

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:11,12



Let's talk about planning. Have you ever planned something? Say it is your birthday and you want to invite some friends to your home. What is the first thing you do? You will make plans, right? You think about who you will invite, what kind of food to serve, and the things you will want to do while your friends are at your home. Thinking before hand about these things is planning. Your plans are complete whenever all these things are decided.

Before God formed the world and everything that is in it, He made a plan also. He had a special plan for man, that is why He said, "Let us make man in our own image."

Have you ever built a model? I am sure many of you have put together a model of some kind, perhaps a car, airplane, boat, rocket, doll house, or maybe a model of your bone structure or a part of your body. Whichever kind of model you made, you followed a set of instructions. Without following these instructions the model may not turn out to be like it is supposed to be.

Before the model parts were made, the designer first made a plan of the model he planned to create. He wrote these plans down and drew designs to them. From this plan the model parts were produced and the instructions were written.

When we purchase a model from the store, we must read and follow the instructions. By doing everything according to the instructions, we will obtain a beautiful model, like the one pictured on the box containing the model parts.

As I have said before, God has a plan for the world and everything about it. He also has a special plan for each of the people living upon the earth. There are special plans in his mind for you! Living a life on this earth is like putting a model together. God has planned and designed each part of everyone's life. All one has to do is follow the instructions and put these pieces together and he will have a wonderful

life. God has a plan for childhood. Today you are a pre-teen. He also has a plan for you now, and you are old enough to find out from Him about the plan. He has a plan for your future; a plan for education, for a career (your life work), for a marriage (He already has some one chosen who will be just right), and for every other part of your life.

When you were small you had no control over your life's plan, but now you have. You may either choose to fit the pieces of your life together in a plan that pleases God, and is best for you, or you may choose to disregard God's plan for your life.

The instructions for putting the pieces of your life's model together is found in the Bible. If these instructions are followed very carefully, your life will turn out very beautiful, like God planned. You will be very happy with the finished product, just like you are happy when a model you build turns out like the picture on the box. While you are building the model, it looks strange, so some things in your life may seem unfair and strange, but be patient and wait until you are older and you will see that God's plan was the very best!

—Sis. Charlotte



Questions:

1. Does God have a plan for me?
2. Name the five points in our lesson about God's plan.
3. What has God given us so we will know Him?
4. Will God send anyone away that comes to Him?
5. If Jesus is lifted up, what will He do?
6. Who saves us from our sins?
7. By what are we sanctified?
8. Does Jesus sanctify us by His blood?
9. Where is our future home?

(Answers: 1. Yes, 2. God's plan is that we: a. know Him, b. be drawn by Him, c. be saved from our sins, d. be sanctified by His blood, e. live with Him in heaven, 3. Understanding, 4. No, 5. He will draw all men unto Him, 6. Jesus, 7. Truth, His word is truth, 8. Yes, 9. Heaven.)

the house where Jessie, mother, and daddy had prayed.

Today another storm is raging in this old world. Mother and daddy are worried about it, and maybe they have already told you how serious it is. Perhaps you have read about it in the newspapers or listened to someone talking about it over the radio.

In some ways it is worse than a tornado, for as it roars over nation after nation, it is leaving behind a terrible trail of ruin and sorrow. It is making people homeless, and poor, and very, very sad.

It is taking away people's liberty and human rights. It is preventing men from worshipping God in freedom and placing men in bondage.

It is enough to frighten anyone, but if we love Jesus, we need not be afraid, for we can hear His lovely voice speaking words of comfort and cheer. Even now He seems to be saying to us: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

Fear not! How He says it over and over again.

"Fear not: for I have redeemed thee." Isaiah 43:1.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

He doesn't want us to be afraid. Rather, He wants us to trust Him always, with all our hearts. No matter what happens, He would have us keep calm and confident, believing that in His own good time He will cause the right to triumph and peace to prevail.

Then He whispers to us these precious promises:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty . . . Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day . . . Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil

befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Ps. 91:1-10.

"Underneath are the everlasting arms." He assures us. Arms of love, sheltering love, under us and over us always, just like the arms that sheltered little Jessie.

As the storm comes nearer, Jesus will not forget His promises. Let us not forget to pray, and keep on praying till the skies are clear again. —Selected

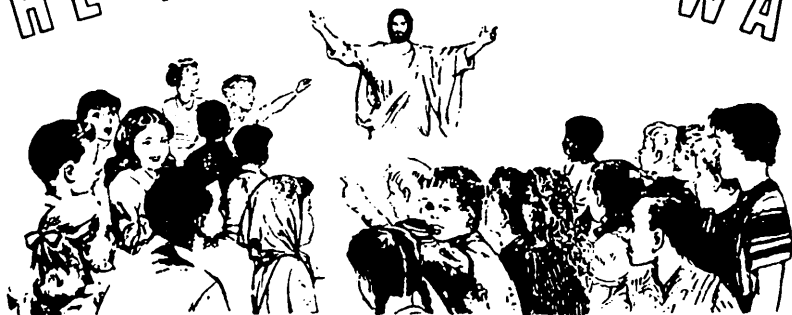


After the Storm

God's Home for the Soul

- H - - - - -
Something in man which God wants to change. Jeremiah 17:9.
- E - - - - -
The kind of life God wants to give us. John 3:16.
- A - - - - -
How a person is before God if he patiently receives criticism after he has done well. I Peter 2:20.
- V - - - - -
A word which Jesus used often. It means truly. John 3:3.
- E - - - - -
The people for whom Christ died. Matthew 7:8.
- N - - - - -
A word to use on sinful thoughts. Matthew 6:25.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Boy With Twelve Friends

It was a fine summer morning as thirteen boys from a certain church school started off together for a day's outing in the mountains.

What a wonderful day it was going to be! They had looked forward to it for a long time and planned a thousand things to do. Now at last the day had come and here they were, with their lunches in lunch boxes and paper bags, and bright smiles on their faces, all ready for the journey. How they shouted, and how they teased one another!

They crowded into three cars driven by older friends, and away they went, happy as could be. Higher and higher they climbed up the mountain road, until at last they came to the beautiful forest where they all loved to go for their special recreation. Here they all jumped out, and the drivers, waving good-by, returned to the city.

Now they were alone, thirteen boys all ready for the greatest day of their lives. They wandered among the trees down to the river and followed it to the lake. There someone suggested that they might as well eat in such a pretty spot, and it didn't take more than one suggestion like that to set all of them to opening their lunches.

There was silence for a while. Everybody was too busy eating to talk. But at last David, who was a leader among them, spoke up and asked what the others would like to do after lunch.

"Let's swing on the wild vines," they all called out together, and it was clear as day that this was what they wanted to do most of all.

"All right," cried David. "Has everybody finished eating? If so, then let's be off to the vines."

You see, the boys had all been in this forest several times before, and they remembered that in a certain part of it there were some strange wild vines that not only grew around the trees, but actually spread from tree to tree until all were bound together as in some tropical jungle. Between the branches of some trees the vines would hang in great loops like the ropes of a swing, and the boys were not slow to recognize the possibilities.

There were so many of these loops that there were swings for all of them and more to spare. Soon all thirteen boys were hanging on to the vines, swinging to their hearts' content.

It was such fun, with each boy trying to swing higher than the rest. If one of them did not like the swing he had chosen, he just moved on and found a better one.

Sometimes a boy would climb quite a good way up a tree in order to reach one of the larger and longer loops, and then he would slide down till he reached the middle and swing till he was tired.

Presently David called out, "Look at that beauty over there," pointing to an

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WORDS OF GOLD



Understanding Sin

New words: *Holiness*: of pure character. *Tempt*: to try to make a person do evil by promising pleasure or gain. *Lust*: a strong, overwhelming desire that is usually for something sinful or harmful. *Responsible*: deserving the credit or the blame.

God is holiness:

Matthew 19:17 "... there is none good but one, that is, God: . . ."

Leviticus 11:45 "For I am the Lord that bringeth you up . . . to be your God: ye shall therefore by holy, for I am holy."

I Peter 1:16 "... Be ye holy: for I am holy."

Psalms 99:9 "Exalt the Lord our God, . . . for the Lord our God is holy."

Isaiah 5:16 "But the Lord of hosts shall be sanctified in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness."

God hates sin:

Proverbs 6:16 "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:"

17 "A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,"

18 "An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief," [being nosy to cause trouble.]

19 "A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Isaiah 61:8 "For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery."

Sin does not come from God:

I John 2:16 "All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is NOT of the Father [God] . . ."

I John 3:5 "... ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him [Jesus] is no sin."

He sometimes creates evil (trouble) to punish us so we will quit sinning:

Amos 3:6 "... shall there be evil [trouble] in the city, and the Lord hath not done it."

Jonah 3:10 "... God repented of the evil [trouble] which he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not."

Isaiah 45:7 "I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things."

Sin is breaking God's law:

I John 3:3 "... every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth [breaks or disobeys] also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

6 "Whosoever abideth in him [Jesus] sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him [Jesus], neither known him [Jesus]."

James 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Sin begins in our mind:

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation [of sin]: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

13 "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God can not be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:"

14 "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

15 "Then when lust hath conceived [to form in the mind], it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth [spiritual] death."

Hebrews 3:12 "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

MEMORY VERSE

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. James 1:14.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about sin. What is sin? Sin is a wrong doing, a planned breaking of the law of God. Stealing is a good example of sin. A thief must plan to steal. His hand does not just reach out and take something which is not owned by him, without the mind thinking about it first.

From where did sin come? God is the Creator of the universe, so is he also the creator of sin? What do you think? Some say that God is the direct author of sin, and is responsible for it, and that people are agents in carrying out God's will. Does that sound like a Holy God?

Others say that sin is not according to the nature of God, so He is not responsible for it, but that He uses it as his method in bringing about certain good that could not be obtained any other way. What do you think about it? Does God use sin to bring about good? Does God cause people to sin? How about Judas, the man who betrayed Jesus? Also, the others who had a part in Jesus' death? Did God cause them to sin so that Jesus could die and become the Savior of the world?

Let's see what the Bible teaches about God's relationship to sin. It teaches that sin is in no way according to God's will; neither does it form any part of his plans, his goals, nor his ways. It began in the human mind and came into existence by humans choosing to disobey God. Therefore God is not responsible for it. He is an opposing force against it. His dealings with it are to prevent it, stop it or punish it.

God is absolutely perfect. He is pure and holy. There is no sin in Him, therefore He produces no sin.

There are a few places in the Bible which say God planned or created evil. In these verses He is talking of a punishment He planned because of wicked deeds the people committed.

It was the plan of God that Jesus die on the cross to save people from their

sins. However, those who were a part of His death were there of their own choice. If Judas had not wanted to betray Jesus, he would not have betrayed Him, but Judas loved money so much he wanted to get the money offered to the one who would betray Jesus. Some other person would have done the same job if Judas had chose not to. The job had to be done, but every man had the power to choose to do it or to not do it. It is the same way with those who mocked, or whipped Him and nailed Him to the cross, or any other thing which must happen.

People are in the image of God in that they can choose to do good or evil. The possibility of sin is in all people. It is impossible to have freedom to voluntarily act right and not have the same freedom to sin also. If we could not choose we would be a slave to either right or wrong. However, we are not slaves to either.

We each one have an intelligent mind and power to select the acts we perform. Therefore God is not responsible for sin. It is blasphemy to charge God with all the lies, murders and other sins that have been committed throughout the ages of time. For God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity" (Habakkuk 1:13) therefore He is not the cause of sin.

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. What kind of character does God have?
2. Does sin come from Him?
3. Name some sins that God hates?
4. What is sin?
5. Do those who know Jesus sin?
6. Does God tempt people to sin?
7. What is temptation?
8. What causes a person to be tempted?
9. Is evil always sin?

(Answers: 1. A holy character, 2. NO! 3. A proud look, lying, hands that kill, wicked imaginations, mischief and a trouble maker, 4. It is doing what one knows is wrong, or not doing something one knows he should do, 5. No! 6. No, 7. It is a strong desire to do something, 8. His own lust, which is an inward desire to do wrong, 9. No.)

unusually fine vine that drooped temptingly from one branch to another. It was fairly high up, but several made a rush to get to it first. David, however, was ahead, and, making a great leap, seized the vine and was soon swinging away, while the others looked on.

Suddenly, to their horror, they heard a terrible rending sound as the vine broke loose from one of the trees. At that moment David was in the middle of a mighty swing, and, crashing down to the ground, hit his head upon a rock.

"Oh!" exclaimed all the boys at once as they ran toward the place where David lay on the ground. They tried to lift him up, but he did not move; and suddenly the dreadful thought came to them that he might be dead.

By this time all twelve boys had gathered round, looking down at the limp form, and shuddering as they saw the blood trickling from the wound on his head.

"What shall we do?" exclaimed one. "Someone had better run and get help," cried another. But nobody moved.

Then somebody else spoke. "Let us kneel down and pray for him," he said. "It is all we can do."

"Yes," said the others, very solemnly. "Let's pray."

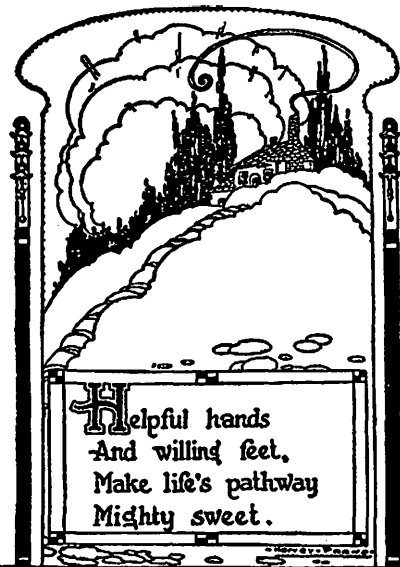
And there in that lonely forest these twelve boys knelt upon the ground around David and asked God for help. First one prayed and then another, and another, until at last all twelve had sent up a brief, halting petition to the great Friend of children.

Now it may sound unbelievable, I know, but when that last simple little prayer had been said, David began to move.

"Look!" they cried. "He's not dead after all."

Then one of them ran for some water, and they bathed David's face. Soon he opened his eyes, and then they gave him a drink. By and by he sat up, then stood up, and after a while they partly carried him, partly led him, back to the highway, to where they waited for a car to take him home.

Years have passed since then, but not one of those boys will ever forget that strange and beautiful prayer meeting in the forest. And everyone of them agrees with David that it is a fine thing to have twelve friends to pray for you when you need help. —Selected



Sin Puts You Out of Business

Here are three sentences you should remember. They could not be truer.

"Be sure your sins will find you out."

"He that covers his sins will not prosper."

"The way of the transgressor is hard."

Sin twists your steering gear;
Bends your axle shaft, punctures your tires;

Puts out your lights; batters up your fenders;

Breaks your wind shield; fumbles your brakes;

Sin puts you physically, mentally, morally and spiritually out of business.

How far down life's highway will a person get with a bent axle shaft, twisted steering gear, flat tires, etc. The moral atmosphere is right when your car of life is kept FIT. Then you can go down life's way in high and get somewhere. —Selected

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Four Times as Much

John had been taught by his mother to give to God one tenth of all the money he earned. It is a noble thing to do, and the Bible says that people who follow this plan with their money may always be sure of receiving a special blessing.

From the very first time that John had earned any money of his own, he had most carefully set aside one tenth for the Lord. This he had put in the offering at church. If he received \$1.00 for doing some gardening, then he saved ten cents for God. If he received \$2.00 for helping to wash somebody's car, then he put twenty cents aside in the same way.

Year by year as he grew older he continued to divide his money like this, but, by and by, as he saw many things that he wanted to buy like the other boys at school, he began sometimes to leave God out. He didn't tell mother, of course, because he knew she would be disappointed; and so that he wouldn't feel too bad about it himself, he made a note in a little book of all he knew he should pay and didn't. He told himself that someday, when he had made a great deal of money, he would pay it all up.

Of course that day did not come. It never does. The figures in John's little notebook grew larger and larger, and the possibility of his ever paying it became more and more remote.

Then one day he came home from school all excited with the news that a

very special outing had been planned. His teacher had arranged for a wonderful trip where they would have boat rides, games and good things to eat. The only difficulty was the expense. It was going to cost eight dollars each.

"Well," said mother, "that settles it. I couldn't pay all that. If you want to go very badly, you will have to use some of your own money."

John's face fell. He did so want to go with all the others in his class, but how could he use any more of his money when he owed God so much already?

Going upstairs, he opened the drawer where he kept his money and the little account book, and began to count up to see how much he still had left.

Twenty-five cents, fifty cents, a dollar, one dollar fifty, one dollar seventy-five cents, two dollars. So he counted.

Two dollars and fifty cents, two dollars seventy-five cents, three dollars, on he counted.

He had enough, just enough. He could go to the outing after all!

But then he noticed the little notebook. Opening it slowly, he began counting again. And the more he counted, the more his heart sank.

Could it be possible he owed God so much?

One dollar, two dollars, three dollars, five dollars, eight dollars. Dreadful thought!

If he paid God all he owed Him, he would have nothing left. Then he could not possibly go. What should he do?

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WORDS OF GOLD



My Responsibility to God

New Words: *Conscience*: ideas and feelings within a person that tell him when he is doing right and warn him of doing wrong. *Respond*: To answer, or reply when addressed. *Repent*: To feel sorry for sin and seek forgiveness.

Admit I recognize good and evil actions:

Romans 2:14 "When the Gentiles [unlearned], which have not the law [of God], do by nature the things contained in the law [of God], these, . . . are a law unto themselves:"

15 "... their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while [either] accusing or else excusing one another;")

Admit I must respond to God:

II Corinthians 5:10 "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Revelation 22:12 "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Admit I have done wrong:

Mark 7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,"

22 "Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness;"

23 "All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Romans 3:23 "... all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God;"

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:"

Repent of my wrong doings:

Acts 3:19 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,"

Luke 13:2 "Jesus . . . said unto them, Suppose ye that these . . . were sinners above all . . . because they suffered . . ."

3 "Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

4 "Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?"

5 "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Invite the Holy Spirit to live in my heart:

John 15:4 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

John 14:26 "... the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Obey God's commandments:

Ecclesiastes 12:13 "... Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Matthew 22:37 "Jesus said, . . . Thou [you] shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

38 "This is the first and great commandment."

39 "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

40 "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Find the Missing Letter

Ezra 7:21 contains all letters of the English alphabet except one. Find the missing letter and write it here:.....

MEMORY VERSE

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:12



Let's Talk

What is my responsibility or duty toward God? Must I respond to Him for my every action? Can I blame others for the things I do? Do I have knowledge within to enable me to know right from wrong?

These questions were answered by verses of Scripture in the Bible lesson. One example is Romans 2:14, 15. These verses teach that even though a person does not have a Bible to read God's rules, the person has inside him a conscience which makes him feel good when he has done right and badly when he has done wrong. This is God's unique way of communicating with people. Have you felt messages from God through your conscience? I'm sure you have. God made this kind of communication system so everyone, even those who cannot read, or who have no Bible, can know when they have chosen to do right or wrong. However, studying the Bible and having Christian training will help very much in making good choices.

Last Sunday's lesson was about how God is not responsible for sin, but that sin comes when we choose to disobey God's commandments. Many times children and adults choose to disobey God's commandments because of evil things they see which look interesting, or because some friend or family member invites them to do wrong. Whatever the reason for choosing to do wrong, the person who made the choice is responsible for the choice he made. The person who invited is not the one who made the choice.

Some children and adults do not like to take the responsibility for the choices they make. Some think they would like to be like an animal, but really they wouldn't for the poor animal is a slave to someone else, or to his own body. He is always working for something to satisfy his body's needs. People, through the power of God, can bring their body under the rule of their spirit and have a

better life. They can learn and get better jobs and have more money for things other than bare necessities. They can plan and save for times of fun, like vacations. Don't you like to go on vacations? I do and I am looking forward to a long "vacation" with Jesus that will last forever.

How can we plan for this vacation? We must first realize that we all have a desire to be free of any kind of rule. We like freedom!

This desire has caused everyone of us to sin. With sin in our hearts we cannot go on this "vacation" with Jesus. We must repent of these sins. After that we must ask God to cleanse our hearts of this evil desire and fill our hearts with His Holy Spirit.

It is not hard to make good choices when the Spirit of God is living in one's heart. Making good choices will help us to never sin again. We will then be doing our duty toward God.

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. Does every person in the world have a consciousness of right and wrong?
2. Name three things that we must admit.
3. What does "respond to God" mean?
4. Name some evil that comes from people's hearts.
5. What happens to those who repent?
6. What will the Holy Spirit do for us?
7. If Jesus does not abide in us, can we bear good fruit?
8. What is the whole duty of man?
9. What are the two most important commandments?

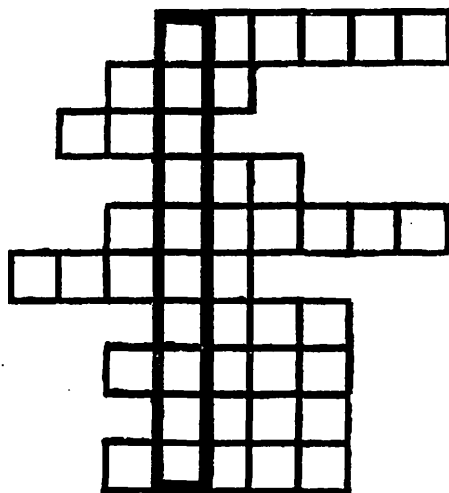
(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. That I recognize good and evil, that I have done wrong, and that I must give account to God for my actions. 3. Respond to God means to be judged by God and receive a reward according to how I have acted. 4. Evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. 5. Their sins are blotted out. 6. Teach us all things, and bring needful things to our remembrance. 7. No. 8. Fear God and keep His commandments. 9. Love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves.)

The next few days were hard days for John. It seemed as though every few minutes some boy or girl would ask him if he were going to the outing, and he would have to reply, "No, not this time, thank you." Then he would be asked, "Why not?" and he would have to try to

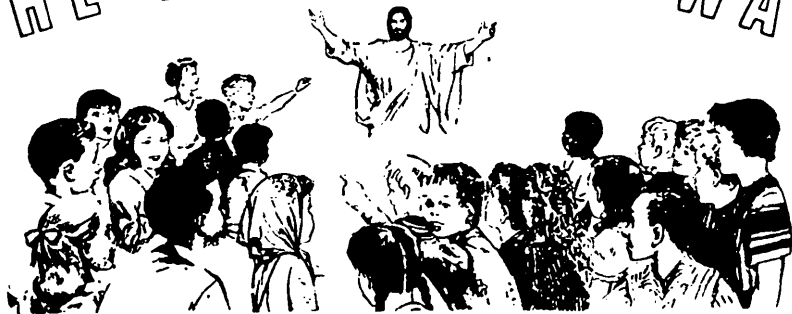
Then, early that very morning, the postman came. He had a letter for John. It was from a relative living in the West Indies. Inside was a check for 32 dollars—exactly four times as much as the tithe John had given to God. John went to the outing after all. Indeed, he was the happiest boy there. The windows of heaven had opened again!

—Selected

1. Our Savior.
2. The Creator of the universe.
3. God's special creation.
4. Another name for wrong.
5. A name for our doings.
6. Something I must do before I get help from God.
7. Another word for sin.
8. A good position to pray.
9. What Jesus says to all people.
10. A place for the Holy Spirit to live.



THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The Boat Came Back

A mother and her son, Bob, were out on a missionary journey near the mouth of a certain river that runs into the Gulf of Mexico. The mother was going from home to home, selling gospel literature, and Bob, well, he had just gone along to keep her company.

Early this particular morning they had crossed the river in a little boat and had then walked on some distance, calling at the few scattered homes they found, and seeking to interest the people in the things of God.

Then, alas, the weather changed. Dark, angry clouds rolled up, blotting out the sun, the wind rose to a gale, and the rain began to fall in torrents.

"We had better go home," said Bob, "or we'll be drenched."

"No," said mother, who wasn't one to turn back just because the weather was bad. "We'll wait in one of the houses awhile and see if it clears up."

It did clear up; so they went on again. Then it rained some more, and again they stood up under cover, going on again after that.

It was a hard day, especially for Bob. He couldn't understand why mother should want to continue her work under such conditions. He was tired and wet, and wished he hadn't come. After a while he began to say things to mother that he shouldn't have said.

At last mother decided that perhaps, after all, seeing the weather was getting worse instead of better, they had

better start for home. So, during a brief lull in the storm, they hurried back to the riverside, and found their boat safe and sound where they had left it.

"It looks rather rough out there," said mother, pointing to the whitecaps in the middle of the estuary, "but I suppose we shall be all right."

They took an oar apiece and began rowing, but it was terribly hard work, with the wind blowing in from the Gulf. And then, as they got farther and farther from the shore, the waves became so high that soon water was splashing over into the boat.

Mother became anxious.

"I think we had better turn around," she said. "It's too rough and dangerous out here. We shall have to wait for the wind to drop."

Bob agreed: so with heavy hearts they turned the boat around and headed back for the shore they had just left.

They reached it in safety, and Bob jumped out, mother following. She made a grab for the chain with which she planned to tie the boat up to a tree root on the shore, but her foot slipped on the soft, wet sand. As she staggered to get a new foothold, the boat slipped away, and, in less time than it takes to tell, it was drifting out on the tide!

"Look what you've done!" cried Bob angrily. "Why didn't you keep hold of the chain?"

Poor mother was overwhelmed with distress. She was tired out, drenched, and

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WORDS OF GOLD



My Enemy

New Words: *Flesh:* The physical nature of man. *Carnal:* Worldly, not spiritual; the desires and passions of the body.

Galatians 5:17 "For the flesh lusteth [has desires] against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

Romans 7:15 (In this text Apostle Paul is telling how he was before he was saved.) "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I."

18 "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."

19 "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."

21 "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."

22 "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:"

23 "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

24 "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

25 "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

Romans 8:5 "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

7 "Because the carnal mind is enmity [an enemy] against God: for it is not

subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

8 "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you."

13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

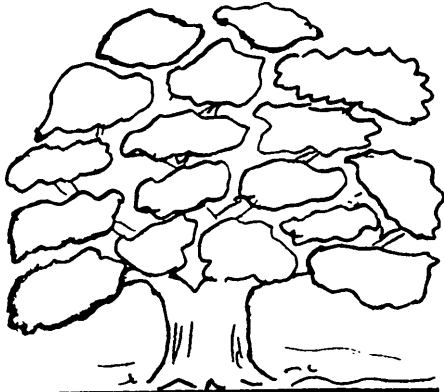
James 3:6 "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

7 "For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:"

8 "But the tongue can no man tame: it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

James 4:1 "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

On the branches of this tree write the bad things people do who have not overcome the flesh, which is our biggest enemy. If you need help turn to Galatians 5:19, 20 and 21.



MEMORY VERSE

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind. Romans 7:23.



Let's Talk

In the *Beautiful Way* lessons from January thru February, we learned to understand about God's special creation and his relationship to an eternal being, God. We now understand that man's spirit is an everlasting being that unites with a physical body and lives on this earth for a while and then changes into another type of body to live in eternity. We also learned that after our spirit leaves the physical body it must receive either good or bad according to how it acted while in the physical body.

I am sure each of you want to receive good, so in this lesson we will discuss an enemy that may keep you from receiving good.

Who could this enemy be? Is it a lion, or a bear? No, a lion or bear can only hurt the physical body, it cannot hurt anyone's spirit. Then could it be a person who sells drugs, or an old friend who is forever inviting me to some sinful place? It could be either of these. It could be ungodly books, an unsaved family member, a television, or any one of many other things which could harm your spirit by causing it to sin. However, the enemy which I am thinking about is more powerful than any of those just named. No other enemy can harm unless one allows this stronger enemy to overcome first.

Who is this strong enemy? This strong enemy is myself. My enemy is ME! My own self will cause me to receive bad instead of good if I don't seek God to help me to control it.

We can plainly see that the drug pushers cannot harm me unless I am willing to go near to them and try the drugs they offer. A television cannot harm me unless I let my eyes look at bad shows or let my ears hear ungodly words from it. Neither can friends or family members harm me unless I agree to do sinful acts which they invite me to do. A book will not pop into my mind and cause me to think evil thoughts. I must

first use my hands to pick up the book and my eyes and mind to read it.

Almost every time a boy, girl, man, or woman sins, it is because they let their body do something that their conscience did not want them to do. There are some times when a person is forced to sin by someone else, but this does not happen very often.

In last week's "Let's Talk", we learned that everyone has a desire within that does not want to be ruled by anything else. Therefore there is something like a little war going on within each one between the good spirit and this desire, the carnal mind, which is part of the physical body. This carnal mind wants to be the boss over us. The good spirit also wants to be the boss. If the carnal mind is the boss, the person will spend their strength and time to satisfy the needs of the physical body only, just as an animal spends all his time and strength to satisfy his body's needs. If God's Spirit is the boss, the body's needs are satisfied and also the person spends time and strength on many other noble projects.

In the Bible, the enemy ME, which we are discussing today, is often called the flesh.

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. What are the two things within humans that are contrary to each other?
2. Before Apostle Paul was saved, what kept him from doing the good that he wanted to do?
3. What was always present with Paul?
4. Did Apostle Paul feel like a war was within him?
5. What was warring against his mind?
6. What is enmity (an enemy) against God?
7. In what way will we be able to live?
8. What member of our body can we not tame?
9. Where do wars and fighting come from?

(Answers: 1. The flesh (carnal mind) and the spirit. 2. Sin that lived in him. 3. Evil. 4. Yes. 5. Another law (of evil) in his (body) members. 6. The carnal mind. 7. Only if we mortify or overcome the evil deeds of the body. 8. The tongue, 9. From people's lust, desires.)

worried about Bob. She had hoped so much to get back home early, but now their boat—their one means of getting back at all that night—was floating swiftly away from them.

There was nothing they could do now but just stand there in the wind and rain, watching the boat grow smaller and smaller as it was swept ever farther away.

Bob continued to growl and mutter, blaming mother over and over again for letting the boat go like that. But suddenly he heard mother speaking to Somebody—and it was not to him. He looked up, and there she was with her hands folded and her eyes tightly shut.

"O Lord Jesus," she was praying, "you can see us here so tired and wet. We have been out working for you all day, and we want to get home. And now our boat has gone. I let it slip out of my hand, and what can we do? We can't reach it now, but you can. Won't you please bring our boat back to us?"

Bob was astonished. To think of his mother asking God to bring the boat back from the middle of that wind-swept estuary! It was foolish. It was unreasonable. Why, the boat would be far out in the Gulf in half an hour.

He looked out toward the boat. Then he began to stare at it.

"Mother," he said, "look! the boat has stopped moving. I am sure it has. Its position hasn't changed for two or three

minutes. What can be holding it out there?"

Mother was staring at the boat now, with a light in her eyes that Bob had never seen before.

"Bob!" she cried, "the boat hasn't stopped. It is still moving; but it is coming this way!"

It was.

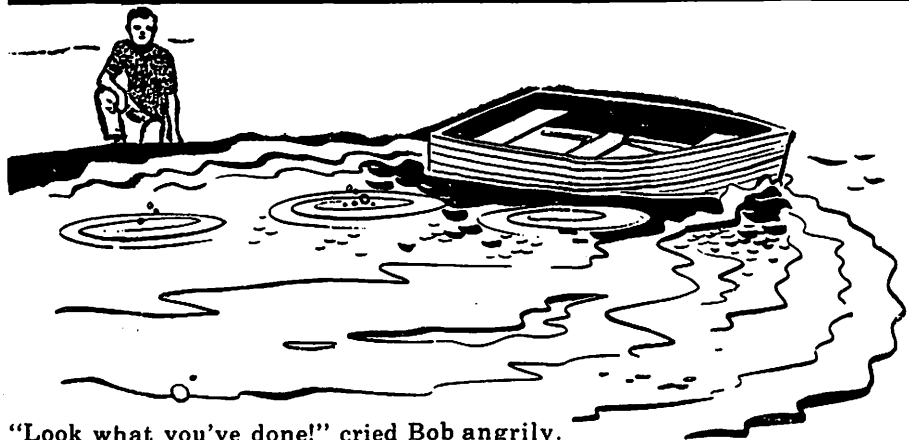
Slowly but surely it was moving back toward the shore from which it had drifted away, while mother and Bob stood there in awe and amazement, silently watching the most amazing sight of their lives.

Now it may have been the turning of the tide that caused it, or the changing of the wind, or the ministry of an angel. I do not know. I cannot tell. But I do know—for this mother told me—that that little boat came gliding gently back to the very place from whence it had drifted away just a little while before. And it came so straight, she said, that it seemed to her that an Unseen Hand was guiding it.

By this time there was only a fresh breeze; so mother and Bob, with grateful hearts, stepped into the boat and rowed swiftly and happily homeward.

Bob was greatly impressed with what had happened, and nothing will ever change his belief that his mother's prayer was answered, and that their boat came sailing back to them with an angel at the helm.

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"Look what you've done!" cried Bob angrily.

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Seventeen Cowards

Bill came rushing into the house and flopped down in a chair, breathless. He looked scared out of his life.

At that moment father came into the room, too. "Whatever's the matter, Bill?" he inquired anxiously.

"Oh, nothing," said Bill.

"Yes, there is," said Dad. "I can tell by the look on your face. What has happened?"

"Oh, well, Dad," said Bill, wriggling uncomfortably on his chair, "you see, we were all playing ball up there on that vacant lot near old Mrs. Boliger's. You know where it is, Dad, about half a mile down the street from here."

"Yes, I know it well," said Dad. "I used to play on it myself when I was a boy."

"Well, Dad, the ball—" hesitated Bill.

"I know what you are going to say," said Dad. "The ball went through Mrs. Boliger's window."

"Well, yes, Dad. That's what happened. How did you know?"

"I just guessed," said Dad. "But, say, Bill, why are you so scared?"

"I'm not really scared, Dad," said Bill, "but, you know, Mrs. Boliger is such a mean old woman. She makes such a fuss about things like that."

"Well, what did you all do after the window was broken?"

"We ran away."

"You ran away?"

"Yes."

"Well, how many boys were playing?"

"Seventeen."

"And you mean to tell me that all seventeen of you ran away, afraid of what some elderly woman might say to you?"

"Yes, Dad," said Bill, hanging his head a little.

"Well," said Dad, "all I can say is that I think you were just seventeen cowards, that's all."

Bill didn't like that, but he knew in his heart that the charge was true. For a moment he tried to defend himself.

"But, Dad, Mrs. Boliger is so awfully cranky," he said.

"It doesn't matter how cranky she is," said Dad. "If you boys broke her window, you should have had the courage to go and tell her you did it, and offer to pay for the damage. Why, bless your heart, it wouldn't have cost more than a few cents apiece. By the way, who hit the ball that broke the window?"

Bill hesitated, "Er-er-er—" he began.

"Who hit the ball that broke the window?"

"I did," said Bill, very crestfallen.

"I thought so," said Dad, "only I wanted you to own up. And now, no matter what the others do, you must go at once to Mrs. Boliger's and tell her you are sorry."

"I can't, Dad!" cried Bill.

"But you must," said Dad severely. "It is the only proper thing to do. What is more, no boy of mine is going to be such a coward as not to apologize when he has done a thing like this. So get yourself cleaned up, and we'll go."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Overcome my Enemy, ME

New Words: *Overcome*: Win, conquer an enemy. *Mortify*: To overcome, discipline. *Ye*: You.

Romans 8:35 "Who [or what] shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

37 "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

38 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,"

39 "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"

11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

12 "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh."

13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify [overcome] the deeds of the body ye shall live."

26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities [weakness]."

Romans 12:21 "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

I John 2:13 "I write unto you, fathers because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one."

I John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

John 8:32 "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

36 "If the Son [Jesus] therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Proverb 21:23 "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

TO CONQUER SELF

'Tis a good thing sometimes to be alone,
Sit calmly down, search every secret place,

Prayerfully uproot the baneful seeds there sown,

Pluck out the weeds ere the full crop is grown,

Gird up the loins afresh to run the race,
Foster all noble thoughts, cast out the base,

Thrust forth the bad, and make the good thine own.

Who has this courage thus to look within,
Keep faithful watch and ward with inner eyes;

The foe may harass, but can ne'er surprise,

Or over him ignoble conquest win.

Oh, doubt it not, if thou wouldst wear the crown,

Self, baser self, must first be trampled down.
—Selected

MEMORY VERSE

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13.



Let's Talk

Let us talk today about a boy named Saul. His father was a Roman, which meant he was a child of the special ruling group of people. His mother was a Jew, which meant she was one of God's chosen people. Saul then was a very special person. He was special to the people of the world and also to the people of God. Besides this, his family had money so he was taught by the famous teacher, Gamaliel! He was one of the best, educated boys in the whole country!

Saul memorized the laws of God and tried to obey them exactly.

However, when he became a man, poor Saul was so miserable! He knew what he should do to be good, but he had such a bad temperament that he could not be very good. He tried, but failed. He tried again. Again he failed!

Over and over again he tried to be good! For a while he did pretty good, then something would happen and he just didn't act like he knew he should! This enemy from within him made him so unhappy that he cried out, "Oh, what a wretch I am! Who can get me out of this condition?"

Saul read how some of the people in old times tormented their slaves by tying a dead person's body onto the body of the living person. The living slave could not take off the body, no matter how hard he tried. He just had to live in this terrible condition until the dead body rotted and fell away piece by piece. How terrible! What a stink it made!

Saul thought this enemy from within him was just as hard to get rid of. No matter how hard he tried to obey God's commandments, and be good, he just kept slipping and falling into bad actions.

Then one day Jesus met him on the road to Damascus and told him he could be clean of this wretched enemy. A few days later he was baptized and the Holy Spirit came into his heart. After this

time he changed his name to Paul, and was able always to do that which pleased God. Not one time during all his sufferings, did he get mad and hit someone back! He never again did bad when he wanted to do good. God cleaned out that terrible enemy and filled its place with the Holy Spirit!

How happy Paul was that God had cleaned that terrible enemy out of his heart. Now Paul had power to do the things that he really wanted to do. No more did he say, "The things I don't want to do are the things that I do, and the things that I hate are just the things I do." Instead he was saying, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen ME!"

Just as God gave Apostle Paul ability to overcome his enemy of self, so He will also give each of His trusting children ability to overcome their enemy of self (ME). Whatever is keeping you from doing what is right, God will give you power to overcome.

Having this enemy destroyed is like dying and being brought back to a new life. You will be just that much different than you were before.

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. What is my enemy ME called in the Bible?
2. Who makes us free from this enemy?
3. What dwells (lives) in us that makes us winners over the flesh or carnal mind?
4. How are we to help ourselves to overcome evil?
5. What did the young men do?
6. Why could the children overcome?
7. Quote a verse which says we can win over our enemy ME.
8. Will learning the truth help us to be free from this enemy?
9. What is the secret of keeping our souls from trouble?

(Answers: 1. The flesh or carnal mind, 2. Jesus Christ, 3. The Spirit of God, 4. By doing good, 5. They overcame, 6. Because the Spirit of God within them was greater than anything else, 7. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," 8. Yes, 9. Control-ling the tongue.")

"You mean you are going to go with me?"

"Yes, I am going to go with you as far as Mrs. Boliger's front gate, and then you are going to go to the door and speak to her all by yourself."

"Oh, groans," Bill muttered to himself as he got off his chair and went to the bathroom to wash his hands and brush his hair.

He came downstairs again and together they set out for Mrs. Boliger's.

It wasn't a very happy journey; at least, not for Bill. He couldn't have been more scared if he had been on his way to an examination, or to prison.

"Do I really have to go?" he asked after a while, breaking a painful silence.

"I'm afraid you do," said Dad. "There is really no other way. And you will feel a great deal happier when you have done the right thing."

Silence fell again. They walked on, Bill wishing that the distance might have been twenty miles, so Dad would get tired and give up.

At last they turned a corner and came to the vacant lot where the accident had taken place. Mrs. Boliger's house was in full view, and so was the broken window.

"Here we are," said Dad, as they reached the little white gate at the entrance to Mrs. Boliger's property. "I will wait here while you go to the house and speak to her. It is much better for you to do this little job alone. I shall be near by if you need me."

There was nothing else for Bill to do now but go on alone, but as he went up the path he felt sure that Mrs. Boliger's eyes were watching him all the way.

And all the time he kept thinking to himself, "What will she say when I confess that I was the one who broke her window?"

Bill rang the bell. It sounded loud and long, like the very knell of doom.

The door opened, and there stood Mrs. Boliger. To Bill's amazement she had a smile on her face. He had not expected that.

"How do you do?" she said in a kindly tone of voice. "What can I do for you?"

"Well—er—well—er," stuttered Bill, blushing all over, "I—er—I—er—am the boy who—er—hit the ball that—er—broke your window this afternoon."

Bill hesitated and then turned away a little as though he were waiting for a bomb to explode.

But it didn't. Instead he heard a very sweet voice saying, "I am proud of you, son. I have had my windows broken this way many, many times, but you are the very first boy who has ever come to tell me about it. You are a real little gentleman. You surely must have been taught right. You must have a wonderful father."

And now it was Dad's turn to blush. "Oh," said Bill; "that's my dad over there. He happened to come along with me."

At this, of course, Dad had to come forward.

"You have a fine boy here," said Mrs. Boliger. "In fact, I think he's the grandest boy I've ever met. You know, sir, no boy has ever come here before and spoken to me like this about breaking my windows."

"Well, Mrs. Boliger," said Dad, "Bill and I would like to pay you for putting the glass in again."

"Oh, dear, no," said Mrs. Boliger. "I wouldn't think of it. It's quite all right. I've mended so many before. I wouldn't have this dear boy pay for one of my windows in any case."

Bill beamed with joy and pride. They all talked together for a little while, and then Dad and Bill said good-bye and started home.

"I suppose," said Dad, "you aren't sorry you went to see her?"

"I should say not," said Bill. "Why, she was as nice as pie. I never would have dreamed that Mrs. Boliger could be like that. I wonder why the boys say that she is mean? She isn't a bit mean."

"Boys say those things sometimes because they don't understand," said Dad. "By the way, Bill, don't you feel better now since you have done the right thing, the brave thing?"

"Do I!" said Bill. "I feel I could jump clear over the moon!" —Selected

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The Prize Egg

I walked to the edge of the lawn and called out to Gilbert. "Hey, Bert Dirt," I said, "are you going to the Easter egg hunt at Farewell Park, Saturday?" (I knew he wouldn't go, that's why I asked him. You see, he's one of those odd guys who never does any of the usual things all of us do.)

He didn't answer, so I pressed him for an answer. "You are going to the Easter egg hunt, aren't you? All the others are going!"

"No, I won't be going," he answered rather half-heartedly.

"I suppose you think it would be a sin of some kind to run over the grass and dig around for some painted-up eggs? Big sin! Some religion you have! I'd trade it for something with a little fun in it, if I were you!"

"Ah, Jim," he said, calm as a hibernating woodchuck, "if you knew what Easter was all about you would understand me."

"Me know what Easter is about? Sure I know! It's a special day in which Christians celebrate Christ's rising from the dead. The egg is a perfect symbol of His coming out of the tomb. Just as the little chicken picks the shell open and comes out, so Jesus came out of the tomb alive."

"Yes, Jim, I know about all that but Easter means even more to me. It means that because Jesus had power over death, He will also give me power over death,

in that He will give me a new body after I die and I will live forever in heaven."

"Ah, Bert Dirt," (I like to call him that to see if he will get mad, but he never does!) "if you would give up your fanatic scruples and do the fun things that all the gang does, you wouldn't be wishing so much for that happy life after death that you talk about all the time. Just like going to the park Saturday to hunt eggs, after that we'll go on some rides, and then to a movie."

"That's just why I don't want to go. Now hunting around for some eggs in the grass isn't a sin, it's all the other things that go along with it. Besides, I'm working for Uncle Bill that day because his usual helper wants the day off."

"Well, then work, while the rest of us have fun!"

"So long, Jim, I'll see you Monday at school."

Saturday morning, I begged ten dollars from my dad and went to the park for the day!

Gilbert went to work with his uncle.

I met my other friends at Farewell Park. Everyone was there, the city mayor, our preacher, my Sunday school teacher, our neighbors, and lots of teachers and children from school. I felt sorry for Gilbert!

"Hi, Jim," called Tom. "Couldn't you get Bert Dirt to come?" (we all called him that.)

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WORDS OF GOLD



Christ Overcame Death

New Words: *Even*: The afternoon, just before sunset. *Craved*: To desire very strongly. *Sepulchre*: A place to lay the body after the spirit has left it.

Mark 15:42 "Now when even was come,"

43 "... Joseph of Arimathea . . . went in and craved the body of Jesus."

44 "And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead:"

45 "And . . . he gave the body to Joseph."

46 "And he bought fine linen, . . . and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre . . . and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre."

Matthew 28:1 "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."

2 "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

3 "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:"

4 "And for fear of him the keepers [soldiers] did shake, and became as dead men."

5 "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified."

6 "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

9 "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him."

John 20:19 "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week,

when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

20 "And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord."

30 "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:"

31 "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

I Corinthians 15:4 "And that He was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

5 "And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:"

6 "After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep [died]."

Acts 1:3 "... he [Jesus] shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"

9 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."



MEMORY VERSE

... He was buried, and ... he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

I Corinthians 15:4



Let's Talk

Would it make you happy if someone in your town had power to heal all sickness? Would you like to know someone who could take your lunch and make it become enough food for five thousand people? Do you think it would be a help to your town to have such a person living in it? If such a person lived in your town, what would you think if you heard people talking about having him killed? Do you think he should be killed?

Jesus was a person who fed more than five thousand people with a small lunch, and He healed all the sick people who came to Him. Yet some of the people did not like Him and they formed a plan to have Him killed.

Their plan worked! They told a lot of lies about Him, whipped and beat Him. Then they stripped off His clothing and nailed Him to a cross and set it up on a hill and he hung there until he died.

I'm sure all of you know how sad this made His mother, his friends and his disciples. Besides being terribly sad because Jesus was dead, they were also afraid that these same wicked people might kill them. Unless they just had to go out, they stayed indoors with the doors shut.

On the third day, before the sun gave light upon the earth, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Joanna and some other women started out to the sepulchre to put sweet-smelling spices on Jesus' body.

They stumbled on in the darkness wondering how they would get the stone away, but when they got there the stone was already gone! They went inside the sepulchre, which is like a cave, and were surprised that Jesus' body was not there! Suddenly two angels with shining clothing stood beside them and asked, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen! Remember he said that He would arise the third day?"

They ran and told Peter and John. The men also ran and looked into the

sepulchre, and Jesus was not there. Mary hung around the grave longer than the others and Jesus himself came and spoke with her.

Soon all the disciples and friends of Jesus knew He had risen! Excitement burned among them like fire raging through the forest!

In the evening of this same day, most of the disciples were together in one room with the doors shut because they were afraid, and suddenly Jesus was standing in the middle of the room! How did He get in each one asked himself in amazement?

He showed them the nail prints in His hands and feet. It was really Jesus! He was alive and well after that horrible death on the cross! The word "happy" is too small to explain their feelings.

Thomas was not with the disciples when this happened, but eight days later they were again together with the door shut when once more Jesus appeared in the room with them. He said to Thomas, "Touch my hands and the wound in my side and be not faithless but believe."

Jesus had power over everything, even death. He has promised to give us a share of this power that we can also have power over everything which would keep us from doing right. He promises us a life with Him after this life.

—Sis. Charlotte

Questions:

1. Who asked for the body of Jesus?
2. What was used to close the sepulchre?
3. Who removed the stone?
4. What happened to the soldiers?
5. Who met the women as they went to tell the other disciples?
6. Why did the disciples have the door closed?
7. Did Jesus open the door to come inside?
8. What large number of people saw Jesus?
9. How long was Jesus on the earth after He arose?
10. How did Jesus go to heaven?

(Answers: 1. Joseph. 2. A stone. 3. An angel. 4. They shook and became as dead men. 5. Jesus. 6. They were afraid of the Jews. 7. No. 8. 500 People. 9. 40 days. 10. He was taken up in a cloud.)

"Nope! He thinks we're going to do too many *bad* things. Besides, he is working for his uncle today. He says he is going to give half the money he makes to his church as a thank-you to Christ for dying on the cross."

"Wow!"

"I told him I'd be giving more than him, because I was going to find the prize egg that's worth a crisp, new one hundred dollar bill, and have a day full of fun, too!"

At ten o'clock sharp, we were lined up awaiting the whistle to blow so we could enter the roped-off area and begin hunting the eggs.

"Tom," I whispered, "I'm saying a prayer that God will help me find that prize egg." Right there I closed my eyes and prayed.

The whistle blew and we started. Tom and I ran to the far end of the area; several of our friends followed. First Tom found an egg, then Phil and Rick. I was looking everywhere! I heard strange shouts all over the area as children found eggs, but I found none. Then all of a sudden, I couldn't believe my eyes! In front of me carefully hidden under a turf of grass was the prize egg! I trembled all over as I lifted the egg in my hands. I said nothing for fear someone might take it away from me. Tucking it into my shirt, I walked as quickly as my trembling legs could carry me to the head man.

"The prize egg has been found by Jim McCrusher!" he said into the microphone. My friends gathered around me! Each congratulated me in their own way. My Sunday school teacher and preacher found me, too, and gave their congratulations. I told the preacher about my promise to give more money to our church than Gilbert was giving to his. He praised me!

After that, the boys and I went for the rides. I borrowed twenty dollars from Phil's older brother who was our overseer for the day, because I couldn't pick up the prize money until Monday. That was soon gone, so I borrowed ten extra dollars that Rick had along. We had a great time trying all the rides we

hadn't tried before. At the movie that night I treated all eight of them to pop and popcorn, with money I borrowed from Tom's mom who met us there to drive us home in their station wagon. After the movie, I begged her to let me treat them to pizza. She did not want to do so, but after much persuasion by all the boys, she consented.

I didn't have to tell Gilbert about finding the prize egg, the gang beat me to it! I wonder how he felt?

After school I collected my prize money. Mom cashed the check and took me around to pay all that I had borrowed, twenty dollars to Phil's brother, ten dollars to Rick, and twelve dollars for popcorn and pop, and twenty-three dollars and seventy-four cents for pizza to Tom's mom. I only had thirty-four dollars and twenty-six cents left. Mom was furious with me at how I'd wasted the money. I wasn't a bit happy either! And I still wanted to keep my promise to give to the church more than Gilbert. I thought God had helped me find the prize egg.

I had such a headache, I went to bed without supper.

It was Thursday before I had the courage to ask Gilbert how much money he was giving to his church. He said, "Uncle Bill paid me five dollars an hour and we worked ten hours, so he gave me fifty dollars! He said he'd have paid his helper more than that to work on Saturday and I did almost as much work."

"So you are giving the church twenty-five dollars?"

"That's right," he assured me. (I knew he would because he always did just as he said.) "And do you know, Jim, the Tyco remote control cars and track we have been wanting at Sears is on sale this week for half price, and with what I already have saved I can buy it! Come over Saturday and we'll play with it."

For some reason I just couldn't call Gilbert "Bert Dirt" after that. He was the kind of guy I wanted to be!

—Charlotte Huskey

TEACHER'S NOTES

JUNIORS

The lessons in this quarter are to help the child develop attitudes and habits which will make him or her a happier person.

Pre-teens and teen years of a child's life are when his or her emotions are running crazy, so to speak. The change they make from childhood to adulthood is harsh. One day they feel like being a child but duty demands they act as an adult. Possibly in the next few days his emotions cause him to feel he is an adult, that he is capable of making his own decision and well able to carry out the decision, but this same day duty demands him to obey in what he believes to be a very childish manner.

"How difficult!" he groans and becomes sullen, quiet, or rebels by sudden outbursts of anger. Either of these or any other reaction brings unhappiness. Which then is another problem he must handle.

Hopefully these lessons will help him not fall into so many pits of unhappiness. In everyone's life there are times of unhappiness because of unavoidable circumstances. These are to be expected and bravely born, but if a child through lack of knowledge brings upon himself more unhappiness, life may get mighty discouraging.

As we all know, sinful actions cause a person to feel badly at himself and many times at the person who influenced him to do wrong. However, there is no doubt sinful actions can be enjoyed if the sin is something the person really wants to do, for the Bible in Proverbs 9:16b, 17, 18 reads, "... She [the evil person] saith to him, Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." "But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell." After the sweetness is enjoyed then comes the problems which the sin has created.

Helping students to see the unhappiness that follows sinful actions will help them to reconsider when they are tempted to do wrong. Hopefully they will ask themselves this question, "Is the happiness received from the sin as great as the happiness received from making a better decision and resisting the sin?"

Students face problems of deciding such questions every day. They are constantly choosing and many for lack of knowledge make a wrong choice which brings to them much unhappiness.

Let us, their spiritual leaders, help in every way possible to lead them to make the choices which are for their best and bring the most happiness.

—Sis. Charlotte

DATE	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	MEMORY VERSE
Apr. 6	Acts 9:36-42, I Cor. 16:14-16, Romans 15:25-27, Luke 6:38, Prov. 28:27, Matthew 25:34-40.	Matt. 25:40
Apr. 13	Eph. 4:32, Rom. 12:10, Col. 3:12-13 I Peter 1:5-7, I Cor. 13:4, Prov. 31:10, 20, 25, II Cor. 6:1-6, II Chron. 10:3-7, 15, 19.	Eph. 5:32
Apr. 20	Matt. 6:6-12, Mark 11:25-26, Luke 6:37; 17:3-4, Col. 3:13, Matt. 18:21-35.	Mark 11:26
Apr. 27	Ps. 119:105, 130, Titus 1:3, Rom. 10:14, Gen. 3:8; 12:1, Ex. 3:4, I Sam. 3:10-11, Acts 27:20-27, 37, 44, Acts 8:29-31, 35; 5:19-21.	Ps. 85:8
May 4	Matt. 26:35-41, 69-74, I Thess. 5:6, II Tim. 4:4-5, Luke 12:36-37, Eph. 6:17-18, Rev. 16:25, Matt. 24:43-44.	Matt. 26:41
May 11	I Tim. 2:1, 8, I Peter 3:10-12, Luke 6:12, James 5:13-18, Ps. 66:17-20, Matt. 23:14, Luke 2:22-37, I Thess. 5:17, Romans 12:12.	James 5:16
May 18	I Tim. 4:12-14, II Chron. 29:11, II Peter 3:10-14, Deut. 4:9, Ex. 15:26, Phil. 2:12, Josh. 22:5, Prov. 10:4-5; 12:24; 13:4; 21:5; 22:29, Heb. 2:3.	Josh. 22:5
May 25	Gal. 6:9, II Thess. 3:13, Isa. 40:28-31, I Cor. 1:25, Dan. 11:32, I Cor. 16:13, Eph. 6:10-13, II Tim. 2:1, 3, Phil. 4:13, Rom. 8:28, 31, 35, 37, I Cor. 10:13.	Gal. 6:9
June 1	Isa. 57:15, Phil. 2:7-8, Col. 3:12, Luke 14:11; 18:10-14, I Peter 5:5-6, James 4:6, Prov. 15:33; 16:18-19; 22:4, Mic. 6:6-8.	Luke 14:11
June 8	Acts 5:29, I Sam. 15:22-23, Eph. 6:1-8, Heb. 13:17, Rom. 13:1-3, I Peter 1:13-14, II Cor. 10:4-5, Isa. 1:19, Jer. 7:23, Ex. 19:5; 23:22.	II Cor. 10:5
June 15	Gen. 42:5-26; 34:2-21, Romans 12:17; 13:12-13, I Thess. 4:11-12, Eph. 4:28, Romans 13:7-10, I Cor. 8:21.	Eph. 4:28
June 22	II Sam. 22:31, Ps. 31:19; 34:22; 37:3-5, 40; 40:4; 118:8-9; 125:1, Isa. 57:13, Nah. 1:7, II Cor. 1:8-10, I Tim. 6:17, Ps. 49:6-9, Mark 10:23.	Ps. 40:4
June 29	Ps. 95:2-3; 100:1-5, Col. 3:15, I Chron. 29:13-14, I Tim. 6:7-8, I Thess. 5:18, Phil. 4:6, Jer. 30:18-19, Isa. 51:1, Rom. 2:21, Rev. 7:12, II Cor. 9:11, Col. 2:6-7.	I Thess. 5:18

TITLE AND CENTRAL THOUGHT

Bee Helpful: Finding happiness through helping others, especially the poor.

Bee Kind: The Christian feeling towards others to not hurt them but to be kind and gentle toward all, even those who mistreat. Treating others kind will bring kindness and happiness to us.

Bee Forgiving: The important thought in this lesson is to help the student understand that unless he forgives others who offend him, Jesus will not forgive his offenses.

Bee Attentive: Instructions about listening to the still small voice of God, as He speaks through His Word, His Holy Spirit, angels, and other people. Examples of people who heard God's message to them.

Bee Watchful: Being conscious of every action and its effect upon our eternal destiny. Watching that one is not caught in an evil trap.

Bee Prayerful: The lesson deals with why one should pray, examples of people who prayed, and a little about the length of prayer.

Bee Diligent: An explanation of a diligent attitude, and promises to those who are diligent.

Bee Determined: The courage, strength, and motivation which comes from a determined attitude, and the success that is rewarded. Half of the job is making up one's mind that it can be done.

Bee Humble: God's command to be humble and the blessings which can be expected. The happiness of a humble attitude.

Bee Obedient: Children's duty to be obedient to all those in authority. The freedom of being one's own boss when one disciplines himself to obey rules without being forced to do so. Also, bringing the mind into obedience to Christ.

Bee Honest: This lesson deals with being honest with money by returning money received in business dealings by mistake, and by returning lost objects to their owner.

Bee Trusting: The many promises to those who will trust in God. Things we are not to trust in, and the disadvantage of being rich.

Bee Thankful: Being thankful to God because all we have comes from Him, including thanksgiving in prayer. Those who have a thankful attitude toward God are thankful to others and happier.

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Helen's Way to Happiness

Helen was wandering through the house, looking as sad as if she had broken all her dolls and lost all her money at the same time.

"What is the matter with you, Helen?" asked Mother. "You look so miserable."

"I am miserable," said Helen, bursting into tears.

"Oh, darling, what is wrong with my girl?" Mother asked tenderly.

"Oh, dear," sobbed Helen, "there's nobody to play with, and nothing to do, and nowhere to go." And Helen sobbed louder than ever.

"But, darling," suggested Mother, trying to wipe the tears away, "why don't you go and play with Debbie, the girl next door?"

"She doesn't want to play with me."

"Doesn't want to play with you! Why not?"

"She's going shopping with her mother, and she'd rather go with her mother than play with me."

"I see," said Mother. "Well, then, why don't you read one of your books?"

"I don't want to read a book."

"Well, then, why don't you—let me see—or—why don't you go and look at your garden and see how everything is growing after the rain?"

"I don't want to go and look at my garden," said Helen, wiping a Kleenex over her eyes.

"I know just what is the matter with you," said Mother.

"There's nothing the matter with me," said Helen. "I just want somebody to play with me."

"Yes, I think I do know," said Mother. "There's something the matter right inside you."

"Where?"

"Oh, somewhere inside you," smiled Mother.

"What is it?"

"Just a little teeny-weeny thought that isn't quite right."

"What isn't quite right? I only want somebody to play with me."

"I know," said Mother. "But, darling, I believe that if you stopped thinking about yourself just for a minute or two, and began to think about somebody else, then you would be happy again right away."

This was a new idea for Helen.

"Don't you think it would be a good idea to plan something pleasant for somebody else, perhaps a surprise of some kind?"

"I don't know anyone to surprise," said Helen.

"Oh, darling, of course you do," said Mother. "Don't you remember that sick little girl we went to visit in the hospital one day? You know, the one who can't walk. And you said that you were so sorry for her that you would fix up one of your own dolls and take it to her to make her happy. But I'm afraid you forgot all about it."

"Oh, yes, I did forget all about it!"

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Helpful



Acts 9:36 "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

37 "And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber."

38 "And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them."

39 "Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them."

40 "But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up."

41 "And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive."

42 "And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord."

I Corinthians 16:14 "Let all your things be done with charity."

Romans 15:25 "But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints."

26 "For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution [gift of money] for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem."

27 "It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to

minister unto [help] them in carnal things."

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Proverb 28:27 "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."

Matthew 25:34 "Then shall the king [Jesus] say, . . . Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit [get for yourself] the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

35 "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:"

36 "Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me."

37 "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?"

40 ". . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Questions:

1. Why did the people send for Peter?
2. Why did the widows miss Dorcas?
3. What happened to Dorcas after Peter prayed?
4. Did the Bible saints give to the poor?
5. What can one expect if he gives?
6. What is a special promise for those who give to the poor?
7. Why did some inherit the kingdom?
8. What do you think "inherit the kingdom" means?
9. Name one thing that will help a Christian inherit the kingdom?

MEMORY VERSE:

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about being happy. Everyone loves to be happy! Some people who want very much to be happy just don't seem to know how. In this lesson and the following twelve lessons you will find thirteen "bees" which you may use like magic to sting unhappiness every time it comes upon you. Be sure to read each one and put the "bees" in a safe little corner of your mind, so you can effectively use them on Mr. Unhappiness.

Several verses of the Bible lesson are speaking about a woman named Dorcas. She was a very happy person because others loved her very much. Most any person is happy when they know others love them. The way Dorcas acted is what made others love her. She was a busy woman, sewing clothing for needy children. This made the children as well as their poor widowed mothers very happy. It made their grandmothers, grandfathers, uncles and aunts, or any other family member who was interested in them, happy also. A lot of people were made happy because of the many different children that Dorcas sewed clothing for, therefore Dorcas was appreciated by many making her a happier person. You, too, will be happy when you do good things for others!

Dorcas was also a beautiful young woman. She lived in Joppa, a town beside the Mediterranean Sea. We know by her name that she was beautiful because in the country where she lived beautiful girls were called Tabitha. Another very unusual thing about her name, Tabitha, is that it means "gazelle or antelope." We do not compare a gazelle or antelope with beauty, but the Arabic and Persian poets often compare fine eyes with those of an antelope. Ways of other nationalities may seem strange to us but our ways seem equally strange to them. However, in every nation helpful people are loved and appreciated by others. You have probably heard the wise old saying, "Pretty

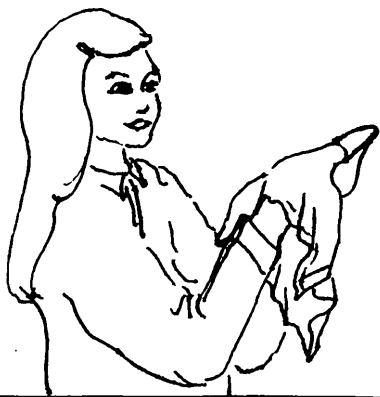
is as pretty does." Many unattractive persons are considered to be beautiful because of the nice way they act. It may have been that Dorcas was called Tabitha, meaning beautiful, only because of the good things she did.

Being helpful to others will bring happiness but there are also promises given to us from God if we help others. One of these promises is that those who help or give to the poor will always have things they need. Caution with this promise! It does not say one will have everything he wants. A person could get disappointed with God if he has helped the poor and expects God to supply all his wants. Remember *needs* not *wishes* are promised.

Another promise is that we will receive again more than we gave. We as God's children must give, visit and help others if we expect to enter into God's wonderful heaven.

Everyone take courage and be helpful! Let us each one buzz through every day be-e-e-ing helpful and HAPPY!

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Because Dorcas had died, 2. Dorcas had made coats and other garments for their children. 3. She was restored to life, and she sat up. 4. Yes, 5. He can expect to receive in return more than he gave. 6. Those who give to the poor shall never lack. 7. They had fed, clothed, visited and given drink to Jesus. 8. I think "inherit the kingdom" means to be able to go into heaven. 9. Helping any of the brethren, even the very least.)

said Helen, her face very thoughtful for a moment. "And I told her that I was going to bring it to her! Oh, dear, what will she think of me?"

"Well, darling, why don't you find that doll right now and start getting it ready? Then perhaps tomorrow we shall take it down to the hospital."

"All right, Mamma," said Helen, her face brightening up. "Shall I wash the doll's clothes?"

"Surely," said Mother; "you couldn't give away a doll with dirty clothes on, could you?"

"No," laughed Helen. "And shall I fix her socks? One of them has a hole in it."

"You can try," said Mother. "And if you can't manage it, then I'll help you."

"And, Mother," said Helen, all interested now, "will you find an attractive box to pack it in, and some wrapping paper, and some ribbon so it will look like a real present?"

"I will," said Mother, as Helen ran upstairs to find the doll. Soon she was down again and busy as a little bee.

After a while, Mother looked around the door, and there was Helen, sitting on a chair, mending the doll's socks.

Helen's tears and loneliness were all forgotten now.

"I'm so glad," thought Mother; "and you know, it always is fun to do something to make someone else happy."

—Selected

(A true story.)

"I'm Going to Preach."

"I'm going to be a preacher one day," boasted Phillip to his mother. "Yeah, and thousands of people will be saved. Why, I'll be much better than Billy Graham! Mother, don't you think that's a good idea?"

"I think it's a wonderful idea for you to work for the Lord, son; and if He calls you to be a humble servant for Him, well, that's fine. But you know, preachers have a lot of work to do. Did you know that sometimes when they get to a certain place for a meeting, someone might be sick? Then it is the preacher's job to do all he can for them.

Why, he might end up sweeping floors, cooking meals, or cleaning house!"

"But, Mom, I thought preachers just had to preach and do grand things for God," protested Phillip. "I don't want to do little things for God; I want to do big and wonderful things!"

"Well, the Bible says that a minister is just a servant, and that means to do other things for people, even if it means little, humble things," answered his mother. "Now then, you know that your father told you to rake the lawn before he came home, so I guess you'd better hop to it pretty quickly."

"I don't want to rake the lawn! Besides, Susan never does anything around here! All she has to do is set and clear the supper table. Why can't I do something little like that? I always have to do the big things, and it's not fair," he said unhappily.

Mother took her son by the arm and led him firmly to a chair. "Now, Phillip Marcus, Junior! You just said that you wanted to do big things for God, didn't you?" Phillip nodded his head slowly. "Don't you realize that when you do things to help other people, that you are actually doing them for God? Raking the lawn is a small thing compared to preaching! If you want to do something great, do something small. Does that make sense to you?"

"Kind of, I guess," he admitted. "Do you mean that when I do small things like just obeying or," and he wrinkled his nose in disgust, "helping around the house, that God loves that?"

"That's right," said his mother. "It's better to do a lot of small things than to do one big thing and forget all the things you need to do. And son, that means without complaining. Now then, Daddy is coming home in a little while. You'll really have to hurry now."

"Mother, maybe I'll just be a small boy for a while, and practice obeying you before I try to be a preacher," said Phillip as he started out the door. "Besides," he mumbled, "if I have to when I get older, I guess I might as well practice now," and he sighed.

—Dorothy Wilkins

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All For a Robin

Yes, it was a whole railroad system that was held up, and by a little robin redbreast, too!

Two little girls told me the story, and I am sure it must be true, for it all happened close by the town where they live. And, from what they said, everybody was talking about it for weeks.

It all began one afternoon when a freight train was slowly steaming out of the station. It had not traveled very far when the brakeman noticed that a little robin was flying alongside the train.

"Look at that bird!" he said to a man who was with him. "It's following us."

"So it is! It seems to be trying to get underneath this caboose. But I suppose it will fly off soon."

But the bird kept flying close to the caboose, and as the train gathered speed, it flew faster and faster. After a while, however, the pace became too swift for it, and the poor little bird had to give up. It flew off and perched on a tree, gradually becoming smaller and smaller as the train steamed on, until at last it was out of sight.

Why the brakeman should bother about one little robin redbreast I don't know, but perhaps it was because the bird looked so sad as it gave up the race and perched on the tree. Anyhow, as soon as the train stopped at the next station he jumped down and looked underneath the caboose. And what do you suppose

he found there? Away underneath in a corner was a robin's nest, with three pale-blue eggs in it!

Now he knew why the poor little bird had been flying so fast! But where was Mrs. Redbreast now? he wondered. Could she have followed?

He held up the train as long as he dared, hoping she would catch up in time to get back to her nest, but she did not come. At last he had to give the signal to go, but before doing so he walked up to the engine and chatted with the driver, telling him all about the nest, and particularly about the eggs.

Now the driver of that freight train had just as kind a heart as the brakeman; so he promised to drive with special care, so that the eggs would not be jolted out of the nest. And how gently he brought the train to a stop every time! If he had had the President on board he couldn't have done it better.

So the train ran all the way to its destination and all the way back again. And at every stop the brakeman got out and looked underneath to make sure the eggs were there.

At last the return journey had been made, and the train was back in the home station. But where was the mother bird that had last been seen perched on the branch of a tree many miles out along the railroad line?

She was not far away. Indeed, even as the brakeman stood looking under-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Kind



Ephesians 4:32 “. . . be ye *kind* one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

Romans 12:10 “Be *kindly* affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;”

Colossians 3:12 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”

13 “Forbearing [using patience with] one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

II Peter 1:5 “. . . beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;”

6 “And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;”

7 “And to godliness *brotherly kindness*; and to brotherly kindness charity.”

I Corinthians 13:4 “Charity suffereth long, and is *kind*; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,”

Proverbs 31:10 “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”

20 “She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.”

26 “She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of *kindness*.”

II Corinthians 6:1 “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.”

4 “But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers [servants] of God, in much patience, . . .”

6 “By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, . . . by love unfeigned [real love],”

II Chronicles 10:3 “. . . So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to [the new king] Rehoboam, saying,”

4 “Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the . . . heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.”

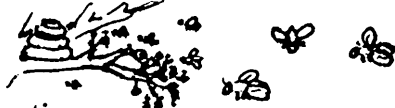
5 “And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.”

6 “And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?”

7 “And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be *kind* to this people, . . . they will be your servants for ever.”

15 “So the king hearkened not unto the people: . . .”

19 “And Israel rebelled . . .”



Questions:

1. How are Christians to treat those who have wronged them?
2. What is the Christian to put on besides modest clothing?
3. How are we to treat those who quarrel with us?
4. What characteristics are we to add to godliness?
5. How does charity act after it has suffered long?
6. How does a virtuous woman speak?
7. Can a Christian prove himself by actions of kindness?
8. What was the old men's advice to the new king?
9. What happened because the king did not receive their counsel?

MEMORY VERSE:

Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God . . . hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32.



Let's talk today about being kind. What is being kind? Being kind is a lot of things to a lot of different people. Being kind could mean being patient during a game with a smaller child who cannot play well. Being kind could be just being quiet while your father is reading. To mother it might be putting your dishes into the dishwasher or being quiet while the baby is asleep. Whatever kindness we do to another it will make that person feel happy! A kind act never makes others feel sad and discouraged. Neither does it make another one feel unloved or unwanted. Kindness is a way of saying, "I love you!" It is a way of making and keeping friends.

Being kind to others is not always easy. To be truthful, it is hard until the person wishing to be kind has developed a habit to think how others feel instead of thinking how he feels himself. Of course, it is easier to be kind to others who are kind and thoughtful, but even then if they are smaller than you and require you to wait on them, sometimes it is still hard. But to be kind to those who are ungrateful for what you do for them is a very hard task. However, Jesus said, "love ye your enemies, and do good . . . and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is *kind* unto the *unthankful* and to the *evil*." Luke 6:35. Jesus will give those who call upon Him in prayer power to be kind to all people.

Usually being kind is just being thoughtful. Being kind is not asking, "What is it?" when someone shows you their drawing, or not saying, "I don't like your new shoes." Instead it is noticing someone's new clothing and telling them you like it. Just noticing another person is showing kindness. It is thinking about how others are feeling. Would you like to be unnoticed all the time? Would you like to be left behind? Then kindness is waiting for a slower person

to catch up. It can be showing someone how to do something without making him feel dumb. It could be reading or playing with younger children when you would rather be with your own friends. Taking care of things and keeping them nice for someone else is another way of showing kindness.

In the story "All For a Robin", we see kindness in the many people who saved the robin's eggs. You, too, can show kindness by taking good care of your pets. Think about how hungry or thirsty they may be. Leaving eggs in a nest is showing kindness to the mother bird. Leaving wild animals where they can live and enjoy living is another way to show kindness.

Kindness is a wonderful way of life. It is thoughtfulness to others. It is the way God wants you to be!

—Sis. Charlotte

Tony and the Pear

Tony was a dirty, ragged little boy. One day he stopped for awhile in one of the city's parks to watch a game of ball between some boys. Some visitors in the park noticed Tony. They had stopped to watch the game too. One of the visitors reached over Tony's shoulder, as he sat on the ground, and gave him a pear.

Tony smiled. His eyes shone with joy. He looked over his shoulder at the one who had given him the gift. He was too shy to speak, so he just smiled.

After that, Tony would watch the game for awhile, and then he would look at his pear. He kept patting the pear. At last, he lifted it carefully to his mouth. Cautiously he bit out a tiny piece near the stem. A happy sigh followed. Then Tony hid the pear inside his shirt.

The kind visitor kept watching Tony. Finally he leaned over and asked, "Why don't you eat it? Don't you like pears?"

Now Tony spoke. He said, "Eat it? All by myself? Why, I am saving it for my mother. I want her to have it! She is always so good to me." —Selected

(Answers: 1. Forgive, and be kind and
tenderhearted toward them. 2. Kindness,
3. We are to forgive and be kind to
them. 4. Brotherly kindness. 5. It is still
kind. 6. With kindness. 7. Yes. 8. "Be
kind to this people." 9. The people rebelled.)

neath once more, there was a sudden fluttering of wings, and faithful Mrs. Redbreast dived under the caboose and sat on her nest again.

But now what to do? Of course the brakeman could have forgotten all about it, but he didn't. Having taken so much care of those eggs all day long, he felt a special interest in them now. So he told the stationmaster what had happened, and he came over to see the robin.

The stationmaster said that the best thing to do would be to disconnect the caboose and shunt it onto a siding until the eggs were hatched. You see, he had a kind heart, too, as big as that of the driver and the brakeman. The trouble was that, to do anything like this, he had to get permission from the head office of the railroad; and what excuse could he give for holding up the caboose? Furthermore, there was another difficulty. This was the only caboose available for this particular train, and how could they get another one before this train had to leave the next day? Would the head office be willing to send another caboose all the way down the line just because a robin was sitting on a nest? Not very likely, thought the stationmaster. But, being such a kind-hearted man, and anxious to help the poor little bird if he could, he decided to phone the head office and ask. They could but refuse.

Now it so happened that, by this time, the news about the robin's nest under the caboose had spread all through the town. The brakeman had talked about it and the engineer had talked about it; and then their wives and their children began to talk about it, until the whole town became excited, and people by the hundreds were streaming down to the station to see this unusual sight.

As you can imagine, when so many men and women and boys and girls were all running to one place, the newspaper men became interested, too, and they ran down there with their pens and their notebooks and their cameras and what not. So, within a very short time the news of Mrs. Redbreast's ad-

venture was on the front pages of the local papers.

News like this travels fast. In fact, it reached the head office of the railroad before the stationmaster was able to speak to the man he wanted on the telephone. By great good fortune, this proved to be another man with a heart as big and kind as that of the stationmaster, the brakeman, or the engineer. So when the stationmaster asked if he could have another caboose, so that Mrs. Robin should not be disturbed, the official replied, "Of course! That caboose is not to be moved under any condition until the eggs have hatched."

The next day another caboose arrived just in time for the train.

Well, Mrs. Robin sat there on her nest day after day like a little queen on her throne, smiling—that is, if robins do smile—at all the hundreds of children and grownups who came to look at her. And then one great day the eggs were hatched and the proud mother began feeding her little brood. Orders then came from the head office that the caboose was not to be moved until all the baby birds had been taught to fly and had left the nest. So the little family stayed on as guests of the railroad until they decided to go somewhere else.

And now, just think of those four men upsetting the program of a railroad for the sake of one little bird! What a lot of kindhearted people there still are in this sad old world! And how much simple joy their thoughtfulness for one of God's smallest creatures brought into the lives of hundreds of their fellow men!

—Selected

SCRAMBLED WORDS

1. THAIF
2. CENTPAIE
3. THREYBROL
4. RITYACH
5. DESSNNIK
6. RUEVIT
7. SOSLINDEG
8. PANCETREEM
9. GOWNLEDKE

Read II Peter 1:5-7 to see if you have unscrambled the words correctly.

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A Springtime Desire

"Strike three, Chuck, and you're out!" Richard called from the pitching mound. Richard tossed his baseball glove up in the air then trotted over to Chuck for the bat.

"Aw, I don't want to play baseball any more," Chuck groaned.

"What's wrong?" Richard teased. "Is my pitching getting better than your batting?"

"Now you know that can't be!" Chuck said with an easy grin. He handed the bat, ball, and glove to his brother. "I feel like doing something exciting like—like exploring new country!" Chuck said. "The weather is too nice and sunny to be just playing common baseball. Let's go on a hike somewhere."

"Well, you know we can't go until Mother gets back from the grocery store," Richard said. "She plainly told us to stay in the yard and keep an eye on the two little girls until she comes back."

"Well, we can take off as soon as Mother drives up," Chuck replied. He wasn't fond of watching the girls anyway.

About that time a black and yellow train engine gave a loud puffy whistle as it slipped over the nearby railroad tracks and curved around the bend. The children could plainly watch the train as it flashed through a railroad crossing, whipped over the narrow Cottonwood Creek bridge, and trembled the ground in front of their house as it roared by.

Standing under the cedar tree in their front yard, Richard and Chuck watched the train curl under the viaduct, blow one more whistle of warning near the town depot and then slide swiftly by on two thin rails.

"What we ought to do is go exploring under the viaduct!" Chuck said, after the rumble of the train had left the valley.

Richard gave him a disapproving look and Chuck looked down. He remembered the last time they had gone under the viaduct. The two-lane upper level of the viaduct spans three city blocks in an arch high above the cottonwood trees. Directly underneath is the ground level one-lane concrete bridge over the creek where few cars care to travel.

"Don't go under the viaduct!" Mother and Daddy always warned the children, but one day the boys had yielded to temptation. They went under the viaduct.

Richard and Chuck had found the secret stash away of bread and crackers, and bologne that the street bums kept in a box under the viaduct. On some of the bridge pillars profane words were written that no one should ever write or read. Then while they had been busy throwing small pebbles into the muddy waters of the creek 30 feet below, they heard loud boisterous shouts of a rough group of boys coming under the viaduct. Richard and Chuck took off running in the opposite direction which went home.

Dad just happened to follow them all
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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Forgiving

Matthew 6:9 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

10 "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

12 "And *forgive* us our debts, as we *forgive* our debtors."

Mark 11:25 "And when ye stand praying, *forgive*, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may *forgive* you your trespasses."

26 "But if ye do not *forgive*, neither will your Father which is in heaven *forgive* your trespasses."

Colossians 3:13 "... if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ *forgave* you, so also do ye."

Matthew 18:21 "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I *forgive* him? till seven times?"

22 "Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but Until seventy times seven."

23 "Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants."

24 "And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents." (if in silver, \$53,800,000.00)

25 "But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made."

26 "The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all."

27 "Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and *forgave* him the debt."

28 "But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants,

which owed him an hundred pence: [\$44.00] and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest."

29 "And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all."

30 "And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt."

32 "Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I *forgave* thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me."

33 "Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?"

34 "And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him."

35 "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts *forgive* not every one his brother their trespasses."

Questions:

1. Did Jesus want His children to ask to be forgiven as they forgive others?
2. If we forgive others what will God do for us?
3. What happens to our trespasses if we do not forgive?
4. How many times in one day are we to forgive?
5. How should we treat those who quarrel against us?
6. To what did Jesus liken the kingdom of heaven?
7. What did the king do for the servant who owed a large sum of money?
8. What did this servant do to another servant who owed him a small sum of money?
9. Christ has forgiven us of very much, should we then forgive those who wrong us?

MEMORY VERSE:

If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.
Mark 11:26.



Let's Talk

Let's talk about forgiveness. Mr. Bee Forgiving has very much work to do for every day someone does something that could cause one to need to forgive others. I am sure if you will think of all the things that have happened to you today, that you can think of something that was done to you that hurt you. Now when these things happen you must either forgive the person that did it or feel badly toward that person and make plans to repay them for their actions toward you.

Each time people do things to you, Mr. Unforgiving comes swiftly with thoughts such as: "I'll get even with you.", "This will be the last time you'll do that to me.", or, "I'll pay you back." Promptly Mr. Unforgiving will put into your mind different things you could do to repay the person for what he did to you. It seems that people have a natural disposition about them that makes them want to defend themselves and not let others mistreat them. Well, Mr. Unforgiving works through this. The bad thing about the way Mr. Unforgiving does is that he doesn't tell the unforgiving person that many sicknesses come from having an unforgiving attitude. Neither does he tell them that most of the actions which offend are not done to offend but are only carelessness or accidental. If one has a defensive attitude toward others his life will be continuously unhappy. This person will have very few friends and those few he has will at times hurt him and will then have to suffer whatever he does to get even with them. Soon they may not be his friends either. Do you see how unforgiveness can bring much unhappiness?

Mr. Bee Forgiving is very different from Mr. Unforgiving. He will help people live like Jesus planned. It is a peaceful, happy way to live. There may be times when a Christian will find forgiving a little hard or sometimes very

hard. But God will give power to forgive and the forgiving person will be much happier after he has forgiven.

Sometimes the reason something is hard to forgive is because daily things happen to remind you of the incident. So daily when it comes to your mind you must forgive and not keep feeling bitter about it. An example of something which could hurt for a long time is a careless driver who killed or caused a family member to become disabled.

I read about a family whose little boy was playing on the lawn in front of their house and a teen-age boy speeding through the residential neighborhood lost control of his car and drove onto the lawn hitting and killing the little boy. The little boy's family wanted to forgive. They examined the family life of the one who had killed their son and found he didn't have capable parents and living conditions that help boys know what is right. Then they sort of adopted him and he lived in their home and became a wonderful person. The family loved their little boy so much, they cemented his toys in the yard just as he had left them. They wanted to be reminded of their sweet little son. These toys and many other things reminded the teenager of what he had done, but they also reminded him of the love shown to him by these parents who had freely forgiven him. This forgiveness shown to him made him want to be good and please those who loved him so much, and he did by being good.

Let us be forgiving, for it is the happiest way to live. Mr. Bee Forgiving will help you if you will be attentive to his thoughts.

—Sis. Charlotte

Who was the only Man in the Bible to wear a Crown of Thorns?
(John 19:1 and 2)

(Answers: 1. Yes, 2. He will forgive us our wrongs, 3. Our trespasses are not forgiven by God unless we forgive others, 4. We must forgive as many times as there is reason to forgive; 70 times 7 equal 490 times. 5. Forgive them even as Christ forgave us. 6. He likened it to a king who had two servants. 7. He forgive the servant. 8. He would not forgive. 9. YES!)

the way down the street and he drove his pickup into the drive as they ran up the steps by the cedar tree. After a long talk about all the bad things that could have happened and have happened under the viaduct, Dad took away all their extra privileges for two weeks.

"Hey, let's follow the railroad tracks down that way," Chuck said, pointing to the north and opposite direction from the viaduct.

"Dad said not to go down by the railroad tracks or creek, either," Richard replied. "Neither place is safe to play."

"You sound like Dad yourself," Chuck retorted. "Dad told us that when we were little and not sure-footed. Now that we are older, we can handle things better. Come on, 'fraidy cat, let's go!'"

"Now you know that's not the reason I won't go," Richard replied, as a red blush slowly warmed his cheeks. "You've seen the rough-looking guys yourself that have come walking down by the railroad tracks. Besides that," he continued, "we can't leave until Mother comes back and she won't let us go!"

"We don't have to ask her, you know," Chuck hollered back. "She'll never know if you don't tell and Dad won't be home until late."

"Mother or Dad would find out some way," Richard said, "and besides, I know the reason why they don't want us to go down around there and that is good enough for me!"

"Well, go in the house and read a book!" Chuck taunted.

"What made Chuckie mad?" Karen asked Richard.

"He wants to go hiking down by the Cottonwood Creek," Richard told them. "But we know the creek is filthy water because it floods sometimes and pulls all kinds of pollution into it. Then the railroad tracks aren't good to play around either because trains come and go or stop for a long time on these rails so it is best to not be down there by them. Don't ever go down by the railroad tracks," Richard warned the girls.

Maybe Dad could take us to Red Rock Canyon this weekend, he thought. We

haven't been there since last spring.

Then Richard saw a figure cross down by the railroad tracks. He jumped down from the wall and went running by the road to see. Sure enough—it was Chuck!

About that time Mother drove up. Quickly Richard told her what had happened and about his plans for a hiking trip to Red Rock Canyon.

"Well, maybe that can be arranged," Mother said. "I was inspired about a picnic and I bought some extra treats for one. We'll see what Dad says. Now run, go get your brother before he falls into the creek!"

Richard was sliding down the rocky embankment when a train came speeding around the bend so he could not go across to find Chuck until the train had left. Then he saw Chuck scrambling out from under the railroad bridge.

"Hey, Richard," he said, "guess where I was when the train went by?"

"You probably had to jump off the bridge before the train pushed you off," Richard guessed.

"No," Chuck said, looking down. "I planned it this way. You see, I thought it would be fun to hear a train under the bridge so I . . ."

"Don't tell me all that stuff," Richard said impatiently. "Let's go help Mom get around. We might go on a hiking trip this weekend!"

Soon the boys were planning with Mother about the weekend trip. Dad liked their plans and that night they went to bed early so they could have an early start for the trip in the morning.

After all the lights were out and the house was quiet, Chuck jiggled his brother's top bunk.

"Yah, what do you want?" Richard asked drowsily.

"I'm sorry about the fuss today," Chuck apologized. "I should not have been so bullheaded. Really I did get scared off the bridge by the train. They do come faster than I realized. I'm glad you're a level guy."

"Thanks, Chuck," Richard replied. "Now count sheep and go to sleep."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Talking Drums

More than a thousand years before anyone had heard about radio, native people in Africa were able to speak to each other over long distances by means of talking drums.

I don't mean that they had drums that could speak as you and I speak; yet they talked just the same!

You see, in every village men were trained to play the drums so skillfully that messages could be sent by the sound that the drums made.

Some of the drums were so large that their sound would travel as far as twenty miles or more. And as soon as the drums would begin to sound in one village, the drummer in the next village would take up the message and begin to sound it out on his drum. So from village to village the word would go until the whole countryside had heard it.

When really big things happened, the news would be sent in this way all across the whole great continent.

It is said that when Queen Victoria died, and the news was cabled from England to West Africa, natives living hundreds of miles from railways and telegraph lines immediately began talking of the death of the "Great White Queen." They heard the news by means of the talking drums even before government officials.

When the city of Khartoum fell and General Gordon died at his post, natives in Sierra Leone, thousands of miles away, were talking of it the same day!

The largest drums are made from huge, hollowed-out tree trunks. Sometimes these measure as much as twelve feet long and five feet wide. Think of a drum that size! No wonder the sound of it carries twenty miles!

Wouldn't you like to hear drums like this being played?

Someone who has heard them all his life has said: "Shuddering on the wind come their voices. . . . Boom-tap-boom! Dumm . . . dum . . . t-rat . . . t-t-r-r-rat! Bo-o-o-o-om!"

You can almost hear them, can't you? I wonder what they are saying. Perhaps some awful disaster has happened, a flood or a fire, or some great chief has died.

The drums of Africa are still talking today. Perhaps you will hear them someday.

However, there are other talking drums sounding all around the world today—drums that you can hear if you will listen. We might call them God's drums. And they are talking very loudly, bringing news, not only of things that have happened, but of things that are going to happen.

Yes, all the terrible things that are happening in the world today, all the suffering of so many people, all the sorrows of so many fathers and mothers and little children, are shouting a message to us.

The deep, throbbing sound circles the whole great globe.

"Wake up!" it says to us. "Wake up!"

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Attentive



God communicates through His Word:

Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

130 "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

God communicates through His prophets or preachers:

Titus 1:3 "[God] hath in due times manifested [revealed] his word through preaching, . . ."

Romans 10:14 ". . . how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Examples of people God has spoken to:

Genesis 3:8 "And they heard the voice of the Lord God . . . and Adam and his wife [Eve] hid . . ."

12:1 "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, . . . unto a land that I will shew thee:"

Exodus 3:4 ". . . God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I."

10 "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people . . . out of Egypt."

1 Samuel 3:10 "And the Lord . . . called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth."

Acts 27:20 "And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away."

21 "But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, . . ."

22 ". . . be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship."

23 "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, . . ."

24 "Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."

Acts 8:29 "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."

30 "And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read . . . and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?"

31 "And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."

35 "Then Philip opened his mouth, . . . and preached unto him Jesus."

Acts 5:19 ". . . the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them [Peter and the other apostles] forth, and said,"

20 "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."

21 "And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught."



Questions:

1. How does God usually communicate with people?
2. What does God use to communicate with people every Sunday?
3. Does God communicate with people using His voice?
4. Name some people God has spoken to. (See how many you can name besides the ones mentioned in the lesson.)
5. What did God tell Abram?
6. What did He tell Samuel?
7. In what way did God communicate with Paul?
8. In what way did He speak to Philip?
9. What did the angel say to Peter?

MEMORY VERSE:

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: —Psalm 85:8.



Let's talk about being attentive. A person is attentive when he is alert, keenly interested and eager to hear, see, and know what is happening. One should be attentive to the problems around him and do his part to help with solving them.

People should be especially attentive to the communications of the Spirit of God because much sadness comes as a result of missing messages which God intends for one. Children have a spirit within them which loves to communicate with God. Just as a hungry body is satisfied by food, so the spirit wants to communicate with God that it may feel satisfied. A child is cross and unhappy when he or she does not communicate with God the heavenly Father.

One must be attentive to God's Spirit to be able to communicate with Him. There are many ways God communicates with His children. The story on the front page of this leaflet tells us that God is communicating by the things that are happening around each of us. This is very true and we should be attentive to what these signs are saying. We can only understand what the signs are saying by studying God's Word the Holy Bible.

God's special plan, for children to hear messages from Him, is through godly teachers such as Sunday school teachers and church pastors. God is speaking through them to the children. They have a gift from God to understand the Bible and God gives them ideas for teaching so that it is easily understood. Use Bee Attentive to help you listen better than you have ever listened, for now you know that it is God's way of communicating with you.

Another way for people to communicate with God is through prayer and reading the Bible. Prayer is talking to God as if He were a friend. The Bible has many messages for each one and God's Spirit will communicate these

messages to our spirit if we study His Word with a prayer in our heart to understand it.

Some children think the Bible is too hard for them to read. Others who find it easy to read believe it is hard to understand. Both of these are tricks the devil is playing to keep children from communicating with God. Many important people of years past have learned to read using the Bible as their first reader. Abe Lincoln and George Washington Carver are two such people. Their first reading was from the Bible; surely then most children in grades three through seven can read and understand it as well.

Messages also come through thoughts which God puts into a person's mind. Perhaps you are tempted to become angry when someone bothers you. A quiet little thought, something like this, comes into your mind: "Don't be angry, just smile at them." You obey this little message and happiness follows. If you ignore this little message from God, and become angry and get back at the person bothering you, happiness runs away and Mr. Unhappiness comes over you. Keep your mind and spirit always alert to the messages from God, and obey them.

Another reason we must use Bee Attentive is because God will quit sending messages if His messages are ignored. If we are attentive and obey the messages He sends, He will communicate more often with us.

Let us use Bee attentive to sting the devil when he comes around with his thoughts of discouragement or laziness about communicating with God.

Be attentive to be happy!

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. By His written Word which is the Bible, 2. The teaching and preaching in worship service, 3. Yes, 4. Adam, Moses, Abram, Samuel, Paul, Phillip, Peter, and many others, 5. "Get thee out of thy country, . . . unto a land that I will shew thee", 6. "I will do some-thing in Israel, that will make the ears of those who hear it tingle," 7. By using an angel, 8. By the Spirit, 9. "Go stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.")

Be on the watch for something that is coming soon!" "Watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is!"

Jesus knew all about these things, and He told us that there would be "talking drums" in these days; only He called them by a different name. "There shall be signs," He said, "in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:25, 26.

God told Moses that if the people did not heed the "voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign."

In the last days, said Jesus, everything would talk to us—the sun, the moon, the stars, the sea, the people, the heavens, and the earth. "Talking drums" thundering out their warning of His coming!

He added, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

What a wonderful thing it is that God is trying to tell us now! Are you listening? Can you hear the "drums"?

If we can hear them, and their warning message, what shall we do about it?

Shall we not look up into His face and say to Him, "Jesus, I'm glad that you are coming again. I am so anxious to see you. I want to live in the beautiful land you have for those who love you. I love you, too. I want to be ready to meet you when you come. Please make me ready. Take all sin out of my heart. Help me to be good today and every day until you come."

Won't you say that? And say it now?

If you do, there will be no doubt concerning what will happen in that great day, for we are told that "He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24:31.

That means that they will be looking for you! How very wonderful! And they will find you. I know they will. They

will take us all home to that beautiful land where there will be no more war and "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Rev. 21:4.

Come, happy day!

—Selected

A Guiding Voice

A touching story came to us one winter from Minnesota. A farmer, living on the edge of one of the many lakes of that state, started to cross in a small sailboat one evening after dark.

The wind changed and a gust overturned the boat when he was in the middle of the lake. The surface of the water was covered with large masses of floating ice.

The farmer was a good swimmer, and struck out boldly toward the part of the shore where he thought his house stood, but he grew confused in the darkness. The ice formed rapidly over the whole lake.

He was in a small, quickly-narrowing circle, in which he beat about wildly, the chill of death creeping over his body. He gave up at last, and was sinking in the freezing water when he heard a sound.

It was the voice of his little girl calling him, "Father! Father!"

He listened. The sound of her voice would tell him which way home lay. It put fresh life into him. He thought "If she could only call once more. But she will be frightened at the dark and cold. She will go in and shut the door."

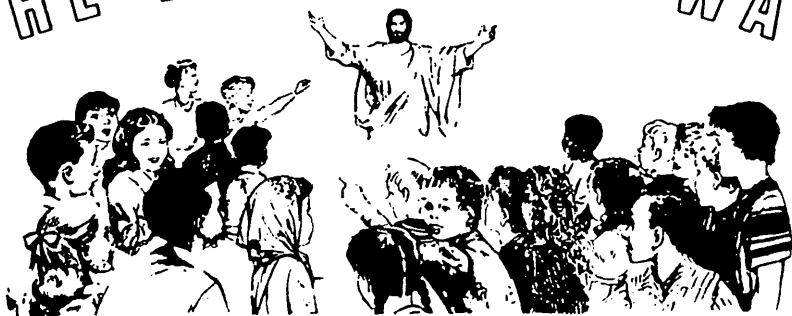
But just then came the cry, loud and clear: "Father!"

"I turned," said the man afterwards, in telling the story, "and struck out in the opposite direction. I had been going away from home. I fought my way; the ice broke before me. I reached the shore and home at last. But if my dear little girl had not persisted in calling me, though hearing no reply, I should have died there alone under the ice."

The story of many a man's life is like that of this voyage. We need the guiding voice of the Holy Spirit to guide us to our heavenly home.

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The Carpet's on Fire!

The light of a beautiful Sunday was fast fading, and the last golden gleams fell softly upon the form of a light-haired little girl who sat by a cottage window, her head leaning upon her hand as if in deep thought.

The sun had departed like a grand old monarch, leaving behind him a glory of purple and gold more beautiful than his own full splendor. Yet the girl saw nothing of all this beauty. She was thinking of the story in the Sunday school book she had been reading—the story of a child's life; and she wondered if all that happened in the story could be really true.

Jennie was pondering in her troubled brain a question which the reading of the book had brought. What could it be? Evidently it was not to be answered easily, for her face only grew more clouded, until at last she resolved to ask the help of some wiser mind.

"Mamma, I want you to tell me something," said Jennie Browning.

"Well, dear, what is it?"

"I've just finished a Sunday school book about the sweetest girl. She was always doing kind things for others. I've been trying to think what's the reason little girls in books have so many chances for doing good, and girls like me, who are out of books, don't have any at all."

"None at all?" questioned the mother. "Is that really so?"

"Well, no, not quite, I suppose," said Jennie, "but they are just nothing but the tiniest little bits of things. There's never anything big and splendid for real little girls like me to do. Suzy, in the story, saved her little sister's life; wasn't that a splendid, big something to do?"

"Yes, that was a brave thing for a girl to do."

"But, Mamma, you know that nothing ever does happen to me; and besides, I haven't any little sister or brother."

"Never mind, my child, if you will do carefully everything you do understand, and obey cheerfully even when you can not see why you should, you will please your heavenly Father and make me happy. Then perhaps some day you may have the chance to do something brave."

"Thank you, Mamma," said Jennie, "for helping me understand."

For many days Jennie watched and waited anxiously for something to happen, and so it did.

One day a letter came from Jennie's aunt, Mrs. Graham, saying she would come and spend a few days with her sister, and bring with her little Willie, a boy about two years old.

Of course, they were very welcome, and Jennie greatly enjoyed playing with her cousin. He was a charming fellow, but very fond of having his own way; and one of his great enjoyments

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Watchful



Matthew 26:35 "Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples."

36 "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder."

37 "And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy."

38 "Then said he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me."

39 "And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, . . ."

40 "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"

41 "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

57 "And they that laid hold on Jesus led him away . . ."

58 "But Peter followed him . . ."

69 "Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee."

70 "But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest."

71 "And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth."

73 "And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee."

74 "Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man . . ."

I Thessalonians 5:6 "Therefore let

us not sleep [spiritual sleep], as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

II Timothy 4:4 "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

5 "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Luke 12:36 "And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, . . . that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

37 "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: . . ."

Ephesians 6:17 "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments [of salvation], lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Questions:



1. What was Peter's promise to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus ask His disciples to do?
3. Why is it important that we watch?
4. What did Peter do that showed he was not watching?
5. What was Paul's commandment to Timothy?
6. What does God do for servants who will watch?
7. What kind of garments is a person keeping when they watch for their soul?
8. To what is Jesus' second coming likened?
9. Must a person be watching to be ready when Jesus comes?

MEMORY VERSE:

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41



Let's Talk

Let's talk today about Mr. Bee Watchful. Another good name for him could be Mr. Bee Careful, for a person is very careful when he is watchful.

For what is a person to watch? Is he to be watchful in watching the birds, whales, or some other kind of animal to learn their habits? Is he to watch the ball games, or watch the people as they pass down the street? For what should one be watching? Why should one be watchful?

This lesson is teaching us that one should be watching at all times what he is hearing, seeing and doing, and be attentive as to how these things are affecting his soul.

Watchful means watching carefully; on the look out; wide awake. Watchful, vigilant, and alert are synonyms which means they have about the same meaning. Watchful means paying close attention or keeping careful guard.

From the Bible we read about Jesus going into the garden to pray. He asked His disciples to watch with Him while He went a little farther into the garden to pray alone. After He prayed a while, He returned and found them asleep. He said, "Couldn't you watch with me one hour?" or could you not sit here and pray and think of my great need for a little while? Jesus' disciples were not interested enough in His troubles to stay awake while He was praying.

The devil is working through Mr. Careless trying to get each one to become careless and uninterested in his spiritual condition so he will not be watchful and therefore not see the traps the devil has set to cause God's children to become discouraged. God, however, wants each of us to be always looking for these traps. One watches for these traps by paying close attention to how an action today may effect him days, weeks, or years from now; also, by considering the lasting value of what he is doing. "How will this effect my eternal

destiny?" is a good question to ask one's self. Does it have any eternal value? Being attentive to the little caution thoughts which Mr. Bee Watchful puts into one's mind will help one to recognize actions which may lead into evil. He will bring thoughts such as this: "That little action will lead into bigger sins.", "Better not do that!", or, "Don't forget to read the Bible and pray so you will be strong in the Lord." Sometimes he may give you a little sting saying, "Wake up sleepy-head, don't you see what the devil is doing to you?"

In the Bible lesson for today we read that Peter promised, "I will die with you, Jesus, but I will never deny you." Did Peter keep this promise? No! He denied Jesus three times the same night that he'd made this promise. If Peter had been more careful and watchful, do you think he might not have denied Jesus? I would think a grown man could keep his promise if he was watching and trusting Jesus for help.

We must each one be watchful and trust in Jesus' grace that we will not displease Him by the things we do.

Let Mr. Bee Watchful do his job in your heart and you will be a happier person.

—Sis. Charlotte



(answers: 1. "I will die with thee, yet I will not deny thee." 2. To watch while He prayed, 3. Because the flesh is weak, 4. Peter denied Jesus three times, 5. Watch in all things, endure afflictions, and do the work that God had called him to do. 6. He blesses them, 7. The garments of salvation, 8. A thief, because He is coming when He is not expected. 9. Yes, people must be expecting Jesus any time, and living in an acceptable way.)

was to plunge two chubby hands into Jennie's thick, light hair, and pull it with all his might.

She never gave him a cross word and when the nurse would say impatiently, "Indeed, there, Miss Jennie, it's a wonder you don't just slap his hands!" She would answer gravely, "Oh, no, he's so much littler than I am."

Yet Jennie was not perfect, and though she generally tried to do what was right, sometimes, like the rest of the world, she wanted to do what she knew was wrong.

One bright afternoon, when she was playing in the yard, her mother called her.

"Your aunt and I must ride to the station directly, to meet Uncle and your father, and I would like to have you go quietly into the nursery and sit there until Maggie returns from an errand; it will not be long."

"But Willie is sound asleep, Mamma, he doesn't want me," said Jennie, who was anxious to stay out of doors.

"Yes, dear, I know it, but we shall feel safer to have someone in the room, even if he is asleep; something may happen if he is alone."

Jennie, however, was so unwilling to sit quietly in the house that even these familiar words did not attract her, but with slow steps and a sullen face, she obeyed her mother's wishes.

She knew quite well how slight a thing she had been asked to do, and although at another time she would not have objected, just now, when she wanted to do something else, it did seem very hard to give up her own will.

Her conscience was so disagreeable, too, for it would keep saying all the time, "I am ashamed of you, Jennie Browning! Can't you do this for your kind mamma, even if you do want to do something else?" How tiresome it all was, and how she wished she could "just do as she liked!"

Thoughts like these were filling Jennie's mind as she stood looking out of the nursery window; but all at once she was aroused by the strong smell of burning woolen.

Turning quickly, the child grew almost rigid with fear as she saw, just in front of her, a small flame burst out from the rug before the fire, and not far from the crib where Willie lay sleeping. In an instant, however, the thought, "What shall I do?" was followed by the remembrance of what her mother had often said, "If in any way your dress should ever take fire, you must try to smother it at once; never run away, but throw yourself down, or wrap yourself in anything to be found."

Remembering this, she hastily caught up the other end of the rug, which was large and heavy, and threw it over the flame. This quite extinguished it, for it had only just started into life when Jennie saw it; but in her zeal she tore off the bedspread and blankets, crowning all with two large pillows upon which she seated herself.

Now she wanted to see somebody, and, not daring to move, she began to scream. This wakened Willie, who added his voice to the uproar, and soon brought the nurse to the rescue.

In less than an hour the carriage returned, and Jennie was kissed and praised more than she had ever been in all her happy life, by her parents and her aunt and uncle; for they saw quickly what had happened, and trembled to think what might have been.

That night as Mrs. Graham bent to give Jennie her goodnight kiss, she whispered, "May God bless you, my thoughtful niece, for you have saved your cousin's life today!"

"Why, did I really?" thought Jennie; "how glad, how glad I am; for if I had not been there, the fire would have caught the crib, and oh, that would have been awful!"

Then as memory brought the scene more clearly before her, and she recollected how her conscience had fairly pushed her into the room, her little face grew red with shame, and she softly said, "I will never fight with conscience again, for if I had had my own way, I could never have saved poor Willie's life."

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Nellie's Temperature

Nellie was very sick. She had been in bed several days, and her temperature just would not go down. And until it did go down, well—in bed Nellie would have to stay.

Perhaps it wouldn't have mattered so much but for the fact that some kind friends had offered to take Nellie to the seaside, and they were going away in two days.

Poor Nellie! Not only had she to stay in bed, which was bad enough in itself, but she saw the vision of a seaside vacation fast fading away. How she longed to go to the sea, where she might soon get well and strong again! It seemed too bad that after waiting for this glorious treat so many months, it should now be lost.

While she was thinking about her sad lot, and dropping a few tears on her pillow, there came a knock at the front door. It was a nurse. Mother showed her upstairs.

"Why all the tears?" asked the nurse as she sat down beside the bed.

Then Nellie told her story, weeping still more as she spoke.

"Poor little girl," said the nurse. "I am very sorry for you. But crying will not do any good."

"I know it won't," said Nellie, "but they are going away on Tuesday, and then there won't be any more chance."

"Oh, maybe sometime later," said the nurse, trying to console her.

"Nurse," said Nellie, with determination, "I want to go on Tuesday. Can't something be done? Momma says if only my temperature would go down, she would let me get up. Can't it be made to go down? Mamma can't make it go down, Daddy can't make it go down—do you think Jesus could make it go down?"

"Jesus can do anything He wishes, and will always give us what we want if it is good for us," said the nurse.

"Then," said Nellie, "ask Him, please ask Him, to make my temperature go down now."

"I am willing to ask Him if you wish me to," said the nurse.

"Please, please do," said Nellie.

"And you must promise me if I do," said the nurse, "that you will lie absolutely still for the rest of the afternoon, and not worry any more."

"I promise," said Nellie.

Nurse knelt down by the bed and Nellie folded her hands and shut her eyes. Then they both asked Jesus, if it so pleased Him, to make her temperature go down before the morning.

The next morning Momma came in as usual. She took out her thermometer and placed it under Nellie's tongue.

"There's something wrong about this," she said as she took the thermometer out and examined it carefully. "I had better take it again."

She took the temperature again, but with the same result. It showed 98.6—

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Prayerful



I Timothy 2:1 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;"

8 "I will therefore that men *pray* every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

I Peter 3:10 "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile;"

11 "Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it."

12 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their *prayers*: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Luke 6:12 "And it came to pass in those days, that he [Jesus] went out into a mountain to *pray*, and continued all night in *prayer* to God."

James 5:13 "Is any among you afflicted? let him *pray*. Is any merry? let him sing psalms."

14 "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them *pray* over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:"

15 "And the *prayer* of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

16 "Confess your faults one to another, and *pray* one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent *prayer* of a righteous man availeth much."

17 "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he *prayed* earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months."

18 "And he *prayed* again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

Psalms 66:17 "I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue."

18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"

19 "But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my *prayer*."

20 "Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my *prayer*, nor his mercy from me."

Matthew 23:14 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long *prayer*: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."

Luke 2:22 "... they brought him [Jesus] to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"

36 "And there was one Anna, a prophetess, . . ."

37 "And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years [84], which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and *prayers* night and day."

I Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

Questions:

1. Where does God want us to pray?
2. To what is God's ears open?
3. How long did Jesus pray?
4. What is an afflicted person supposed to do?
5. Who is to pray for the sick?
6. What kind of prayers do good?
7. What was Elias' prayer? Was it answered?
8. Do long prayers receive more answers than short ones?
9. How much are Christians to pray?

MEMORY VERSE:

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.



Let's Talk

I am sure you will agree that being prayerful is very important to a Christian. But why is it important? People who do not know God think praying is a very foolish thing to do. Let us talk about some of the reasons that prayer is important.

There are several good reasons, but perhaps the most important is that we are all God's little children, and in prayer we come to talk with Him just as we talk to our parents or a friend. What would your parents think of you if you never spoke to them? What would your friends think if you never spoke to them? Wouldn't they think it strange? I'm sure they would.

Seeing we belong to God—because in the beginning He created our first parents—we are His friends—because He “so loved the world” that He sent Jesus to die for us—what else can we do but speak with Him and that very often.

As our heavenly Father and best Friend, He delights to have us come to Him and talk to Him about everything that interests us. We must not think of prayer as just so many words in a prayer book. That is a great mistake, because if we keep saying the same things over and over again in exactly the same way, the time may come when the words will mean nothing to us. We shall become like a parrot that repeats little phrases without thinking what they mean. Jesus called it vain repetitions, in Matthew 6:7, “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them.”

Prayer should be just as natural as if we were talking to any of our friends, only of course, we should speak more carefully and reverently, remembering how great and how good God is.

The second reason why we pray is to tell our heavenly Father how thankful we are for His kindness toward us. In

the lesson Bee Thankful we have written a lot about thanking God in prayer so we will not write much about it although it is a very, very important reason to pray.

There is a third reason why we pray. We pray because we want God to help us. He is the great Creator of the universe, so we know that He has all power. There is nothing too hard for Him. He can do anything for us that He wishes. Having such a Friend as that, why shouldn't we tell Him of our needs and desires?

To our heavenly Father belongs all the gold and silver in the world and, as David said, “The cattle upon a thousand hills.” David meant, of course, that there is absolutely no limit to the treasures God possesses. Are we not acting foolishly then, if we fail to tell Him what we need?

Of course, He knows them already, but He prefers us to tell Him in our own simple words.

Please don't misunderstand me. I do not believe God will grant us everything for which we ask. Your Mamma doesn't, does she? If you were to ask her for ten dollars to spend on candy, would she give it to you? I think not. Why? Because she knows that such a quantity of candy would not be good for you. Don't be surprised if now and then there does not seem to be any answer to your prayers. When that happens ask yourself this question, “Was that a selfish prayer?” God does give us things, sometimes, I'm sure, that are just for ourselves, but He doesn't wish to spoil us. He is more likely to answer our prayers when we ask help for others.

Now that we know the reasons for being prayerful, let us all listen carefully each time Bee Prayerful buzzes a message to us that we should pray!

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Everywhere, 2. Our prayers, 3. All night, 4. Pray, 5. The elders of the church, 6. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,” James 5:16b. 7. Elias prayed that there would be no rain, there was no rain for three and one half years. 8. No, long prayers are sometimes just a pretence, 9. Continually.)

perfectly normal.

"Is it all right?" asked Nellie excitedly.

"Perfectly," said Momma, smiling. "I believe you must have been deceiving me all along. What have you been up to, you little scamp?"

"Aa-ah!" said Nellie, looking very wise. "Momma, shall I be able to go tomorrow?"

"Certainly, if your temperature keeps normal till then."

"Oh, goodie!" cried Nellie. "Get my clothes ready, Momma, and tell those people not to go without me."

When everyone had gone and nobody was in the room, she put her little hands together once more. "Thank you, dear Jesus," she said. "It was all through you. I am really, truly grateful. May I always be your own little girl."

Tuesday afternoon Nellie was on her way to the seaside with her friends.

—Selected

(a true story)

Walter and the Washing Machine

Walter had been quite a rough boy until he came to live with his auntie Nell. He had had no proper home and his companions had not been of the best. Then one day he had come to his auntie's little farm in the country. He liked it there and Aunt Nell liked him. They got on well together right from the start.

When the day's work was over, Auntie Nell would read to Walter out of the Bible, and then they would both kneel down to pray. Walter didn't understand all about it at first. He had never prayed before in his life, and he couldn't see why he should now, or what good it would do for him or anybody else. But he knelt down with Auntie Nell just the same and listened respectfully as she prayed.

Now it so happened that in the kitchen of the farmhouse there was a washing machine which had been out of order for a long time. Sometimes Auntie Nell would talk about it and say how

much she missed it and how she wished someday she could find someone who could repair it for her.

One day Walter got an idea in his head. Perhaps, he thought, he could repair the washing machine! He had always liked machinery. Maybe he could find out what was the matter and give his auntie a happy surprise.

Waiting until Auntie Nell was busy out in the barnyard, he started to work, carefully going over all the wires to make sure that there was no break and that all the connections were good. Then he turned on the switch, but nothing happened.

He thought of something else which had never entered his mind until this minute. He remembered what Auntie Nell had told him about prayer and how God loves to help His children when they have done their best and can do no more. So he said a little prayer.

For the first time in his life he asked God for something he really wanted. It was a very simple prayer, but it came from his heart and went straight to the heart of God.

"Dear God," he said, "please help me to find what's wrong with this washing machine. I do so want to fix it for Auntie Nell." Then he went to work again, and as he worked he kept on praying, "Please, dear God, help me to fix it." When he had done all he could, he turned the switch once more. There was a hum in the motor. The machinery began to turn. It was working!

Just then Auntie Nell came in. "What in the world has happened?" she cried. "Look, Walter, my washing machine is going. How wonderful! Who ever fixed it?"

"I did," said Walter, smiling happily. "At least, I did—and God. You see, Auntie, I asked God to show me what to do, and He did. After that it just started going again."

That was Walter's very first prayer but not his last. That day he had found a Friend to take with him through life.

—Selected

(A true story)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Neglect Will Do

Grandmother lived in a country far over the sea. She was a little Scotch lassie, and when very young she went to live with her grandparents. The first work her grandmother taught her was to knit, and she soon learned to form long stockings, socks, and mittens. Every day she had to knit, and she was soon able to do her work well by looking at it only now and then. When she was old enough she was sent to herd the cows in a distant pasture. So each morning, with her lunch, knitting, and old Shep the dog she would take the cows to their pasture for the day and spend the time in the open air. It was very pleasant work, and while the cows ate the soft, green grass, she would sit in some shady nook and knit.

When the summer days came on and the weather grew warm and sultry, she would often get drowsy and sometimes would lie down and take a short nap. Little by little the nap was lengthened, for Shep was trusty and kept the cows from straying too far away. Then she had found that by knitting all the way home she could accomplish nearly as much as she had been doing through the days when she did not sleep. But Grandmother must not know about her naps. There was nothing that displeased that dear old lady more than idleness, or neglect, so the girl carefully concealed the fact from her. There is no harm in sleeping, she reasoned, and no one need know anything about it. Poor

little girl! How little she knew that there is always One (God) who knows all that is done; that although she may succeed in hiding it for a while, her hiding it was doing her harm. Be sure your sins will find you out.

One morning when the huckleberries were ripe, a basket was given her and she was told to fill it with the berries during the day. The task was not a hard one, for the woods were full of the berries; the part that she dreaded was keeping awake when her sleepy time came on. "I'll keep awake," she thought, "and not take my nap today." As she ran along after the cows, she swung the basket in her hand and laughed gaily as she thought of the praise she would receive when she returned with it full in the evening.

With these thoughts still in her mind, she left the cows quietly feeding in the rich pasture lands below and began picking the berries which grew in clumps all through the woods. She had not picked long, however, until she realized that the day was very warm and that she was getting sleepy. The more she tried to resist going to sleep the more drowsy she became. At last she thought, "I'll lie down just a few minutes, and I shall still have plenty of time to fill my basket."

Late in the afternoon, just as a fly settled itself upon the tip of her nose for a quiet rest, she frightened him away by opening her eyes and reaching for

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Diligent



I Timothy 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but **be thou an example** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

13 "Till I come, **give attendance** to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

14 "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, . . ."

II Chronicles 29:11 "My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, . . ."

II Peter 3:10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

13 "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

14 "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be *diligent* that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

Deuteronomy 4:9 ". . . take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul *diligently*, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life:"

Exodus 15:26 ". . . If thou wilt *diligently* hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Philippians 2:12 "Wherefore, my be-

loved, . . . work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Joshua 22:5 "But take *diligent* heed . . . to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Promises to those who are diligent:

Proverbs 10:4 "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the *diligent* maketh rich."

12:24 "The hand of the *diligent* shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute."

13:4 "The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the *diligent* shall be made fat."

21:5 "The thoughts of the *diligent* tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want."

22:29 "Seest thou a man *diligent* in his business? he shall stand before kings; . . ."

Questions:



1. What is the definition of diligent?
2. What was Timothy commanded to do?
3. If God has chosen us, what are we not to be?
4. How are we to act because we know the world will burn up?
5. What may happen if we do not diligently keep our soul?
6. What did God promise to the Israelites if they diligently hearkened unto His voice, did that which is right, listened to His commandments, and kept His statutes?
7. What do the hands of the diligent do?
8. What do the thoughts of the diligent tend to?
9. What kind of man shall stand before kings?

MEMORY VERSE:

But take diligent heed . . . to love the Lord your God, . . . and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.
Joshua 22:5.



Let's Talk

Mr. Bee Diligent will help a person to be successful in whatever he or she chooses to do. He will enable one to conquer many projects that others would give up as hopeless. You will feel happy and satisfied with yourself, while others are unhappy because they did not complete the thing they wanted to. Being diligent will help you to calculate the amount of time your project will take and then will give ability to work carefully and surely to accomplish it.

The following story about William Mason is a good example of diligence.

Eleven year old William (Will) Mason lived in Nebraska. The winters were icy cold with snow from November until March. This fall, as every fall, Mrs. Mason ordered a huge dump truck full of coal to be used as fuel to heat their home. The coal made a small mountain covering the east side of the back yard. All this coal had to be stored in the basement and shed.

"Mother," said Will, "I will put the coal in storage this year so you may save the \$75.00 you usually pay to Mr. Smith for doing it."

"That will be a big job!" she explained.

"Yes, I know. It will take several weeks. Mr. Smith does it in two days, about twenty hours; so I can probably do it in thirty hours. I can work two or three hours each evening. I should finish in two or three weeks."

"I would appreciate it very much. You know the pension from Dad's death doesn't go up, but everything we buy does."

"I will do it!" he said, "Where there is a Will there is a way." He chuckled.

The next evening after school Will got out the shovel and wheelbarrow and started to work. It did look impossible!

His friend James came by. "Want to play football?" he asked.

"No, I can't today, I must put the coal away."

"You're going to put all that away? You'll never get through!"

"I'll soon have it done, wait and see."

"Well, good luck! So long."

A few evenings later, James and two other friends came by. "Come go with us to see the circus animals. They're being unloaded right now!"

"No, thanks, I have work to do today."

"The work can wait! Come on," they urged.

Will kept right on shoveling coal.

The evenings when he didn't feel like working he'd say to himself, "Never started, never done. Soon started, soon done." and he would get started.

Sometimes his friends teased him a little about the unending task, but at other times they watched admiringly. When the mountain was half gone a bad storm came and washed a lot of the coal over the yard.

"Nothing seems to discourage Will," said James as he walked home from school with Pete. "Did you see him picking up the scattered pieces of coal last evening?"

"Sure thing! I wish I had what he's got to keep at a job."

Needless to say, Will finished, but not in two weeks, nor three weeks, but in four weeks.

Maybe you don't have a task like Will's, but you do have things to do that are not always pleasant nor easy.

Be diligent and the task will soon be finished and you will be happy with yourself.

—Sis. Charlotte

If a task is once begun

Never leave it till it's done.

Be the labor great or small;

Do it well or not at all.

(Answers: 1. Hard-working, industrious, careful and steady, 2. He was commanded to be an example to the believers, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine and to not neglect the gift in him, 3. Not neglectful but be diligent, (II Chron. 29:11), 4. We are to be diligent that we may be found in peace when it burns, 5. We may forget the good things of God, 6. They would have none of the Egyptian's diseases, 7. The hands of the diligent make rich and bear rule, 8. Plenteousness, 9. A man intelligent in business.)

her knitting. Not until her fingers touched the basket beside her did she realize that her knitting was not there, and that she had been asleep for many hours.

She was fully awake in an instant, and looking at her nearly empty basket, she wondered what to do. The day was nearly gone. She must soon start home with the cows. What would her grandmother say? Suddenly the troubled look changed to a smile. Springing to her feet, she quickly filled her basket with leaves and covered them with her berries she had already gathered. The little joke might make her grandmother good-natured so that she would not think of punishing her for her neglect.

With her basket on her arm the little girl, the cows, and Shep were soon wending their way toward home. "I will tell Grandmother all," thought the little girl, "but I'll wait until she empties my basket and finds the leaves." As they were turning into the barn lot her grandmother came out of the house and seeing the full basket upon the little girl's arm, she eagerly reached for the berries. With many tender remarks to her granddaughter she carried the basket into the house. Placing them carefully upon the table, she called in the other members of the family to look at them. As each praised the little girl for her work, her courage sank more and more. Oh! what was she going to do?

Bedtime came at last, and still no one but the little girl knew what the basket contained. She went for a drink and as she passed her grandmother, an affectionate pat on the head was given. As she drew the water from the well, her conscience whispered, "Now is a good time to confess;" but her grandfather came along and she hurried off to bed. She knelt beside her little bed, but her prayer was short. Getting up hurriedly she said to herself, "I'll tell her the first thing in the morning." During the night she dreamed about the berries and she was glad when it was time to get up.

Dressing quickly she went down to the kitchen. There sat the basket. The

berries seemed like tiny dark eyes looking right into her very soul. Oh, how could she explain! And again she hastened past her grandmother, and took the path leading to the barn. "Better go tell your grandmother," sang the saucy rooster from his perch on the barnyard fence. "Oh, dear!" thought the little girl, "Everything seems to know it. I wish Grandma knew." At breakfast time she did not engage in her usual merry chatter and she felt a longing to hurry and get started away with the cows before the basket was emptied. Neglecting to tell her fault at once and take the consequences was making it harder for her all the time.

Finally, everything was ready for her to set out for the day, but just at the last minute one of the cows broke away from the rest. Darting past both Shep

and the girl the cow ran through the garden. A wild chase followed during which several tender vegetables were trodden down. When at last the unruly animal joined the others the little girl saw her grandmother coming toward her with a stick in her hand. It was easy to imagine what was about to happen. Her grandmother whipped her not only for being neglectful and careless, but also for deceiving her about the berries. It was a real good lesson and one that was not soon forgotten. Her grandmother explained that some harm might have befallen the little girl while she slept, and that the cows might have strayed away. Again the child was given an empty basket which was filled with good berries when she returned.

When we have a duty to do we should always try to perform it as quickly as possible, for we never know what is going to happen. Neglecting one's duty is nearly as bad as not doing it at all; for when we neglect it once we find it easier to neglect it the next time. The first thing we know our time is gone and other duties claim our attention.

Neglect becomes a habit in a very short time, a naughty, careless, willful habit; so be careful never to neglect your duty.

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Never Give Up

Oh, bother, what's the use!" cried Tommy angrily as he slammed down his tools, plunged his hands into his trousers pockets, and stamped out of his workroom.

"Why, what's the matter?" asked Daddy, guessing by the look on Tommy's face that something had gone wrong.

"Oh, it's that airplane model, Dad," said Tommy. "It just won't go right, and I'm through—finished. I won't do another stroke on it."

"That's too bad," said Daddy. "What has gone wrong?"

"Everything's gone wrong," said Tommy viciously. "The parts won't fit and the glue won't stick and the paper splits all to pieces. It's just no fun, dad, that's all. It's just one awful mess and I won't touch it again. I'm going to go play ball with the fellows."

"You mean you are going to give up?"

"Yes, I am," said Tommy with decision. "I don't want to make any more airplanes in my life."

"But, Tommy," said Daddy, "that's not the way to talk. You'll never get anywhere that way. Remember the old saying, 'Never give up, never say die.'"

"Dad," said Tommy, "I am all finished with making planes. There's too much fiddle and fuss, and if you don't do everything just right, then nothing fits and it's all a mess. So there. I'm going out to play."

"Let me have a look at it," said Daddy. "Maybe it isn't as bad as you think."

"Oh, well, all right," growled Tommy. "You can look at it if you want to, but it's no good, I tell you."

The two went into Tommy's workshop and Daddy began to look over the situation.

"It seems to me," he said after a while, "that you were not careful enough in following the directions. If you had taken more pains to do everything right, you would have saved yourself all this trouble."

At this Daddy took up two pieces of wood that Tommy had thrown away as useless and, with a touch here and there with a chisel, he put them together perfectly.

"Well, look at that!" exclaimed Tommy. "They fit."

"Of course they fit, Tommy," said Daddy. "You just need to take a little more time and a little more care, with a little more determination not to give up."

Daddy went on working with the scattered pieces of wood, cutting here, sandpapering there. Gradually the plane began to take shape—proper shape this time—and Tommy's interest began to revive.

As he worked, Daddy went on talking. "You know, Tommy," he said, "nobody gets anywhere in this life unless he learns to 'stick it out' even when things seem to go wrong. We all have to hold on until we have conquered our difficulties."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Determined

Galatians 6:9 “. . . let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

II Thessalonians 3:13 “But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.”

Isaiah 40:28 “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.”

29 “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.”

31 “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

I Corinthians 1:25 “. . . the foolishness of God is wiser than men: and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

Daniel 11:32 “. . . the people that do know their God shall be strong, . . .”

I Corinthians 16:13 “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you [act] like men, be strong.”

Ephesians 6:10 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”

11 “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Hebrews 2:3 “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;”

II Timothy 2:1 “Thou therefore, my son, [or daughter] be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

3 “. . . endure hardness [troubles, or discouragements] as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, . . .”

31 “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who [or what] can be [win] against us?”

35 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”

37 “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him [Jesus] that loved us.”

I Corinthians 10:13 “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

Questions:



1. Is a person determined if he gets weary and quits trying?
2. What does the Bible say about becoming weary?
3. Are Christians promised strength to overcome spiritual weariness?
4. How strong is God?
5. Are people who know God strong?
6. Against what must a Christian be strong?
7. What can we do through Christ's strength?
8. How does a Christian know he can conquer?
9. Will God allow us to have more trouble than we can bear?

MEMORY VERSE:

Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.
Galatians 6:9.



Let's Talk

Let's talk today about another "bee" which can be used to sting Mr. Unhappiness. This "bee" is Bee Determined. Use Bee Determined to sting thoughts such as, "Just as well quit trying", "You can't do it", "You never do anything right!", "It's more work than it's worth", "I can't", and "I've tried so many times, but I always fail", or any other thought that is an invitation to quit trying to do what we should. You can use the memory verse in this lesson to sting these kind of thoughts.

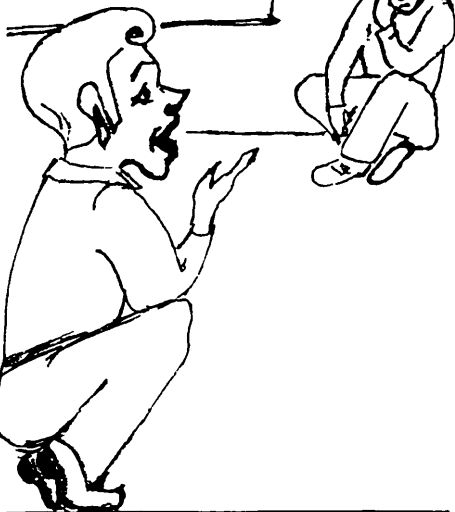
Do you know Mr. Can't? I'm sure Mr. Can't has come to visit you many times. He is a rude fellow and doesn't wait for an invitation, he just comes butting in real rudely. At other times he is sly and comes quietly creeping into a mind. Whenever a difficult job must be done, he is usually present. He begins shouting, "You can't" just about the time you've figured out how to tackle that difficult job. Mr. Can't is good at hitting too, for he'll knock your spirit down so hard you will also say, "I can't!" Then he sits down on his heels and laughs at you! When times like these come, repeat to yourself the verse in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ." You may have to repeat it several times to give him a hard enough "sting" to get him to leave. If he doesn't leave with the first "sting" give him another by repeating the verse out loud, or use another verse from today's lesson, about being strong and able to conquer like a soldier.

Determination is needed for almost everything one does. Every child should develop a habit of using Bee Determined to complete started tasks, keep his or her room tidy, to be a good child at home and school, to study carefully, to do work required and even to play games well, or to make a good friend. Without Bee Determined a child would be a lazy, useless, friendless coward.

Does anyone want to be like that? I don't think so, so be determined and be a winner!

—Sis. Charlotte

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Half-Hearted

Halfway to the goal in view
Is a miss; ah, this is true.

Half a promise is not sure,
Half a heart cannot endure.

Half a person cannot live,
Half a gift you cannot give,
Half a hope is hope deferred,
Half a word is not a word,

Half a task is finished not,
Half a life is but a blot;

Thus half-hearted men for God
Find their portion 'neath the sod.

—Leslie Busbee

(Answers: 1. No, 2. It says, "Let us not be weary", "be not weary in well doing", and God is never weary, 3. Yes, God giveth strength, and power to the faint, 4. God is so strong that His weakness is stronger than men's strongest power, 5. Yes, "The people that know their God shall be strong," Daniel 11:32, 6. A Christian must be strong against principalities, powers, rulers, and spiritual wickedness, 7. All things, 8. A Christian can conquer because God is on our side and nothing can separate us from Him, 9. NO!)

"Um," said Tommy. "The plane's looking better, isn't it, Dad?"

"Yes, it is," said Daddy, quietly going on with his work. "Let me see. Have you heard of the boy who found oil in California?"

"No," said Tommy, his eyes on the plane.

"Well," said Daddy. "I want to tell you about him. This particular boy went out there over seventy years ago. He had a 'hunch' that oil could be found near a place called Ventura. So he and a friend of his decided to bore a hole in the ground and seek for oil. They had no modern drilling machinery, just an old-fashioned drill and the strength of their arms to drive it into the ground. To draw it out they used the pull of a bent sapling [young tree]. For thirty days they kept pushing that drill deeper and deeper into the ground, letting the sapling yank it out again each time. It looked hopeless. Many times they must have been tempted to give up. But they didn't, and when they had pushed that drill down thirty feet, they found oil oozing out of the ground."

"Be careful with that chisel, Dad," Tommy said. "Watch your fingers. You will cut yourself in a minute."

"Thanks; I'm watching," said Daddy, as the plane continued to grow. "And now another thing about those boys in California. When they found they could get only a trickle of oil from their first well, they crossed the valley and started all over again, drilling down thirty feet. Again they got only a trickle of oil. They started drilling once more. This time they got nothing at all—not a drop."

"Pretty hard luck," said Tommy.

"I should say so," said Daddy. "But they didn't give up. They decided that they were not sinking their wells deep enough. They made up their minds that they would keep on drilling until they found all the oil they wanted."

"Be careful of the paper of those wings, Dad; it tears easily."

"I'm being careful," said Daddy. "Those two youngsters started drilling yet again. Down and down they went, toiling away day after day, week after week, month

after month, with their primitive tools. You'll never guess how deep they went this time."

"A hundred feet?" asked Tommy.

"No. Six hundred feet!" said Daddy. "I don't understand how they did it, but they did. That was sticking it out, if you like."

"Did they strike oil?" asked Tommy.

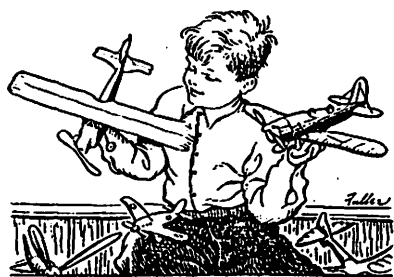
"They did. It flowed out in torrents, one hundred and fifty barrels a day. It was the beginning of the great oil industry of California. On that day, too, through the determination of those two young fellows, was founded the Standard Oil Company, now known all over the world. Every time we get gas or oil for our car, we should remember we owe it to two boys who wouldn't give up."

"The plane's looking fine, Dad," said Tommy. "I think I could finish it by myself now."

"Good!" said Daddy, passing the work over to Tommy. "That's the spirit. Start again and see it through."

Two days later, when the glue had stuck hard, Tommy was out flying his plane. Somehow there was a special thrill about it. He had won. Of course Daddy had helped a bit, but, after all, he had finished it himself. It wasn't just a mess on the bench, but a real plane. As it soared into the air he whispered to himself, "Never give up. Never say die."

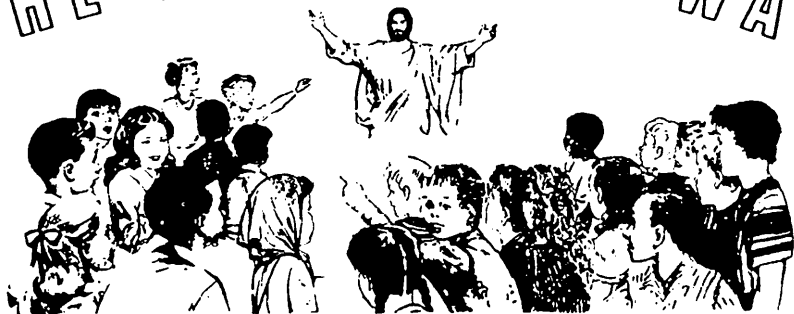
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Sittin' and wishin'
Won't improve our fate;
The Lord provides the fishes,
But we gotta dig the bait.

—Author unknown

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All For God's Glory

(Sarah was humble and God gave her a surprise.)

Sarah's face was usually one of the happiest in her Sunday school but today the smile did not come so easily as usual. Sarah was just eleven years old, but she loved the Lord and tried to keep happy for Him and to make others happy. Sometimes it was hard; for Sarah's family was poor, and the five children could not always have just the things they wanted.

Sarah was fond of pretty clothes, especially pretty coats. When the wind blew hard, and the air was cold, she thought that pretty, warm coats seemed to laugh at the cold weather and cause those who wore them to laugh, also. Sarah had never had a brand new coat or a very pretty one for herself. Some winters she had worn her sister Jane's old coats; once she had had only a big, heavy sweater; at other times she had worn coats given her by her friends.

Since she loved the Lord, she knew that it was He who took care of her and sent her what she needed—coats as much as everything else. She felt self-ish to pray for an especially pretty coat for herself when some people had no coats at all. But how she hoped that some winter the Lord would send her a warm, beautiful new one!

On this Sunday, Sarah was in Sunday school and was trying to look happy, but away down inside she felt sad.

She had somehow believed that this winter the Lord would send her the kind of coat that she had wanted for so long. However, when the cold days came, she had only an old coat which Jane had outgrown after wearing it two winters. Sarah wouldn't let a shabby coat keep her from going to Sunday school, so she went on wearing the much-mended, faded brown coat. She felt as if everyone were looking at her and thinking how ugly her coat was.

She thought so much about her coat that she heard scarcely a word of her Sunday school lesson. During the preaching service which followed, her mind was still on the coat until the preacher announced his text: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

"I wish," thought Sarah, "that that verse meant everything that I do—even wearing old coats." As the preacher continued his sermon, she suddenly realized that he was talking about everything that people do—wearing clothes or anything else. Then suddenly she had a happy idea. "I can wear this coat for God's glory," she thought. "I prayed for a coat, and He sent this to me, so I can wear it just because it is the coat my Father gave me, and I am glad that He did. It keeps me warm enough to come to His house, whether it is pretty or not."

For several weeks Sarah remembered this and wore the old coat quite cheer-

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Humble



Isaiah 57:15 "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and *humble* spirit, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Philippians 2:7 "[Christ Jesus] made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

8 "And being found in fashion as a man, he *humbled* himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Colossians 3:12 "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, *humbleness* of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"

Luke 14:11 "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that *humbleth* himself shall be exalted."

Luke 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican."

11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

12 "I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

13 "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that *humbleth* himself shall be exalted."

I Peter 5:5 "... be clothed with *humility*: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the *humble*."

6 "*Humble* yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

James 4:6 "... God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the *humble*."

Proverbs 15:33 "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is *humility*."

16:18 "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

19 "Better it is to be of an *humble* spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

22:4 "By *humility* and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life."

Micah 6:6 "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, ... shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?"

7 "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk *humbly* with thy God?"

Questions:



1. Where does God dwell?
2. Did Christ humble Himself to die on the cross?
3. What has God promised to do for those who humble themselves?
4. With what must a Christian clothe himself?
5. What will God give to the humble?
6. What is one way to gain riches, honour, and life?
7. What comes before a fall?
8. What does the Lord require of His children?
9. Are you walking humbly with God?

MEMORY VERSE:

For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke 14:11.



The "Bee" for today's lesson is Mr. Bee Humble. Now Mr. Bee Humble is not a *humblebee*, neither is he a *grumble* bee, he is just a *humble* bee.

Mr. Grumble and Mr. Bee Humble are quite different in character, and, as you already know, Mr. Bumblebee is an insect. Of course, Mr. Grumble is continually complaining about first one thing and then another. He complains about having to get up, he complains about having to go to bed. He complains about others bothering him or complains about others not playing with him. He complains about having too much to eat or not enough to eat. I wonder if someone staying at your house might think you were Mr. Grumble?

Mr. Bee Humble is quite different. He is happy and content with whatever he has and with how others are treating him. The secret of Mr. Bee Humble feeling happy and content is in the way he thinks about himself. He thinks of himself as a son of the great heavenly Father who created everything. He knows the Father is taking care of him everyday. He knows that he is nothing but a tiny bit of dust which God the Father has formed into a living person. He knows God made him so carefully that there is not another person on the earth that is exactly like him. Why shouldn't Mr. Bee Humble be happy, with such care?!

Neither does Mr. Bee Humble think of himself as someone grand or important to which others must submit. Yet, many an humble person has been of great value to his family, friends, neighbors or nation. Some of our greatest leaders have been very humble men. Several presidents did not believe themselves important enough to be elected as president, and while in office they prayed and trusted God to give them wisdom to lead our nation.

A Bible character, King David, said

of himself, 'I am a worm, and no man, a reproach of men, and despised of the people.' Psalm 22:6. Although David felt humble about himself, he trusted God and became a great king.

Thinking humbly of oneself does not make one feel unwanted nor useless. Instead it makes one feel empty and ready for God to fill and use.

A person who thinks humbly of himself is willing to do humble tasks. Some times these humble tasks prove to be rewarding as you will see by the following story.

—Sis. Charlotte

Martha Culbreth was spending her vacation at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, last summer. On one of the hot summer days an elderly woman from Newton, Pennsylvania, was sitting in the hotel lobby. She asked Martha for a glass of water, which Martha gladly got for her. A conversation followed, and the two soon became good friends. Martha also met the woman's son, Thomas M. Baker, a Philadelphia realtor.

Months passed until one day Martha was sitting at the piano in the Andrew Tola's music store at Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she was employed. In walked Thomas Baker, and handed her a check for \$7,500, as a "birthday remembrance" from his mother.

"I thought he was making fun of me," said the blond, nineteen-year-old Martha, "when he explained it was because I'd been kind to his mother."

Martha still thought he was teasing when he asked, "Is there anything else you would like?"

She jokingly said, "Why sure—this store!" At that Mr. Baker asked the owner to set a price, and bought it on the spot in his name and Martha's.

After all this Martha recalled an almost forgotten incident, that of giving Mrs. Baker a glass of water on a hot day.

"It's just like a dream," said Martha.

(Answers: 1. In the high and holy place and with him that has a humble spirit. 2. Yes. 3. He promised to exalt them (to honour, or fill with a joyful noble feeling). 4. Humility. 5. Grace. 6. By humility. 7. Pride. 8. To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. 9. Answers will vary.)

fully. Then one Sunday she noticed that her Sunday school teacher looked and looked at her a great many times. Then Sarah's thoughts about the coat started again. "I'm sure she thinks this coat is horrid," she thought, "and wonders why I don't wear a better one. Since I have to wear this old coat, I do wish that other folks could not see how ugly it looks."

After church her teacher came to her and said, "Sarah, dear, I have been watching you and my daughter Belle together, and I believe that you are just a bit smaller than Belle. Aren't you? If you have time tomorrow, I wish you would come down to my house for a moment. I have something to show you."

When she entered the teacher's home the next day, Sarah saw a beautiful, dark red coat, brand new, lying on a chair. "How pretty it is! I hope some day I can have one almost that nice," Sarah said to herself.

Much to her astonishment, when her teacher entered the room, she slipped the beautiful coat on Sarah. "There! It's a perfect fit," she said. "Belle's aunt sent it to her; but since Belle has one nice coat, and this one is too small for her anyway, I would like for you to have it. Do you think you could use it?"

Sarah thanked her many times and hurried home with the new coat. "Mother, Mother," she cried, when she entered the house, "just see the beautiful new coat that the Lord sent me! I tried to wear the old one for His glory, and I am going to try harder than ever to live for Him each minute while I wear this new one." —Selected

Blind But Happy

O what a happy soul am I,
Although I cannot see.
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't.

—Fanny Crosby
(Written at the age of eight)

How the Cows Came Home

My name's Margie. I'm seven and I want to tell you about my Grandma and her cows.

I have to go and look after my Grandma sometimes. She lives on a little farm of her own just out of town, and sometimes, when she is not feeling well, I go and help her. I look after Grandma and the cows.

One day when I was over at the farm, looking after Grandma and the cows, what do you suppose I saw?

As I looked out of the kitchen window I saw one of Grandma's cows walking out of the pasture onto the highway. Somebody had left the gate open.

A second cow followed the first cow and then another and another until all of them were out on the highway, running downtown as fast as they could go.

I ran out of the house as fast as I could go, but by the time I got to the highway the cows were far away. I shouted to them to come back, but they would not listen to me. They just kept on running away.

There wasn't anything I could do. However fast I might have run, I could never have got in front of them and turned them around.

Do you know what I did? I got down on my knees on the highway and I shut my eyes tight and prayed, "Please, Jesus, make the naughty cows come home!"

Do you know, when I opened my eyes again, those naughty cows had turned around and were trotting back up the highway. They came to where I was standing, and they turned in at the gate, just as though they knew they should never have gone out. And when the last one had gone back into the field, I rushed over to the gate and shut it quickly. Then I ran indoors and told my grandma all about it, and how Jesus had answered my prayer.

Faith like that sets all the angels in heaven to work for us. And God would see the sun grow cold rather than leave such a prayer unanswered. —Selected

(A true story)

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God's Messenger

Mrs. Greatheart—that's not her real name, but it's the best one I can find for her—was ill in bed, and under orders to remain there. Her husband was out searching for work, having been unemployed for a long time. Their home was poor, but both had great faith in God.

As she lay in bed that day Mrs. Greatheart gradually became conscious that someone was speaking to her.

"Go at once to 25 Kirby Road," said the voice.

"I must be dreaming," said Mrs. Greatheart. "I don't know anybody on Kirby Road."

But again the voice spoke, this time more insistently: "Go to 25 Kirby Road."

The command was so definite that Mrs. Greatheart looked around, thinking someone must be in the room. But no one was to be seen.

"What can it mean?" she asked herself. "Anyway, I couldn't get up now. What would my husband say?"

While she was wondering what she could do, the command came again, this time so urgently that there was no refusing it: "Go to 25 Kirby Road."

"It must be God calling me to go there," she said to herself, "just as He called Samuel of old."

Though very weak from her illness, she got out of bed and dressed. Soon she was on the way downstairs, but

here she was met by the lady who owned the store below.

"What are you doing?" cried the lady. "Get back to bed at once. What will your husband say?"

"I have to go to 25 Kirby Road," said Mrs. Greatheart.

"You go back to bed," said the lady.

"But God has called me three times," replied Mrs. Greatheart, "and I must go. I could never rest now until I had gone. There must be some reason for it."

"Well, I never saw anybody like you, Mrs. Greatheart. If you've made up your mind to go you'd better go."

Mrs. Greatheart had reached the door when the lady called to her, "Maybe you'd like to take some of these stale buns with you," she said. "They may be useful."

"Thank you," said Mrs. Greatheart. "That's very kind of you."

At this moment the store door opened, and a young lady walked in, inquiring if Mrs. Greatheart lived in the house.

"I am Mrs. Greatheart," said she.

"Well," said the young lady. "my mistress has sent me here to bring you this coat. She said she thought you might be glad to get it."

"It is very good of her," said Mrs. Greatheart. "I don't happen to need a coat just now, but I'll take it along with me, for I don't know what God has in store for me today."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Obedient



Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

I Samuel 15:22 "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Ephesians 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

3 "That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

5 "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;"

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

Romans 13:1 "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

2 "Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

3 "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same."

I Peter 1:13 "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

Exodus 23:22 "But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries."

19:5 "... if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:"

II Corinthians 10:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"

5 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

Promises for being obedient:

Isaiah 1:19 "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:"

Jeremiah 7:23 "... Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you."

Questions:

1. Who should we obey above all others?
2. With which is God most pleased, sacrifice or obedience?
3. Whom are children to obey?
4. Whom do grownups have to obey?
5. If the authoritative power is resisted, who is being resisted?
6. What does a person need to help them to be obedient?
7. What parts of our body are to be in obedience to Christ?
8. Name two promises if we obey the voice of God?
9. What special thing will we be if we are obedient?

MEMORY VERSE:

Cast . . . down imaginations,
. . . and bring . . . into captivity
every thought to the obedience
of Christ;
II Corinthians 10:5.



Bee Obedient is another important "bee" for happiness. Many boys and girls think that having to obey others is one of the things that causes them much unhappiness.

The happy child understands that the rules he is expected to obey are for his own good. He knows these rules will make him or her a better child as well as a better adult when he is older. If one does not listen carefully to Mr. Bee Obedient and act according to the thoughts put in the mind by him, the child will find himself obeying thoughts placed in the mind by Mr. Disobedient's evil influences.

If Mr. Unhappiness comes to you when you are asked to do something you hate to do, use Mr. Bee Obedient on him. Give him a powerful sting by getting at the job with a smile. You will find when you do this that the cloud of unhappiness disappears and you may soon be humming a happy song.

There are many influences in the world and everyone obeys some form of influence, whether it be for good or bad. The Word of God teaches that we make ourselves servants to whatever we obey. One becomes a servant by doing acts according to how he is influenced. Romans 6:16 reads, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; . . ."

The following is an example of obeying an evil spirit. Jan and Leah did a research together. Jan's oral report on the research was better than Leah's. The teacher and several students praised Jan but said nothing to Leah. Jealousy burned in Leah's heart. She began saying unkind things about Jan, which the devil had put into her mind. Leah is obeying the evil spirit of jealousy. If she continues these kind of actions, she will become a servant to this spirit and

will have problems until she learns to not obey thoughts it places in her mind.

Mr. Bee Obedient doesn't like to obey evil influences or spirits. He wishes only to obey God, because he wishes all to become the servant of Christ.

An evil spirit can be recognized by the thoughts it brings. The thought will be opposite of the character of God. Thoughts which are pure and holy like the character of God come from the good spirit of God.

As a person studies the Word of God he understands God's commandments which must be obeyed. If you have a thought or wish to do something opposite from God's written commands then beware! Do it not. In doing it you will be obeying an evil spirit.

Children are commanded by God to obey their parents (in the Lord) which means to obey all which they command unless what they command conflicts with the law of God.

Being obedient will also help one obey all other authority such as sitters, teachers, attendants at public places such as malls, parks, stores, etc., and employers and, of course, law enforcement personnel.

If a boy or girl listens carefully and obeys the thoughts that Mr. Bee Obedient puts into the mind, he will already be doing the right things and will not need to be bossed or scolded by parents or anyone else in authority. As soon as one can control themselves and act in a mature godly manner, orders from others will stop.

Being obedient brings happiness and freedom!
—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. God, 2. Obedience, 3. Parents and those in authority, 4. Their employer, spiritual leaders, and those in authority in whatever country or town the adult is in, 5. God, (Romans 13:2), 6. To be obedient one needs Christ in his heart, so he can get up (control) his mind and cast out imaginations, 7. Every part, even the mind, 8. We shall be His people and He shall be our God, and God will be an enemy to our enemies. 9. We will be a peculiar (special) treasure to God.)

Bidding goodby to her friend, Mrs. Greatheart set off on her strange mission, with her bag of stale buns and a brown paper parcel containing a lady's coat!

She had hardly ever heard of Kirby Road before, and had to inquire her way. And when at last she found herself there, she stopped and laughed.

"What shall I say at the door?" she asked herself. "Perhaps I may have made a mistake, after all."

Convinced, however, that she must not turn back now, she went bravely up to No. 25 and knocked on the door.

Presently the door opened and a woman appeared. Her face was drawn and haggard, and she was weeping.

"Oh, I am so sorry," began Mrs. Greatheart, not knowing just what to say or do. "What is the matter? Can I help you?"

"Come in," said the lady, sobbing.

Mrs. Greatheart entered. As they walked along the passage, she noticed that the front room was empty. So also was the dining room. Even the floor boards were quite bare.

They reached the kitchen. A little fearful as to what she might see, Mrs. Greatheart stopped at the door and looked in.

In the middle of the room were a table and one or two chairs. Between them and the empty fireplace were two bare-footed children on their knees with their little hands folded in prayer.

As the two women entered, the children rose to their feet. At sight of the stranger they seemed overjoyed.

"I know what you've got in that bag," cried one, running across to Mrs. Greatheart. "It's buns; I know it's buns."

"It is," replied Mrs. Greatheart. "But how did you know?"

"We've been praying to Jesus to send us some," cried the child. "We are so hungry."

"Then take the bag," cried Mrs. Greatheart, "for Jesus has sent me with them to answer your prayers."

Seizing the bag, the children started eagerly to devour the buns, while the

mother told of her troubles. It was a sad tale of unemployment, illness, and hardship, almost all the furniture had been sold to supply their needs.

"I've tried to find work myself," she said, "and could have got it this morning if only I had a coat."

"A coat?" repeated Mrs. Greatheart, suddenly remembering her brown paper parcel. "Just see what I have here."

She opened the parcel and handed the coat to the poor woman. It fit her perfectly.

"Wonderful!" cried Mrs. Greatheart. "God sent me with this, too."

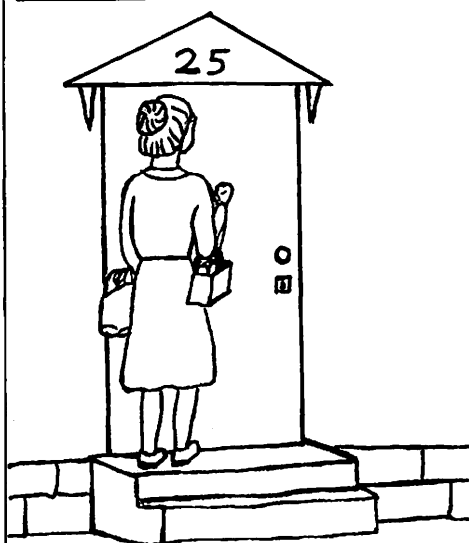
"He surely did," said the woman.

"Let's kneel down and thank Him for it," said Mrs. Greatheart.

They knelt, all four of them, and as they prayed they asked that God, who had already helped them in such a remarkable way, would crown His blessings by helping the husband to find work.

At last they rose from their knees. Not long afterward the door opened and the husband entered, his face radiant. They all knew why, even before he spoke. He had found work at last.

Mrs. Greatheart hurried away. How glad she was that she had answered the call to 25 Kirby Road. —Selected



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Susie's Suitcase

Daddy was at the wheel and Susie was sitting beside him. Mamma was on the back seat with the two boys. All of a sudden there was a shout.

"Look out, Daddy," cried Susie. "There's a suitcase on the road."

Daddy had seen it already and, putting on the brakes, brought the car to a stop just in time to avoid running over it. Susie was out first, with the boys right behind her. Here was a great find and they all wanted to look inside at once. Who could guess what valuable things might be in it!

Snap, snap went the fasteners, and suddenly there was another shout from Susie.

"O Mamma, look! Come and see! It's full of baby clothes—beautiful dresses, just the right size for my baby doll. Oh, how wonderful!"

"Somebody must be feeling very sad about losing all these lovely things," said Mamma. "I wonder how we can find out who owns them?"

"But aren't we going to keep them?" asked Susie. "Why, Mamma, these dresses and panties and things are just what I have been wanting. My dolly will look wonderful in them."

"But, darling, we couldn't do that," said Mamma. "These things belong to somebody else. To keep them would be stealing, wouldn't it?"

They put the suitcase in the car and drove home. Once there they opened it

again and searched hard for the owner's name. At last they found it, sewn onto one of the garments. Mother looked up the name in the telephone directory, and there it was. Then she put through a call. How happy the lady was to know that her suitcase had been found, and by such honest people, too!

"It's too bad," said Susie, when the woman had gone. "I did so hope we would never find out who owned it."

"But, darling," said Mamma, "isn't it much better this way? If you had kept them, you would never have enjoyed them; for you would always have felt that they belonged to somebody else; and now we have made another friend who will always be grateful to us."

"Maybe so," said Susie, "but I wish I had those baby clothes for my dolly just the same."

Now it so happened—mind you, it really did happen—that just one week later Susie, Mamma, Daddy, and her two brothers left home on a long trip. With so many in the car and so much baggage, they tied some of the luggage on the back. Early one morning, in high spirits, they set off for their destination. For several hours they continued on their way and then Daddy said he thought it was time for lunch and a rest. So they all got out and sat down to eat by the roadside.

All of a sudden somebody noticed that the rope that had been tied around the baggage was loose.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Honest



Joseph's brothers were honest:

Genesis 42:5 "... the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan."

6 "And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people . . ."

25 "Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, . . ."

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence."

43:2 "... when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought . . . their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food."

12 "And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight:"

15 "... and they took double money in their hand, . . . and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph."

20 "And said, [to the steward] O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:"

21 "And it came to pass, . . . that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, . . . we have brought it again in our hand."

Romans 12:17 "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things *honest* in the sight of all men."

13:12 "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

13 "Let us walk *honestly*, as in the day; . . ."

I Thessalonians 4:11 "... study to be quiet, and to do your own business,

and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;"

12 "That ye may walk *honestly* toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack [need] of nothing."

Ephesians 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

Romans 13:7 "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

8 "*Owe* no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."

9 "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not *steal*, . . ."

10 "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

II Corinthians 8:21 "*Providing for honest things*, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

Questions:



1. Why did Joseph's brothers buy corn from him?
2. What did the brothers find in their sacks?
3. What did they do with the money found in their sacks?
4. In what way did the brothers show honesty?
5. How is a Christian to act toward all men?
6. If a person has been a thief, how is he to act after becoming a Christian?
7. If we love others will we steal?
8. Is not paying due taxes a form of stealing?
9. Is not paying bills a form of stealing?

MEMORY VERSE:

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Ephesians 4:28.



I am sure that Mr. Bee Honest buzzes thoughts through your mind many times. Like the times you have found things you really wanted to keep. The thoughts buzzed are something like this, "Better give it back to its owner", or, "Try your very best to find the owner. If you can't find the owner, then you may keep it."

Mr Dishonest comes at the same time as Mr. Bee Honest. He puts thoughts such as this into your mind, "Finders keepers, losers weepers", "You found it so now it is yours", "It isn't your problem that the owner was careless and lost it. Why should you keep up with his things?" One must decide which thoughts are best and then act accordingly.

In the story "Susie's Suitcase", Susie had to face that kind of problem, but her mother knew about it and helped Susie to do the honest thing. Then in a very short time God caused Susie to experience something that made her realize that honesty is the best way.

Many of you have experienced times when someone found something of yours and claimed it for their own. Did you feel cheated and sad? One of the verses in Words of Gold reads, "Owe no man anything but to love one another." Love in our hearts for others will cause us to think how they will feel if we take something from them or keep something we find without trying first to return it to the owner.

Mr. Bee Honest is doing his job when he brings thoughts into your mind that make you feel bad about taking or keeping something that is not yours.

If a child doesn't listen to Mr. Bee Honest and return the things he should, his fun with the things he has kept will last only a short while and then Mr. Unhappiness appears. Mr. Unhappiness will not go away easily either.

Every time you see the rightful owner you will be filled with sadness and fear. When unpleasant things happen to you he will whisper, "You had it coming, because you caused others to be unhappy." The dishonest thing which you did will be like a little ghost following around after you for a long time and all the while Mr. Unhappiness will be hovering over like a dark, heavy cloud. This cloud will stay over a person until they have taken back or repaid for that which was stolen, or tried diligently to return to the owner any found object.

In the Bible lesson for today the brothers of Joseph returned the money which they believed was given to them as an oversight in a business deal. I read about a boy who started working for a man who said, "Don't return money if the other person made the mistake. Let him correct his own mistakes." The boy knew this was dishonest but he did it anyway. Soon Mr. Dishonest suggested that he do other dishonest things and, as he was already unhappy, he thought he might as well. Several years later this same boy was sentenced to jail for embezzlement.

If a person will not make an honest effort to correct things, then Mr. Dishonest has more and more power over the person and will cause him or her to make the same mistake again and again. The cloud of unhappiness will stay around also.

Listening and obeying the thoughts of Mr. Bee Honest will keep away the dark clouds of unhappiness that come from Mr. Dishonest. —Sis. Charlotte

SOMETHING TO DO

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9. Count the words and write the number here:

(Answers: 1. Egypt, the land where Joseph lived, was the only place that had corn for sale during the famine. 2. The money they had given Joseph for the corn. 3. The brothers brought the money back to Joseph the next time they came to buy corn. 4. The brothers showed honesty by returning the money which they believed to be a mistake. 5. He must be honest toward all people. 6. He is to work and make money so he can give to others. 7. NO, 8. Yes, 9. Yes.)

"One of the suitcases is missing!" cried Daddy.

Everybody rushed to the scene. Alas and alack, it was only too true!

"Whose suitcase is missing?" asked Mamma.

"Susie's," said Daddy. "I'm sure it was hers."

"Mine!" cried Susie. "Why, it had all my dresses in it and things and—oh, it's just terrible! Are you sure it was mine that got lost?"

"Quite sure," said Daddy. "It's too bad, but there's nothing we can do about it. I'm afraid it's gone for good."

Then Mamma spoke up. Something had flashed across her mind.

"Why," she said, "how strange that we should find a suitcase just a week ago and then lose one of our own today! Maybe, since we did the right thing about the other suitcase, God will help us find this one."

"Do you think so?" said Susie.

"I surely do," said Mamma. "Let us tell Him all about it now before we go on."

And they did. There by the side of the road, in a beautiful little prayer, Mamma told God the whole story of the two suitcases, asking Him to help find the one that was lost.

After that Daddy drove back along the highway five miles or so, but there was no sign of the case. Then he drove on to the next town and put an advertisement in the local paper. After that they continued on their way, wondering whether they ever would hear of the suitcase again.

One day passed—two—three. Still no word reached them. Susie was still wearing the same dress in which she started out on the journey.

Then, believe it or not, a telegram arrived. "Suitcase found," it said.

Was Susie happy? I should say she was. And thankful, too—not only to God but to the honest soul who had found *her* things and given them back to her.

From that day on she saw new meaning in the words, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12.

—Selected



(A true story)

Be Honest

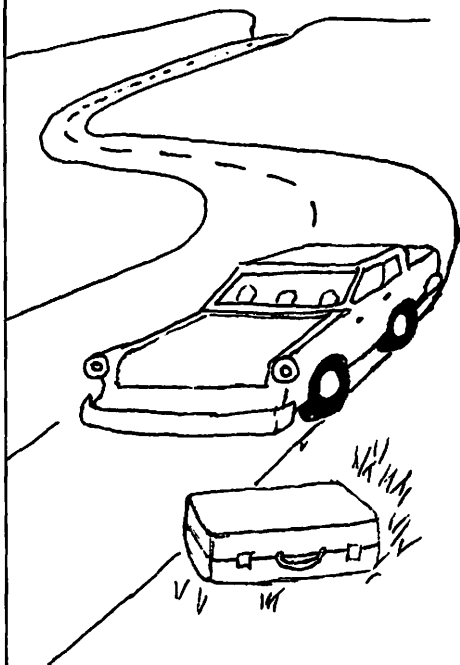


Be honest and remember
In all you say and do
That God Almighty sees it all
And knows the motive, too.

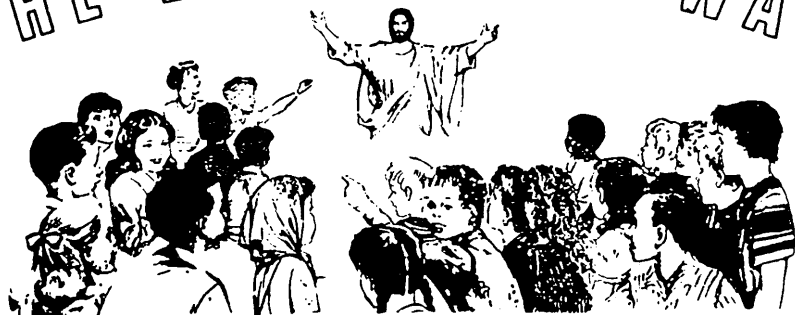
Deceiving other people
Is folly, after all
Be sure your sins will find you out;
Your judgment sure will fall.

And that which lies in secret
Shall fall in open light;
Be honest with your Maker,
He'll lead your path aright.

—Leslie Busbee



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On the Wings of the Wind

When we talk to God in simple faith, we may be quite sure that He will answer our prayers.

If we try to love Him, as we know that He loves us, we shall see all sorts of wonderful things happen. For love on the wings of prayer becomes the key to all the treasures of heaven.

Have you ever asked God for something that you really needed, or something that would bring happiness to others, and then watched for the answer? It's a lovely thing to do; and if you ask in faith, believing that God can and will do it for you, there will be no doubt about the result.

I am so sure about it because of the hundreds of times that children, and grownups too, have told me about the answers to prayer that they have had.

Here is one that a girl told me just the other day. It is very simple, but to that girl it meant a great deal. She will never forget it.

I was attending a large camp meeting, telling stories to the children as usual. After one story hour a little girl came up to me and asked if she could tell me a story. I don't remember her name, but I do remember that she was wearing a pretty blue coat. Usually I don't remember clothes very well, but I do remember that blue coat. And there's a reason.

"Mother bought me this coat," she said, "just before the camp meeting. It cost more than thirty-five dollars, which is a lot of money for us to pay. Mother

was so pleased with it. Then, what do you suppose I did? I lost it. Lost it! I couldn't find it anywhere."

"What did mother say?" I asked.

"I didn't dare tell her," said the girl. "I was afraid."

"What did you do then?"

"Well, it so happened that just then I picked up a copy of 'Bedtime Stories' and began to read some of those wonderful answers to children's prayers. And I said to myself, if Jesus answered those prayers, why shouldn't He answer mine? And right then and there I got down on my knees and asked Him to help me find my coat before mother found out that I had lost it."

"Good for you," I said, smiling. "But how did you find it?"

"Well, I kept on praying and searching. I looked all over the campground. Then I came into this building, and there on a chair, away off in a corner, I saw my coat. Was I happy? I am sure it was an answer to my prayer; don't you think so, Uncle?"

"Of course," I said. "I know it was."

God loves to help His children in all their worries and sorrows, whether they be small or large.

Here is another story, even more wonderful.

This is about a mother who had five children. Her husband had been away from home for a long time, and no money had come from him for several weeks. Every bit she had was spent, and she was beginning to wonder what she

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WORDS OF GOLD



Bee Trusting



II Samuel 22:31 "As for God, his way is perfect; . . . he is a buckler [shield] to all them that *trust* in him."

Psalms 40:4 "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his *trust*, and respecteth [praiseth] not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies."

Psalms 37:3 "*Trust* in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily [truly] thou shalt be fed."

5 "Commit thy way unto the Lord; *trust* also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

- Psalm 31:19 "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that *trust* in thee before the sons of men!"

Psalms 34:22 "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that *trust* in him shall be desolate."

Psalms 37:40 ". . . the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they *trust* in him."

Psalms 118:8 "It is better to *trust* in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

9 "It is [also] better to *trust* in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

Psalms 125:1 "They that *trust* in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever."

Isaiah 57:13 ". . . he that putteth his *trust* in me [God] shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;"

Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that *trust* in him."

II Corinthians 1:8 "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above

strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:"

9 "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not *trust* in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:"

10 "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we *trust* that he will yet deliver us;"

I Timothy 6:17 "Charge [command] them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor *trust* in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;"

Psalms 49:6 "They that *trust* in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;"

7 "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:"

9 "That he should live forever, . . ."

Mark 10:23 "Jesus . . . saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!"

Questions:

1. What will the Lord Jesus be to those who trust Him?
2. (Finish the sentence.) A man is blessed who will _____
3. What are we promised if we trust in the Lord and do good?
4. What does God have laid up for those who trust Him?
5. What may happen to those who do not trust in God?
6. From what will God deliver them that trust in Him?
7. What are we to NOT trust in?
8. Is it hard for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God?
9. Can those who TRUST in riches ransom his own or his brother's soul?

MEMORY VERSE:

Blessed is the man who maketh the Lord his trust.

Psalms 40:4.



Mr. Bee Trusting is a "Bee" that brings much happiness, for without him there is no happiness. Even though a person might be wealthy, popular, healthy, or very good; they cannot be truly happy unless they learn the secret of trusting God and people.

Most small children have little trouble trusting because they have not experienced disappointments in trusting persons not worthy to be trusted. As one grows older, many such disappointments come and cause one to fear trusting others. If you loan a friend some money and they do not repay the money you will hesitate to loan to them again. If you do loan to them again and they again do not repay, you will trust them less than before. If things like this, and much worse things, happen over and over again, you will soon not wish to trust other persons.

Trust is learned by experience just as distrust is learned by experiences. Let's say the friend was always careful to repay whatever you loaned them, you will learn more and more to trust him.

Mr. Bee Trusting wants people to trust those who are trustworthy, however, some people have a real problem trusting. Many times this fear has developed through experiences when some one they trusted did them a great wrong. Bee Trusting will help overcome these fears. If these fears are not overcome the person with the fears will become more and more unhappy. This same fear of trusting people will grow until the person cannot trust God either. Not trusting other people brings much unhappiness, but not trusting God could be fatal for both body and soul.

Mr. Doubt comes along when one should trust and fills the heart with fear. Let Mr. Bee Trusting give him a good sting by quoting this verse, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee [God]." Psalm 56:3.

Sometimes when you have prayed for something and God has not answered, you may need to sting Mr. Doubt with another verse in Psalm 37:4, which reads, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart." Another good verse to help Mr. Bee Trusting to gain strength to overcome Mr. Doubt is Psalm 37:5. It reads, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it [whatever you are requesting] to pass."

Remember Bee Trusting will bring much happiness, but without him one can only expect unhappiness.

—Sis. Charlotte

The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim—
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the
other side,

And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here.

Your journey will end with the ending day:

You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,

Why build you the bridge at the even-
tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come,"
he said,

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge
for him."

—Selected

(Answers: 1. Their shield, which is a protector, 2. Trust in the Lord, respect (praise) not the proud, nor turn to lies, 3. To dwell (live) in the land and be fed, 4. Goodness, 5. They may become desolate, which means alone and without help, 6. From the wicked, 7. Ourselves, riches, or wealth, 8. Yes, 9. No!)

would do for food, light, and heat for herself and her children during the long, cold winter days ahead.

Her biggest worry at the moment was the gas bill. It amounted to forty dollars. She had received it weeks before, and today the "final notice" had come from the gas company, saying that the bill must be paid at once or they would cut off the gas.

Cut off the gas! Why, that would mean that there would be no way to cook the food or heat water. Feeling very much distressed, she decided to go for a walk, and, putting on her coat, she went down the street toward the little church which she attended.

A strong, cold wind was blowing, but she didn't seem to notice it. She could think of nothing but that gas bill, and now and then she would murmur a little prayer, "Dear Lord, please help me to pay it soon; don't let them cut off the gas."

Presently, for some reason, she stepped off the sidewalk and began to walk down the streetcar tracks. Then, all of a sudden, the high wind slapped something across her face. Her hand went up instantly, and she caught a piece of paper. It was a twenty dollar bill! And before she could believe her eyes, lo, a second bill blew in her face, and she caught that one, too.

No more came. Just two.

"Thank you, Jesus," she whispered, as she went on down the street, smiling; "that's just what I needed."

Wonderful, isn't it, how some prayers are answered?

This time the answer came "on the wings of the wind." —Selected

Overheard in a Garden

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,

"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings rush
around and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin, "Friend,
I think that it must be,
That they have no heavenly Father
such as cares for you and me."

—Elizabeth Cheney

Trust Jesus

A house was on fire, and all the family had escaped except one boy. The flames hindered him from escaping by the stairs, so he ran to the window and cried, "Oh, Father, How shall I get out?"

The people below could see him by the light of the fire in the room, but on account of the smoke he could not see them. He could hear their voices, and he called, "Oh, save me!"

The father answered, "Here I am, my son," and he held out his arms for the boy to jump into them. "Here I am: don't fear. Drop and I will be here to catch you."

The boy crept out of the window, but held to it. He knew it was very high from the ground, and he was afraid to let go.

"Drop down, my boy!" cried the father. But he answered, "I can't see you, Father."

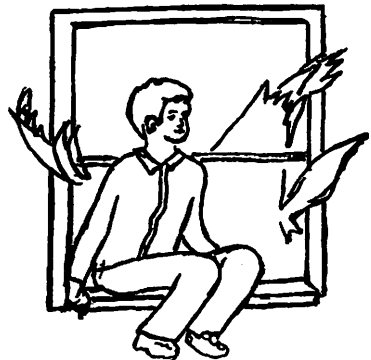
"But I am here. You can trust me to catch you. I will save you," answered the father below.

"But I am afraid that I shall fall," came the boy's reply.

By this time the boy felt the heat of the flames; and he was sure he would soon be burned. Then he let go his hold, and in a moment he was safe in his father's arms.

As the boy trusted his father for safety, so we should trust Jesus for our salvation. We can't see Him, but He is holding out His arms and saying, "Come, let me save you from your sins."

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The Lost Ball

Two little boys were playing on the beach with their ball. It was one of those large balls so commonly seen at the seaside that adds much to the fun of bathing.

An offshore wind was blowing, and every time the ball dropped on the water, it would begin to move rapidly out to sea, with the boys giving chase.

"You'd better look out," said Bert to Bill, "or we shall lose it. Don't throw it so hard next time."

But Bill took no notice.

"Look out!" he cried. "Coming over."

It came over. In fact, it went a long way over Bert's head and fell into the water some distance off.

"What did I tell you?" cried Bert indignantly. "Now you can get it yourself."

"I'm not going to get it," said Bill grinning. "It's nearer to you."

"Near!" cried Bert; "how do you think I'm going to reach it?"

Already the wind had caught the ball, and was wafting it at a great speed seaward.

"Hurry up!" cried Bill. "You'll lose it."

"What do you think I am?" Bert called back. "A Channel swimmer? Nobody could catch up with it now. You—you—you!"

Bert soon found a name for Bill, and Bill was quick to find another for Bert, and soon a hot argument was in progress as to whose fault it was that the

ball had been lost, and, of course, who was to pay for it.

Now it so happened that while Bert and Bill were arguing, a certain kind gentleman, seated in a canoe, with a paddle in his hand, had noticed the speedy flight of the ball across the ocean.

"Some poor little child has lost his ball," he said to himself. "I will try to rescue it for him. He will be so glad to have it again."

So digging his paddle hard into the water, the kind gentleman set off in pursuit of the ball, while the people on the beach looked on amused. But a ball with the wind behind it is no easy thing to catch. Away it went, faster and faster, as it floated farther and farther from the shore.

It passed the end of the pier, heading for the rougher water beyond. Still the kind gentleman, seated in his tiny craft, grimly kept up the chase. At last, two hundred yards or so beyond the pier, he reached the ball, and turned around to paddle back. Now he found both wind and waves against him, and for some time was in serious danger of capsizing. As he struggled hard to get under the lee of the pier, he began to reflect on the folly of his enterprise, but consoled himself with the thought of the pleasure that would come to the unhappy child on the shore when at last he returned.

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Bee Thankful



Psalm 100:1 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands."

2 "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

3 "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

4 "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

5 "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Colossians 3:15 "... let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ... and be ye thankful."

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, ..."

3 "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

1 Chronicles 29:13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly ... for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee."

1 Timothy 6:7 "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

8 "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Isaiah 51:1 "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek

the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged."

3 "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: ... joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

Romans 1:21 "... when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

Revelation 7:12 "... Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever."

11 Corinthians 9:11 "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

Colossians 2:6 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:"

7 "... as ye have been taught, abound- ing therein with thanksgiving."

Questions:



1. Why should people be thankful to God?
2. How should people come before God's presence?
3. From where do the things we have come?
4. For what are we to be thankful?
5. Should prayer always include thanksgiving?
6. Why did God say we should think about how we were before becoming a Christian?
7. What happened to those who were not thankful?
8. What does being enriched in every thing cause?
9. Who is worthy of glory, wisdom, thanksgiving and honor?

MEMORY VERSE:

In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18.



Let's talk about another "bee" that brings happiness to the user and also to those it is used on. I think we can say that this "bee" brings more happiness than any other of the "bee" family. Mothers know it is very important and they start teaching babies to use it as soon as the baby can talk. Have you noticed this? Next time you give something to a baby whose mother is near by, listen and you will probably hear the baby say, "Tank yoo," trying to obey its mother.

Boys, girls, men and women let us each one be more **thankful**. Let us in prayer tell our heavenly Father how thankful we are for His kindness toward us. Even our parents are pleased, aren't they, when one of us lets them know that we appreciate something they have done for one of us. Do we do it enough? I'm afraid not! I believe that God, too, is glad when His earthly children return thanks to Him for His many blessings to them.

Has someone asked you for a second favor before they thanked you for the first one? How did you feel? How do you suppose God feels when we ask Him for more and more help without first thanking Him for what we have received. Have you ever given a present to someone and wondered why you never heard anything about it? You didn't like it, did you? Not a bit! On the other hand, when someone to whom you gave some little gift sent you a nice letter back, didn't you feel as though you loved that friend all the more? I know you did!

I'm sure, too, that when we come to God in prayer, and tell Him how thankful we are for all His many mercies, He, too, is happier, if that is possible. That He loves us, we know, for He has told us so over and over again; and surely, then, He must be pleased when those

He loves so much come to tell Him of their happiness in Him.

Being thankful can be a part of our lives every day. Do you have a habit of saying "Thank you" for things others do for you? Do you have the habit of thinking thankful thoughts toward God for all the blessings received from Him?

Mr. Unthankful is always busy at his job keeping people thinking about things they wished they had and in this way keeping them from being thankful for what they already have. If you are tempted to do as Mr. Unthankful suggests, there is one thing you should remember and that is, that his way leads to unhappiness and being thankful leads to happiness.

If you do not have a habit of being thankful, try developing the habit by being thankful every day.

Every day a little knowledge. One fact a day. How small is one fact! Only one. Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred fifty facts are not a small thing, but you have learned that many by learning only one each day.

Every day a little self denial. The thing that is difficult to do today will be an easy thing to do three hundred sixty days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self-mastery shall he enjoy who, looking to God for grace, seeks every day to practice the grace for which he prays!

Every day a little thankfulness. We live for the happiness of others if our living be in any sense true living. At home, at school, in the street, in the neighbor's house, on the playground, we shall find opportunity every day to be thankful. Practice a little thankfulness every day and each day the habit will become a little stronger until you will be a giant Bee Thankful!

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. God made everything, even them. He is good, and His mercy endureth forever. 2. With thanksgiving. 3. All that we have comes from God. 4. Every-thing. 5. Yes. 6. Thinking of the awful way one was before becoming a Christian causes him to be thankful. 7. Their foolish heart was darkened. 8. It caused Paul, the writer of the verse, to be thankful. 9. God.)

Slowly he made his way back. Every dip of his paddle brought him nearer to safety, and before long he was passing the pier end again. He was getting tired now, and by the time he arrived back at the beach he was ready for a rest.

He was paddling his canoe ashore, wondering which of the many children there would be made happy as the result of his dangerous journey, when a young lad waded out to him.

"That's our ball you've got there, mister," said the boy abruptly. "Let's have it."

The kind gentleman looked at him in astonishment. There was no suggestion of thanks or gratitude.

"Is that your ball?" he asked.

"Yes, pass it over," replied the boy.

"Well, I never!" exclaimed the kind gentleman as he threw the ball to the boy. Then in silence he pulled his canoe up on the beach and subsided into the nearest deck chair.

"Got it!" cried Bert, running up to Bill excitedly. "Bit of luck that, wasn't it?"

"Mighty good of that old fellow to get it," said Bill, "I hope you thanked him."

"Thanked him?" replied Bert. "Er—er—I don't believe I did. Oh, well, it doesn't matter. Let's get on with the game."

But it mattered a lot.

Half an hour later there was another shout on the beach, followed by the sound of boys arguing.

"Bill, there you go again. What did I tell you? Look at the ball blowing out to sea. You—you—you!"

There was a movement in a certain deck chair. The kind gentleman opened one eye—saw the ball—and closed it again.

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(A true story)

Ungrateful Gertie

This story is about a very kind lady and a very ungrateful girl.

Not far from where I live there is a grocery store which sells candy—and a great many other things besides. One day the kind lady was buying some goods in this store when the door opened

and in rushed five children, one boy and four little girls.

The children pressed close to the counter and began to look over all the candy that was for sale. After much talking about what they liked best, they finally put their pennies down and took the candy they wanted. That is, all except one little girl, who did not have a penny.

In fact, this poor little girl looked so sad that she made the kind lady feel sad, too, and in less time than it takes to tell, she had left her parcels on the counter and started to follow the children down the street.

So the kind lady hurried along, caught up with the little girl, and asked her if she would not like to come back to the store with her and get some candy for herself.

The little girl said she would, and the two walked back down the street.

"What's your name, dear?" asked the kind lady tenderly.

"Gertie," said the little girl.

"That's a nice name," said the kind lady.

Going back into the store, the kind lady asked Gertie which candy she would like, and the little girl pointed to several things, all of which the kind lady bought for her.

Then what do you suppose happened? It was dreadful. I can hardly believe it, but it's true. That naughty little girl grabbed the bag of candy and, without even looking at the kind lady, dashed out of the door and down the street.

Did she say, "Thank you?" She did not. Did she give the lady a sweet smile of gratitude? She did not.

A few minutes later I happened to meet the kind lady. She was not feeling very well pleased about it, I can tell you. Would you like to know what she said?

"The ungrateful little wretch!" she exclaimed. Though she smiled when she said it, I knew she felt very sad right inside her old heart. "I'll never do it again," she added. "Never."

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