

# Corner For Religious News

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Sunday School Lesson!  
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Lesson for October 11

PAUL IN CORINTH

LESSON TEXT—Acts 18:1-11.  
GOLDEN TEXT—"Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace."—Acts 4:30.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—God Protecting Paul.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Paul in Workshop and Pulpit.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul's Experiences in Corinth.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Paul Plants the Church in Corinth.

I. The True Missionary Method (vv. 1-3).

Paul came to Corinth a stranger in a strange city. He did not have an advance agent to do his advertising. His method in gaining a foothold in Corinth was as follows:

1. Finding a Home (v. 2). This he found with Aquila and Priscilla, Jews, who were recently expelled from Rome by the cruel edict of Claudius.

2. He Told for His Daily Bread (v. 3).

He was of the same craft with them, being a tentmaker. Every child among the Jews was taught some trade by means of which he could gain a livelihood, should occasion require.

II. Preaching in the Synagogue at Corinth (vv. 4-8).

1. Though Compelled to Toll for a Living While Getting a Foothold in Corinth, He Did Not Lose Sight of His Main Work (v. 4).

He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, persuading the Jews and Greeks. While the missionary should not be above honest toll when necessity arises, he must not allow toll to interfere with preaching the gospel.

2. His Activity Was Increased When Silas and Timothy Came (v. 5).

This resulted from three causes:

(1) They brought good news from the church at Thessalonica (I Thess. 3:9).

To bear of the steadfastness of those who had confessed Christ under his ministry, put new vigor into his labors.

(2) They brought pecuniary gifts from the Macedonian church (Phil. 4:15; II Cor. 11:9).

Being relieved from the necessity of toiling for a living, he could now devote more time and energy to the preaching of the gospel.

(3) Silas and Timothy became assistants to Paul in the work.

3. Paul Opposed (v. 6).

His increased activity was met with increased opposition. As the Lord's ministers become more aggressive in their work, the ministers of Satan put forth corresponding efforts in opposition.

4. Paul Announces His Purpose to Turn to the Gentiles (v. 6).

Because of their blasphemy and opposition, he ceased to work among the Jews. There is a time when good judgment causes one to abandon work where efforts have been fruitless, but it is difficult to know just when to do it. Oftentimes lasting harm is done to the work by pressing efforts when people have turned against the truth. Paul's declaration, "I am clean," was a most solemn one.

5. He Did Not Go Far Away (v. 7). He remained sufficiently near those whose hearts God had touched that they could easily find him. It is likewise true that although Christ is obliged to depart from the soul that refuses him entrance, he lingers with yearning love around that heart.

6. His Success (v. 8).

Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, was converted. Perhaps Paul's severe action in turning away from them moved Crispus to act.

III. Paul's Vision (vv. 9-11).

His experiences since coming to Europe were very trying. He needed encouragement at this time. It is just like the Lord to come at the time of the servant's greatest need. Note the Lord's words to him.

1. "Be Not Afraid." When one is executing the commission of the Lord, he need not be afraid.

2. "Speak and Hold Not Thy Peace." The one who has heard the voice of God cannot refrain from speaking. He cannot be still.

3. "I Am With Thee." The Lord is with every one who faithfully carries out His commission.

4. "No Man Shall Set on Thee, to Hurt Thee."

The one sent by the Lord to do a work is immune from danger and harm until his work is done.

5. "I Have Much People in This City." It is most encouraging to know that in the great cities the Lord has His own people, and that the one who goes in His name shall have fruit for his service.

All Are His

It is not the high summer alone that is God's. The winter also is His... and all man's winters are His—the winter of our poverty, the winter of our sorrow, the winter of unhappiness, even the winter of our discontent—George Macdonald.

## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Few thoughtful men deny that persistent intelligence and close alliance are found among the forces of evil and disruption still in the world, while every soul is tested by the methods used by the tempter in the Judean wilderness.

The gospel tells the story of how Jesus met the chief of the hierarchy of evil. The insolent adversary dogged his footsteps and constantly sought to injure him and his cause.

They came to grips in the wilderness struggle of forty days even since commemorated by Lent, but, though vanquished, the foe did not cease challenging the Saviour of men.

The Church provides means and grace for the necessary strength for the combat that each individual must have if he wishes to attain any degree of character.

The Christ who met the evil one and conquered him is in the midst of his Church to furnish men with the needed armor. He says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him."

WHY NOT GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

## Sermonograms

Leading members are often milestones.

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Duty Street Leads to Joyville.

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Faithfulness is the only real success.

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Sin takes the song out of life.

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Regeneration is never brought about by refrigeration.

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Play is contact with the realities of life.

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No lazy man ever found an easy job.

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Excuses are cheap. Only reasons count.

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Purpose is gas, going up, and a bane, going down.

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Not happiness but service is the true object of life.

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Three things to wish for—health, friends and a cheerful spirit.

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Fill the minutes well and they will fill your purse.

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God hears every earnest prayer, whether spoken or unexpressed.

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No beauty can be compared to the beauty of a good life.

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Successful character-building depends largely upon attention to details.

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Religion is not a pain remover, but a comfort in time of pain.

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Though we shout with the crowd, we shall be judged as individuals.

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If you cannot smile a happy smile, then smile a determined smile—but smile.

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Be sure you are right, go ahead, and keep going until you get there.

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Remember that your rights end where the other fellow's rights begin.

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It is a long way to perfect happiness, but we have many guide-posts along the way.

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Prayer is not the act of a weakling, but of a strong man who wants to be stronger.

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Next in power to the Spirit of the living God, is the Spirit of a living and determined man.

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Our work is not drudgery, it is only the spirit in which we do it that can make it so.

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Weekly Story Of Early Education In The Homes

Truth Rather Than Position

"I want a very fine weave in this material," said a customer to a young clerk, who knowing that the tsch was not in stock, said, "I am sorry, but we have nothing with a finer weave."

The proprietor, hearing the conversation, was indignant and later said to the clerk, "Why did you not show

other goods? You are here to make sales and never to let a customer leave if it is possible to sell him anything."

"But we did not have the quality in the store that he wanted, and when he asked me a plain question, to be honest, I had to tell him that we had nothing with a finer weave."

"Young man," said the proprietor, "if you can't stretch the truth a little to fit the circumstances, you will never do for me."

"Very well, if I must tell falsehoods in order to keep my place, I must lose it, that's all."

This clerk was Marshall Field, who later became one of the kings of commerce, while the dishonest employer became a bankrupt and died in poverty.

## THE QUESTION BOX

### Comments On The Sunday School Lesson

(Send problems in question form to Church Editor; answers will appear in later issue.)

1.—What is the place of the teacher in all the organization of the Young People's Department today?

An old familiar question: First, the teacher's task is changed from doing to guiding. He must solve the problem of getting other people to do what he formerly has been doing.

Secondly, the teacher's opportunity is tremendously increased. His chances of knowing his group are tripled. No longer does he seek some pretext to talk to a boy or girl. He learns to be a chum through the meetings of the week.

In the third place, he can now do real leadership training. He now definitely strives to lead the group to the full limit of their ability. This was Christ's method. Peter was the spokesman. Were not Peter, James and John like the executives of the group? The problem Jesus faced was the same the teacher faces today; namely, that of training leadership for the Kingdom.

2.—How would you cultivate the life of the Young People's Department?

We might designate this work as that of building an esprit de corps. The task should be planned and carried out by a young people's committee varying from five to seven. It is not necessary to have every department represented—alio the proper distribution through the several classes will materially aid its work.

Roughly, this committee plans and does anything which will bind the common aspirations of young people together. The following, just a sketchy idea of what can be undertaken: Fellowship and Social Life; Class rivalry and competition; Inter-class and co-operation; Educational and informal talks; Vocational talks; Health Education; Personal service; Department paper, bulletins, etc.

3.—What is it to reason?

4.—What is the great vision of our world? If Paul had not the vision recorded in V 9, what should he have done in the crisis?

5.—What great results were accomplished at Corinth?

6.—Should our minister support him like Paul? Why?

7.—What is a church?

8.—When is it right to be discouraged over some church planting proposition? How should a Christian act in the face of discouragement?

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mon and made both to the glory of God. William Grey's business was serving the Lord: he cobbled shoes to pay expenses. Paul had been taught a trade when very young as was every young Jew. Education is not merely acquaintance with books—but knowledge of life.

Vs. 5, 6—Men of strength do not flinch and flee their opponents. Opposition is the meat and drink of a man of God; he thrives on it.

V. 9—"The Lord came unto Paul in the night by a vision, saying, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace." Some Christians and ministers hold their peace when they know that crookedness is going on in the community and in the nation.

V. 10—"For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee; for I have much people in this city." Paul was reminded of the words which he must have known the Lord spoke to his disciples when he said, "Lo, I am with thee alway." Christ is with us. He said so once. That's enough—but love repeats.

Paul loved to preach and pass on but he continued here a year and six months." He would not wish missing any of the "much people" whom the Lord said he had there. The Church today needs to hear the Lord saying, as he lays upon our hearts the great unreached regions of the world, "I have much people in this country."

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