

Improved Uniform International **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- LESSON -
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THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF INDUSTRY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 19:15-26; II Thessalonians 3:10-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.—Ephesians 4:28.

Work is a blessing, and the proper attitude toward it is an important part of the life of a Christian. Industry has found its best and most dependable workers among those who believe in Christ. It has also come to realize that the strengthening of the faith of its workers makes them better workers; hence we see all over the land the interesting development of chaplains in industrial plants. That activity rightly planned and properly conducted can be of great value to both the individual and to industry.

Our lesson rightly deals with the individual. Christianity is a personal matter, a life rather than a theory. It deals with the man rather than the mass.

I. We Are Accountable for Opportunity (Luke 19:15).

The king in this parable is Christ, who has now gone away, to return when God is ready for Him to set up His kingdom on earth. In the meantime His servants have been given that which they should be using for Him.

Two things stand out in this story. First, the fact that Jesus is coming again. There are many scoffers who deny that blessed truth (II Pet. 3:3, 4). There are many believers to whom the promise has become but a formal truth in a confession of faith or a creed. But the failure of men to recognize truth and their unwillingness to hold it precious, do not alter the fact. Jesus is coming again!

When He comes, He will have many things to accomplish, but—and this is our second fact—one of the most important is that there shall be an accounting with His followers (who are supposed to be His servants) regarding the life they have lived. What will your answer and mine be in that day? It depends on what we are and what we are doing right now.

The basis of His judgment appears in the following verses, where we learn that:

II. We Are to Be Rewarded for Faithfulness (Luke 19:16-26).

When believers stand in the presence of Christ to answer for the deeds done in the flesh (our sins were judged at Calvary!), it will not be a question of what church you belong to, or what family name you bear, or how much money you have amassed. No, the only question asked will be, "Have you been faithful in trading with the gifts, the abilities and the opportunities which God has given you?"

Note that there are three different judgments here, but all on the one ground of faithfulness. The first man represents those who with all diligence and zeal seek to grow spiritually and to serve the Lord with glad abandon. All that they have and are they give to Him for His glory and for the winning of others to Him. They will be commended by the Lord and great will be their reward!

The second man, with equal opportunity, did accomplish something, but not too much. He represents those who do want to serve the Lord but with no special zeal, no great measure of sacrificial endeavor—just "average" (what an unfortunate standard!) Christians.

The Lord is fair. He does not deprive them of their reward. In the measure that they have been faithful, they too shall find joyous service for them. But observe that there is no special word of commendation in this case, and there is a limited reward.

The third man represents those who profess to be in fear of God. He seems to demand so much of them and they are not ready to give it. After all, they say, we want to enjoy life. Why should the Lord expect so much of us? Not only do they lose all reward, but the Lord must take away even that which He has already given.

III. We Are Commanded to Work (II Thess. 3:10-12).

From the day that God put Adam in the garden of Eden to care for it, honest work has been the lot of all mankind—yes, and his honor. There is no place in the economy of God for the man or woman who is able to work but is not willing to do so. "If any will not work, neither let him eat" (v. 10).

Apparently there were some in the church at Thessalonica who perverted the teaching of the Lord's return, who said that if Jesus were coming any day there was no use working. They had turned the truth completely around. The point is that since Jesus may come at any time, we should all be doing our utmost to accomplish all we can so that we may stand in His presence with joy, and not with shame.

RURAL CHURCHES

Rivarre Circuit
Gilbert E. Eddy, pastor

Mt. Victory

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Cloice Crozier, superintendent.

Worship service, 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Gregg Knittle, leader.

Pleasant Grove

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Warren Hardin, superintendent.

Class meeting, 10:30 a. m. Fred Bittner, leader.

Evangelistic services, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor.

Note: There will be no services Saturday evening. Revival services will continue all next week except Saturday evening, but including Sunday evening.

Mt. Zion

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Jim Beabout, superintendent.

Class meeting, 10:30 a. m. Louise Bunner, leader.

U. B. C. E. services 7 p. m. Alwine Beabout, president.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Antioch M. B. C. Church

Three miles west on 224 and one mile south of Decatur. Rev. Robert McBrier, pastor

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Worship service, 10:30 a. m.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Come, worship with us.

Our Indiana district superintendent, Rev. W. E. Manges, will bring the message in the morning, also have charge of communion service, and will bring an evangelistic message in evening service.

You cannot afford to miss hearing Rev. W. E. Manges.

Monroe Friends

Byron Leaser, pastor

9:30-10:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

Wm. Zurcher, superintendent.

10:30-11:30 a. m.—Morning wor-

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GERBER'S
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Real Estate AUCTION

6-ROOM HOUSE-6

Friday, Dec. 1st

2:00 P. M.

Location: 903 Winchester Street, Decatur.

Good 6 Room House, 3 rooms and bath on first floor, 3 bed rooms on second floor. House is in good repair. Garage. Cistern. Large lot. Good garden.

Is vacant now. Will give immediate possession.

TERMS—1/4 cash, balance cash on delivery of deed and abstract.

M. E. Church, Owner

Roy Johnson, Auctioneer.

Public Sale

As I am leaving the city I will sell at public sale at 715 N. 3rd street.

Saturday, November 25

starting at 1:30 P. M.

2 pc. living room suite; G. E. cabinet radio; Garland gas range; Hoover Electric sweeper; Indirect floor lamp; Bridge lamp; Dining table and 6 chairs; Wilson sewing machine; Davenport Buffet; Library table; Kitchen table and chairs; Metal utility cabinet; Clock; 2 Dressers; 9x12 Axminster Rug; Throw Rugs; Porch Swing; Porch Chair; 2 Rockers; Curtain Stretchers; 3 Complete Beds; Blankets, Linens, Desk; Small tools, and many other items too numerous to mention.

TERMS—CASH.

Arletta Finkhousen, Owner

T. D. Schieferstein, Auctioneer.

ship. Subject, "Divine and Human Agency in Revivals."

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire."

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Friday, 8 p. m.—Victory prayer band.

To you without a church home—come and join us in the worship of Christ our Saviour. In Him alone will you find life, peace and happiness.

Monroe Methodist Church

E. O. Kegerreis, minister

Morning worship, 9:30 a. m. Sermon, "Behold your God!"

Church School, 10:30 a. m. Lesson, "A Christian View of Industry."

Youth Fellowship, 6:45 p. m. Wanda Burkhead, leader.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Sermon, "Where are We Living?"

Mid-week prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. Acts chapter 19.

Willeshire Circuit

U. B. Church

L. A. Middaugh, pastor

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

10:30 a. m.—Preaching service.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer and thank offering service. Mrs. Ruth Ensminger, former missionary to Africa, will be our speaker.

Musical talent from Huntington college will accompany her.

St. Paul

9:15 a. m.—Preaching service.

10:15 a. m.—Sunday school.

7:30 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

Winchester

9:30 a. m.—Sunday school.

10:30 a. m.—Class meeting.

7:30 p. m. Thursday—Prayer meeting.

Calvary Evangelical Church

F. H. Willard, minister

Preaching service, 9 a. m. Thanksgiving message.

Sunday school, 10 a. m. James O. Darr, superintendent.

Mid-week preaching service Thursday, 8 p. m.

NATION'S PHONE

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night, the situation had worsened with the enlistment of New York and Chicago telephone operators in the ranks of sympathizers. New York operators had just notified the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. that they would not handle Ohio calls, and Chicago and Illinois workers had arranged a walkout of 7,000 employees.

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With a view to the future, the city administration is also viewing the need for a new turbine generator, boiler and other equipment at the city plant. Since the 3,000 KWH turbine exploded at the municipal plant in 1942, the city has been purchasing a parcel of its electrical energy from the Indiana Service Corp., over a high tension line, connected with the city's line out of 7,000 employees.

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