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A dusky lad remarked to his lady-love that he wished he was a centipede. The lady asked him what on earth he meant by such a silly suggestion. His reply was: "So I'd have a hundred arms to hug you with." "Why, you dumb niggard," she said, "you doan' use de two arms de Lord did giv you."

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Creamed Comments On S. S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Purity of Heart and Life, Proverb 4:23-27; 5:1-4; 31:10-12; James 1:13-15 for Sunday, August 10.

Purity of heart and life is God's standard for every one. The moral laxity calls for straight thinking and plain talk; many proverbs furnish the basis for such consideration.

V.23. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. 'Social security is needed for the physical life, heart purity is needed for the spiritual life. What the life is will be determined by what the heart is. By heart, we mean desire, impulses motives.

V.24. "Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee." In view of the context, this admonition is probably primarily against talk which is immorally suggestive. To guard the heart one needs to guard his words also.

V.25. "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee." Let the eyes look where they need to look and not to look at one side in order to see something of an immorally suggestive character.

V.26. "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." It is important that all our actions have moral quality and so they need to be weighed carefully and ordered aright.

V.27. "Turn not to the right nor to the left; remove thy foot from evil." Growth of character depends very largely upon the promptness of our decisions and our willingness to pursue certain spiritual objectives with determination.

V.1. "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding." This is a figurative expression to indicate attentive listening.

V.2. "That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge." By giving adequate heed to wise counsel, one may guard his thoughts and words and act discreetly. Parents, teach

ers, trusted friends or character ought to be used by the youth as added safeguards.

V.3. "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil." The designing woman is artful in her approach to victims. Evil often cloaks itself in the dress of graciousness. Here is one place that one is justified in being angry — "Be angry and sin not" is good advice.

V.4. "But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword." When vice lays hold on the life of youth, it twists and wrenches every power, leaving the life broken and embittered. There never has been any reward for evil but suffering, disgrace, and death.

Those who yield to seductive words bring upon themselves sorrows and troubles that are bitter indeed. V.10. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Next to Christ, is a woman with a good heart, a pure life and a sacrificing love; such a woman makes a mother on whom heaven smiles and the home adores.

V.11. "The heart of her husband doth safely trust her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." Father is the breadwinner and the mother is the home maker; he trusts her to use his earnings well.

V.12. "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Pure womanhood is the only successful antidote to moral — depravity. The devoted mother, the steadfast sweetheart, the faithful wife present a picture of humanity at its best.

V.13. "Let no man say when he is tempted, am tempted of God; for God can not be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man." God permits man, for the cultivation of his spiritual life, to endure temptation. God never consents to our being subjected to temptation which would be too strong for us to withstand. With every temptation he makes a way of escape.

V.14. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lusts and enticed." Temptation lies in the consenting desires, a yielding to an evil impulse. Man is guilty of sin when he fails to control his desires and impulses. The result of sinful yielding is seen in the next verse. It is at the point of control of the inner life that salvation by Christ is seen.

V.15. a.m.—Sunday church school, Curtis Hill, supt. Classes with separate rooms and capable teachers for all ages. Urge your friends, guests and neighbors to attend. All are welcome. Special service in junior and intermediate departments centered around the picture "The Lord's Supper" in charge of the pastor.

10:30 a.m.—Divine worship and sermon. Subject: "He preached unto Him Jesus." This will be the last Sunday before the annual conference, all members and friends who have appreciated the services during the present pastorate are urged to be present. The abbreviated summer service is planned carefully and prayerfully for the strengthening of the spiritual life, you will profit by loyal attendance.

6:30 p.m.—Christian Endeavor societies.

7:30 p.m.—Evening service. Sermon on an appropriate and helpful theme. Let us make the last service of the conference year a worthwhile service. Invite your friends.

7:00 p.m.—Wednesday prayer and study.

Annual conference convenes at First Church Warsaw, Indiana this coming week, August 13 to 17. Mr. Earl Crider is delegate from Trinity Church and Mrs. R. O. Wynn is alternate. The pastor who is a member of several conference committees will attend all sessions.

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Lesson Prayer

Lesson prayer: We are grateful for ample provisions made for the cleansing of the heart and the making of a pure heart. Come, blessed Holy Spirit, with refining power and go through my heart till the image of God is restored and made to shine out as God's expression of divine love.

Clerious Says:

Clericus says: "How often parents have wrung their hands in despair as they have seen their children led astray by evil companions. Sometimes the imposition of stern discipline can halt this evil trend of affairs and turn it back. Often, however, parents have to leave their loved ones to the Lord, entrusting their efforts not on protest, which is generally futile, but on prayer which is always efficacious."

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2. How far should the youth be allowed to exercise their freedom when evil is involved?

3. What are the best safeguards of a pure life?

4. What are some of the sins that accompany immorality?

5. What can be done to bring about improvement for a purer society?

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Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Purity of Heart and Life for Sunday, August 10.

1. Why is it so important that thoughts and desires be right?

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6:00 a.m. Low Mass.

7:30 a.m. Low Mass.

9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.

10:15 a.m. Low Mass.

7:30 Friday evening, Holy hour.

Communion Sunday for Holy

Name Society.

(Matt. 16:18).

It is named of God. (Isa. 62:1-2).

The Church of God is the Body

of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23).

We enter the church through

Christ the Door (John 10:9).

The Church of God Organization:

1. Christ supplies the officers

(Eph. 4:11-12).

2. God keeps the record of mem-

bership (Ps. 27:6).

3. The Book of Life is the only

Church book (Luke 10:20).

4. The Word of God is the only

Discipline (II Tim. 3:16-17).

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church.

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Zion Evangelical and Reformed

William C. Feller, pastor

Church school at 9:00 a.m. Har-

old Hoffman, superintendent.

Worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "A Worthwhile Secret."

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all without a church home in the

city to worship in this service.

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First Presbyterian Church

John W. McPheters, Jr., minister

9:30 a.m., church school. "The

feet of the Lord is the beginning of

the world."

Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Sermon: "A Worthwhile Secret."

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The First Methodist Church

Merrill O. Lester, minister

Lowell J. Smith, supt

"The Victory of the Lamb" will

be the subject of the ministers ser-

mon at the worship hour 10:20 a.m.

Church school at 9:30. A cordial

invitation extended to all. Auctioneers are especially invited.

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