

Sunday School Lesson

CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

International Sunday School Lesson for December 12, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."—John 13: 34.

Lesson Text: Mark 12: 28-34; John 13: 34; 15: 10-14

Our lesson for this week is a fitting climax to a study of the Ten Commandments and the teaching of Jesus concerning them. The subject, "Christ's New Commandment," and its accompanying Golden Text gives us the necessary motivating power that should enable us to keep all of God's Commandments—that power is love.

For centuries the Jews had been taught that it was essential for them not only to love God but also their neighbors. Yet it was left to the founder of Christianity to give to the world a proper example of the meaning of this doctrine, which he did both by the spoken word and the acted deed.

Sad though it is, it is nevertheless true, that not every church member is a Christian. A man or woman practicing the principles of Jesus in any given community will stand out and be easily distinguished by those who come in contact with him from the others, some of whom may be enrolled on the list of church membership. Christianity in its application to life, has been defined, as the "habit of love in action."

Think of others and help them as you go through life: this is the commandment that Jesus gave in his teaching. It is a message which many need in this modern age when so much emphasis is placed upon our own comfort, ease and pleasure, and so little concern is taken in the happiness and welfare of others. It is interesting to note that the helpfulness with which Jesus used to il-

lustrate his teaching here was not in any big thing but in the simple essentials of life, food, clothes, health, companionship and rehabilitation. To practice in these arts any man or woman is capable and able if guided by the proper spirit.

These duties we owe to our neighbors, and some of us, like the ancient scribe, might ask who our neighbors are. As Jesus was teaching on one occasion, a lawyer asked him what was necessary to inherit eternal life, being solicitous as to the welfare of his immortal soul, just as most of us, Jesus allowed his questioner to reply to his own query and when repeated the familiar Jewish formula about love to God and his neighbor, Jesus placed his stamp of approval thereon, saying "This do and thou shalt live." But the scribe, wishing to explain why he had brought up for discussion a matter which could be so easily answered, inquired further and asked Jesus who his neighbor was.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan, one of the most beautiful stories in all literature was the answer Jesus gave to the questioner. Then Jesus asked the lawyer to say who had been neighbor to this Jew plainly pointing out that there were no artificial bounds fixed upon human brotherhood.

While we are living in an age in which philanthropy has been very generous and which has probably organized charity upon a more scientific basis than ever before, we are probably running the risk of fulfilling all our obligations to be neighborly by proxy. Most of us contribute small amounts of cash to various social and welfare organizations and seek to ease our conscience to the burden which it would feel if we were to enter in the presence of human misery, sorrow and distress.

Some of us are restrained from little acts of kindness and helpfulness by a certain timidity, being afraid to trust the heart of humanity for its proper response to a kindness rendered. How much better the world would be if each one of us tried to show to at least one

person each day that somebody else was interested in his life? It would not necessarily take much time or money and would come almost instinctively if we unreservedly accepted the social teachings of our Saviour.

A verse by Marguerite Wilkison is as follows:
I never cut my neighbor's throat;
My neighbor's gold I never stole;
I never spoiled his house and land;
But, God have mercy on my soul
For I am haunted night and day
By all the deeds I have not done,
O, unattempted loveliness!
O, costly valor never won!

Random Items

Our running time so seriously that Rocky, with no little annoyance, threatened not to wait any more.

WHO KNOWS?

Can any of you bird lovers tell us why Bellefonte Mallard ducks, down at the falls, don't fly south for the winter? Not that we want them to go, but we're interested in why they don't follow the instinct of their kind. The original pair of Mallards, Raymond and Diane, or Dinah, we never could remember HER name, had their wings clipped so they couldn't leave.

PROGRESS:

One of Bellefonte's newly-elected school directors, Robert M. Woodring, at the organization meeting, Monday night, reviewed in a reasonable way a number of complaints he has heard regarding the conduct of the schools. He said he believed one reason for the "rumors" is that the newspapers don't publish full accounts of board proceedings. "The public," he said, "needs more information." It hasn't been so many years ago that newspapers were absolutely barred from Board meetings, and credit for opening the meetings to the press goes squarely to James R. Hughes, who went to bat for reporters, invited them to attend, and gave the board a speech on why the press should attend all sessions. Since then, we believe, the board seldom has met without at least one reporter present. We believe the newsmen report all that's worth while at the sessions.

MARTHA

To the many boys in the Armed Services and to many other individuals who have voiced an interest in the community items lately, I must extend a very very sincere apology. I am really sorry that the items for the last three weeks did not appear in their proper order. My guess is that I was too late in sending them in.

Rev. Gordon wishes to announce that there will be evangelistic services conducted nightly in the M. E. church beginning this week. He desires the presence of every individual in the community to aid in making these services successful.

Mrs. Phoebe Chronister, chairlady of the National War Fund drive for this district, wishes to have published that the Black Oak and Martha district contributed \$64, and the Julian district contributed \$70, making a total of \$134 for the entire township.

Elmer Stiver of Sugar Grove, is now employed by the P. R. R. as a fireman.

There are many of the old faithful visiting hunters from various sections of the country here to enjoy deer season. Although there are not a great number of deer being brought in this season, we are of the belief that most of the visitors are enjoying the sport as well as the hospitality of the Martha people.

Most of them have expressed that they find it quite difficult to hunt without the splendid guidance of Walter Stiver and Shorty Williams who are now in the armed forces. Walter is probably demonstrating to the fellows in his company the experience he has had in shooting at moving targets. He certainly made a good showing last deer season. We may also predict that the hunters of this district will have a better chance this year due to the fact that 'Shorty' Williams is not here. I would like to recommend that the game commissioners extend an open season to these fellows when they come home on furlough.

John Stiver and Wilbur Wagner report by letter that they are enjoying good health in the army and wish to extend their regards to the community.

Blair Fink of this community will soon leave for the Navy. Good luck, 'Role,' and let us hear from you.

WOODWARD

Pfc. Richard "Bud" Kessinger arrived at the home of his father, "Rue" Kessinger on Tuesday of last week on a fourteen-day furlough. He joined his dad the very next day on a deer hunt. Believe me, he enjoyed his trip home to the full. He looks fine. His chums can address as follows: Pfc. Richard Kessinger, 33473095, Co. C, 399th Eng. C. Bn., APO 84, care postmaster, Shreveport, La.

Very recently, probably last week, the old blacksmith shop at Fledler was torn down. It seems there is no more work for a blacksmith, but it does seem if a little good management were used a blacksmith could have a good living at that trade. The shop was formerly owned by James Weaver, deceased, and now by Jay Vonada. We're sorry to see the shop and trade gone. Many of the older readers of the Centre Democrat will remember that old shop which had all the work the blacksmith and his apprentice could handle most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Eisenhuth were guests of Mrs. Carrie Fultz last Wednesday. They also attended the Evangelical prayer meeting that evening. We were certainly glad to meet them again.

A number of our little folks, principally those of school age, have or else had an attack of chicken pox. It has been going the rounds now for the last couple of weeks. No cases seem to be serious.

Pvt. Malcolm Boob left for his post of duty in Arizona on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hummel, their son, Kenneth and his father, Allison, were guests with friends and relatives in Shamokin from Friday until Sunday.

Randall Stover was the lucky hunter in capturing an eight-point buck one day last week. It appears the bucks are very scarce in these mountains.

LITTLE NITTANY

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gates of Baltimore, Md., spent a week's vacation with friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mackey of Monument, spent Friday evening with the latter's father, C. A. Dolan and family.

Mrs. Anna Clark and daughter Martha, called at the Jesse Probst home at Lock Haven, Saturday evening.

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Pvt. Michael Strassick of Fort Bliss, Texas, spent a 10-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Susan Strassick.

Mrs. Fannie Norton and daughter of Clearfield, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Arma Ducey.

Marguerite Williams, who underwent an operation at the Phillipsburg State Hospital, has returned home and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Sherman Nearhood spent Saturday at Hollidaysburg.

Edward Spitzer fell at his home on Saturday and broke his arm.

John and Nettie Shultzburger spent the weekend with their aunt in Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lego and family of Conemaugh, spent Sunday with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn are announcing the recent marriage of their second daughter, Phyllis, to John Kleisner, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Patterson in San Francisco, Cal. The Rev. Ralph Porter officiated. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Ruby Vaughn, and best man, Herman Watson. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cohen of Sacramento, Cal., attended the wedding.

The couple honeymooned in Palm Springs and are residing in San Francisco. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and is now serving in the Merchant Marine.

Willard Weaver, who was accidentally shot while hunting in the Phillipsburg State Hospital and is said to be getting along nicely. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Susie Strassick spent a week in Homestead with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Budish.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schoenfeld and daughter of Pittsburgh, Pfc. James Williams of North Carolina, Miss Leatrice Rackert and Mrs. W. E. Williams spent Sunday with Mrs. Marguerite Williams at her parental home.

Mrs. Arma Ducey spent a few days with her aged mother in Atlantic, near Houtzdale.

Just because Thanksgiving Day has passed there is no reason why we can't continue to be thankful for our great and manifold blessings.

Buy a war bond now—you do not have to wait until January; the enemy doesn't wait.



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