

THE QUEST OF THE BEST

The International Sunday School Lesson For May 5 Is "Jesus Sets New Standards of Living"—Mark 10:17-27

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"The Problem of Poverty" has become a petrifed phrase; for centuries the world has been familiar with it. Just now, however, we are hearing strangely little about it. The problem of today, by a curious anomaly is the problem of the rich. Society is not half so greatly concerned with how to feed and educate the poor, as with the bigger question of what to do with the extremely rich.

This is the topic that gives most scare-heads to the current issues of the newspaper. The corporations and their far-reaching activities are merely an expression of the problem of the rich man. The power of the plutocrat is a fertile theme for authors of innumerable books and magazine writers who trace most of the ills that affect politics, commerce and society directly to the door of the man of fortune. Like the mermaid, the rich man is the transgression of the very rich that is responsible for the tide of Socialism that is sweeping over America.

Whoever wants to inform himself upon this great and serious issue is bound to look up all available reliable authorities on the subject. No serious-minded person dares to be indifferent to it. The world's greatest Teacher of morals and social relationship upon this question of the rich man and the rich young ruler is of current interest; that it is the present Sunday school lesson is a timely coincidence.

Money had not atrophied this young man's finer qualities. Indeed, rightly used, money is the greatest means to true culture. On the other hand, there are men in Wall Street to-day who notoriously have metal hearts; cold and constant contact with gold has hardened their spiritual natures. They are now little more than animated money-bags; mere misers. Somehow, money has this quality. Overturned, it dulls the spirit's finest sensitivities. There is scarcely any fate more to be dreaded by a young person of noble qualities than that of becoming immersed in money getting and money hoarding.

Fortunately this danger had been escaped by the rich young ruler. Like the young man who is heir to America's largest fortune, he possessed good impulses and a sense of the value of spiritual things. He wanted more than he had; he was ambitious for real life, and he had learned that possessions do not constitute life.

"This life whereof our nerves are scant, This life, not death, for which we pant; More life, and fuller that we want."

Goods and Goodness

Both goods and goodness were this fortunate young man's possession. In answer to the question of Jesus, he declared that he had kept the commandments from his youth up. He must have spoken earnestly, and truly as he knew how, for Jesus was drawn to him in affection; he was the type of man whom the Master would love to have for a disciple and companion.

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one might venture to say, this barrier is money. He demands first place in the hearts of all disciples. It is vain to hope for the rewards of religion here or hereafter so long as God is denied complete sovereignty over our life. This attractive seeker after truth had a noble pulse; so far good; but he had not, what is equally essential the courage to follow the truth he found. He wanted life, but he also wanted goods, and in that testing, he chose the latter—only to have his property ravaged by the Romans a few years later.

With absolute conviction, it may be stated, that the one sufficient remedy for society's present ills arising from the greed or heedlessness of the wealthy is the same as that prescribed in the case of the rich young ruler—complete submission to Jesus Christ at this seemingly extravagant price. None of the social schemes that are so freely proposed can save society from its crass materialism; acceptance of the teachings of Jesus can. A revival of pure Christianity would do more to remove the causes of present popular unrest than all other agencies combined.

A Tight Squeeze for the Plethoric

Riches That Endure

The Italian proverb has it, "that God does not pay every Saturday, but He pays." He gives to His, that supreme reward which the rich young man sought and then refused to accept at the price—eternal life. The Lord has all the endless joys of eternity in which to settle His accounts. Then, adds the Teacher as a clincher to His argument, "Many that are first shall be last, and the last first. The rich man may rule now, but that is no guarantee that he shall continue to rule. The respective positions of Lazarus and Dives stay reversed for a long time. The sweetest hope of the present world, is another world where perfect justice reigns with perfect love.

Religion is not a mood, but a life; not a seasonal observance, but a continual practice.

KEEP LOOKING YOUNG

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

The flavor of home life is surely sweetest when it is permeated with religion. At the family altar spirit blends with spirit. A common faith is the strongest of all home ties. The family that is one in faith comes nearest to realizing the highest happiness ever vouchsafed to mortals. There can be no adequate substitute—not the Sunday school nor the church—for religion in the home. That is the influence that strikes deepest in the characters of children and its then for the responsibilities of citizenship. When mother and father share with the boys and girls the great verities of the spirit, and when the apologetics and refinements and love of Christ dominate the table talk, the family pleasure and reading and the daily chores, then the most that is possible for parents to do for children has been done for their training and happiness.

Any alert public school teacher will admit that the school is either in competition with or in cooperation with the pupil's home. When the latter is not the abode of correct speech, good taste and large outlook, it can undo all the efforts of the schoolteacher. For the essential and abiding part of every person's education is received in the home.

George Ade says, "You may lead a boy to college, but you cannot make him think." And it is the thinking that is done in college that makes real education, rather than the instruction that is imparted by the teacher. To fail to learn to think—think clearly, consecutively and fearlessly—is to fail in the first requirement of culture.

There are myriads of educated persons who have never seen the inside of a college; and thousands of fools who own sheepskins. Sometimes we make a fetch of schoolroom training. Life has many teachers and many classrooms. The person whose capacities are trained and under control, who knows the sphere in which he lives, and who can successfully relate his powers to present conditions, is an educated man.

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If we are to lose from our modern homes the race of pious mothers and godly fathers, who rear their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, then we are within sight of the dread day when our Christian civilization must be confessed a failure. The charge is frequently made that the woman of to-day cares chiefly for clothes, for society, for appearing in public places, and making an impression upon other people; and that she has lost her taste for the domestic pursuits and the deeper interests of religion. Which, bluntly put, means that some persons believe that we are losing the Christian mothers who give the glory of Christendom. Whether this be true or not is for every individual woman to answer for herself. Christ and the world both lose their best friends if the mothers of men are no longer to be the disciples and teachers of religion.

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