Short Sermons
For a
Sunday Half-Hour

Theme:

A RICH MAN'S DIFFICULTY.

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By Rev. Dr. John R. Mackay.

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Text: Jesus said unto him, Go sell whatever thou hast, and give to the poor; and come, take up the cross, and follow me.—Mark, x., 21.

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Here we have a drama that almost merges into a tragedy. It is full of power; it quivers with intensest interest.

Two young men face each other. The distinguishing quality in one is the bearing of a cultured, well bred gentleman. The distinguishing quality of the other is the strength and dignity and beauty of the soul that shines in every feature of His face. In the face of the one is a great expectancy; in that of the other is the strong reserve power that invites the cry of human need. The one is a pupil, the other is the master.

Jesus took his hand and, lifting him up to that level where man looks into the eyes of man, said, "Put away, sell those things that are between you and your fellow man and take the same pathway I am taking; then you will truly realize the vision that has come to your soul." These words created conviction, for they voiced the message of his own soul. He felt that was the door through which he must pass, and that on the other side of it would be new joy and new power. But the price was too great. In a silence as of the grave he turned sadly toward home.

This is no condemnation of riches. There is no moral quality in mere money. Our saying that money is the root of all evil is only partially true. It is true only in so far that money awakens the worst forms of selfishness in us—it touches springs and sources of soul poison as nothing else does. If there is anything else that will touch a deeper depth and awaken a worse form of selfishness, then that is the root of all evil. Jesus enunciated a great principle and did not tie up mankind to a narrow rule.

Life must have a vision, an ideal. A vision is an outline of possibility. "To live," to "truly live," is to bring energy, every activity, every thought to bear upon the filling in of that outline. It is to see a "gleam" and follow it. To see that vision is to see the purpose of God. To set out to realize it is to feel the presence of God in the life. This gives true bigness to the soul and to the life. The man who is too big to consider small things is also too small to consider big things. We must have telescopic men and men with telescopic minds. Too many are microscopic men—intense upon little things without seeing their inter-relationship or their relationship to a centre. In religion the order must never be inverted—it is vision, that we may see how the parts relate to the whole; outlook, that we may helpfully and truly get inlook. Wealth needs vision, and this Jesus gave this young man.

Vision finally changed him. Tradition says the young man followed Jesus later. This is easy to believe, for no true soul can ever get away from its vision or from the love that awakened it. Both were here. Every beggar he met, every struggling workman he employed, every ill clad, ill fed child he saw, every tired looking mother and every form of sorrow or suffering would daily awaken his vision anew. It would be with him as he rested on his own luxurious couch, as he sat at his own richly ladened table, as he put on his own comfortable garments, as he balanced his weekly accounts—the vision would pour in its light and suggestions on these. And so this vision, this love of Jesus would follow and appeal and plead until the heart and life became shot through with the Christ spirit, selfishness was driven out, his soul set free to follow the gleam and the true joy of ennobled manhood became the young man's possession.

What to Pray for.

We are too much afraid of faith. Christ was afraid that his followers would not have enough faith; he did not seem to be afraid of too much. "We must not be fanatics," we say; "we must not ask God to work miracles." But a miracle is only an evident work of God. God has not ceased to work, and we need not trouble ourselves about his methods. We can safely leave that to Him.

But what must we pray for? It is the heart that prays, and every desire of the heart may well be a subject of prayer. Prayer for its gratification or its suppression.—Christian Advocate.

God's Child.

You are in God's world: you are God's child. Those things you cannot change. The only peace and rest and happiness for you is to accept them and rejoice in them. When God speaks to you, you must not believe that it is the wind blowing or the torrent falling from the hill. You must know that it is God. You must gather up the whole power of meeting him.—Phillips Brooks.

Response to Love.

God's love is not rounded out until I respond to it.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

HE NEVER SPOKE AGAIN.

Vow Made By the Ventriloquist's Dog When Deserted.

The following story is told of a ventriloquist, now famous, but at the time of this happening, so poor that he used to walk between the cities where he was to appear. On one of these tours he came to Philadelphia on foot, and on the road he picked up a miserable little dog "because it looked so much like he felt." The story will explain what became of the dog.

The first house he came to was a saloon, and of course he wanted a drink. He had no money, but went in anyhow to see what he could do. The proprietor, who was a German, said, "Well, what will you have?"

He said, "I'll take a little whiskey." And then turning to the dog, he asked, "What will you have?"

The answer came very promptly, "I'll take a ham sandwich."

The German was so surprised he almost fainted. He looked at the dog a moment, and then asked, "What did you say?"

The dog replied, "I said I'd take a ham sandwich."

Hans thought it wonderful that a dog should be able to talk, and asked who had trained him, how long it had taken, and wound up with, "How much will you take for him?"

"Oh," replied Mr. Ventriloquist, "I wouldn't sell him at any price, but I am a little hard up, and if you will lend me fifty dollars I'll leave him with you till I bring back the money."

"All right," said Hans, "I just want him for a little while so I can show him to some people I know around here."

So everything was settled, the money paid, the dog left with the proprietor, and as the ventriloquist went out he turned and waved his hand to the dog and said, "Well, good-bye, Jack. I'll come back soon."

The dog looked at him, and said, "You mean, despicable man, to sell me for fifty dollars after all I've done for you! So help me Moses, I'll never speak another word as long as I live!"

And he didn't.

Tit for Tat.

A few days ago two young ladies hailed a trolley, entered it, and found only standing room. One of them whispered to her companion:

"I'm going to get a seat from one of these men. You take notice."

She looked down the row of men and selected a sedate gentleman who bore the general settled appearance of a married man. She sailed up to him and boldly opened fire:

"My dear Mr. Green! How delighted I am to meet you! You are almost a stranger. Will I accept your seat? Well I do feel tired, I heartily admit. Thank you, so much."

The sedate gentleman—a total stranger, of course—looked, listened, then quietly arose and gave her his seat, saying:

"Sit down, Jane, my girl. Don't often see you out on a washing-day. You must feel tired, I'm sure. How's your mistress?"

The young lady got her seat, but lost her vivacity.

Buying Fodder for the Newlyweds.

The newly married couple had just moved into their new home. On the morning after their arrival a baker called to solicit their trade. He found the young wife in the kitchen. After explaining that his wagon delivered once a day, the baker asked, "And may we have your trade, madam?"

"And about how much bread will you want each day?"

"Well, I don't know exactly. You see, there are only two of us." Then doubtfully, "Would five loaves a day be enough, do you think?"

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE.

Angelina—Doesn't young Mr. Casey wear striking clothes?

Genevieve—Well, why shouldn't he? Ain't he a knocker?

Bringing It to a Climax.

"I know what's passing in your mind," suddenly said the maiden as the habitually silent caller stared at her. "I know, too, why you are calling here night after night, appropriating my time to yourself and keeping other nice, young men away. You want me to marry you, don't you?"

"I—I do!" gasped the young man.

"I thought so. Very well; I will."

All Wants Supplied.

Book Agent—Can I sell you a copy of Loisette's "Memory System"?

Banker—Not much, young man. I don't need it—my memory is perfect.

Book Agent—Then you must want Boisette's "How to Forget It." This is the same method used by Rockefeller, Perkins and many of our noted citizens.

Cause and Effect.

The Earl of Ennui (dreamily)—Wisht I just had er million, and ten years ahead of me.

Baron Beating-It—Well, you grab the ten years all right, all right.

Feared Their Women.

Gaston Boissier of the French academy has been making a study of the suffrage movement, and tells, in "Cicero and His Friends," how much afraid the Romans were that women, who had such great influence in the home, would begin to exert as much influence in the state. Cato was especially bitter against women, and Livy makes him say: "Remember all these regulations our ancestors made to subject wives to their husbands. Shackled as they are, you have trouble to manage them. What will happen if you give them their liberty, if you allow them to enojy the same rights as yourselves? Do you think you will then be their masters? The day they become your equals they will become your superiors."

Rabbinical Wit.

An English rabbi was asked if there was any weighty reason against having a clock in the synagogue. "By no means," was the reply. "Have your clock, but put it outside the building, and then you can tell how late you come to the service." Two rabbis were passing the beautiful synagogue in which one of them officiated. "How I envy you!" said the first. "You must be in a paradise." "Hold, friend!" the second explained. "In the original paradise there was only one serpent, but in this congregation are many of them."

Easy!

Six-year-old Ray's teacher was endeavoring to give some very simple instructions in fractions. She added, "If Jane has six eggs and uses half of them to bake a cake what part will she have left?" Quickly came the answer, "The shells!"

Stagnation Means Defeat.

One grows or stagnates. Stagnation is not good for any one. To be in touch with the progress of the world one must keep in touch with the life that makes it progress, and every man and woman plays some part in this.

Increased Petroleum Production.

The petroleum production of the United States in 1908 has been estimated at between 175,000,000 and 180,000,000 barrels, an increase of five to nine per cent., as compared with the production of 166,000,000 barrels in 1907.

Exclusive.

"Where do the Hottentots live, Mary?" a public-school teacher asked one of her pupils. "I don't know, 'm," said Mary, primly. "Ma won't let me visit any of the people in this neighborhood."—Youth's Companion.

As a Rule.

"When a man gives it out that he is not seeking a nomination," observes Old Man Phocks, "it is generally because he thinks the nomination is breaking its neck chasing him."

Town Booming Helps

IV.—Rah! Rah! Rah!

Two Americans meeting in Europe, one of them said, "I am from Jones' Siding."

"And I," said the other, throwing out his chest, "am from Chicago."

"Seems to me I've heard of that place. About how far is it from Jones' Siding?"

The Jones' Siding spirit is the kind that helps a town. This man considered his own home THE FINEST PLACE IN THE WORLD. If there are many more there like him Jones' Siding will some day be crowding other places off the map.

He was the kind of man who spends his money at home, who patronizes home industries, talks up his

home town and h[illegible] up. HE WAS A DESIRABLE CITIZEN.

The mail order houses could[illegible] business with him unless the[illegible] located in his own town, [illegible] he knows that, as far as h[illegible] as concerned, Jones' Siding w[illegible] the center of the earth.

Think it over and [illegible] if we can't work up some of the Jones' Siding spirit right here!

LET US GET TOGETHER AND MAKE THINGS BOOM.

Every letter that is posted here should be an advertisement for the town, even the love letters, for we want the right kind of people to come here and settle.

Let's advertise ourselves, our home industries and our good prospects IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.-By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 1909, at 2 p. m.,

All of defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property, viz:

All the following described piece of land, situate, lying and being in the township of Manchester, bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a stake and stones corner, being the south-west corner of a lot of land sold by A. Bennett, to R. Schnider; thence south seventy-three and one-half degrees west fifty rods to a stake and stones corner; south sixteen and one-half degrees east one hundred and fifty-nine rods to a stake and stone corner; thence north seventy-three and one-half degrees east fifty rods to a stake and stones corner; and north sixteen and one-half degrees west one hundred and fifty-nine rods to the place of beginning, containing fifty acres, be the same more or less. See Deed Book No. 97, at page 254. Upon the said premises are apple and other fruit trees and nearly all improved land.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of James Van Order, at the suit of John Reynard. No. 9, June Term, 1908. Judgment, $150. Lee, Attorney.

ALSO.

All of defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property, viz:

All the following described piece of land, situate, lying and being in the township of Damascus, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a beech in the north line of Lot No. 90 in the allottment of the Edwin Shields lands; thence by Lot No. 91 south twelve and one-half degrees east ninety rods to a stake and stones corner; thence north seventy-seven and one-half degrees west one hundred and six rods to a corner; thence north twelve and one-half degrees west ninety rods to a corner; thence north seventy-seven and one-half degrees east one hundred and six rods to the place of beginning. CONTAINING sixty acres, be the same more or less. Upon the said premises is a frame house and barn, other out buildings, apple orchard and small fruits, and nearly all improved land.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Samuel H. Skinner at the suit of John Reynard. Deed Book 93, page 51. No. 32, March Term, 1909. Judgment, $746.58. Lee, Attorney.

ALSO.

All of defendants right, title and interest in the following described property, viz:

All those two certain lots or parcels of land, situate and being in the Borough of Hawley, County of Wayne, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows. The first thereof BEGINNING at a point sixty feet from the northeasterly corner of twenty-fourth and Twenty-eighth streets in a southerly direction; thence northerly in a line parallel to Twenty-fourth street one hundred and twenty feet; thence south-easterly on a line parallel to Twenty-eighth street sixty feet; thence south-westerly on a line parallel to Twenty-fourth street to the north-eastern side of Twenty-eighth street one hundred and twenty feet; thence along said Twenty-eighth street in a northwesterly direction sixty feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING seven thousand two hundred (7200) square feet of land. Being known on the map of the Pennsylvania Coal Company as lot fourteen (14) on Twenty-eighth street in said Borough of Hawley.

The second thereof BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Twenty-eighth street, one hundred and twenty feet from the south-east corner of Twenty-fourth and Twenty-eighth streets; thence easterly on a line parellel with said Twenty-fourth street one hundred and twenty feet; thence southerly on a line parellel with said Twenty-eighth street sixty feet; thence westerly on a line parallel with Twenty-fourth street aforesaid one hundred and twenty feet to the easterly line of Twenty-eighth street; thence northerly along the same sixty feet to the place of beginning. CONTAINING seven thousand two hundred square feet of land more or less. Being the same two pieces of land conveyed to Edward Sample and Sarah, his wife, by John Curran and Mary, his wife, by deed dated August 13, 1904, and recorded in Wayne County Deed Book No. 92, page 575. On said premises is a small frame dwelling house.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Edward Sample and Sarah A. Sample, at the suit of George H. Cook. No. 245, May Term, 1904. Judgment, $177.

A. T. Searle and V. A. Decker, Attorneys.

ALSO.

All of defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property, viz:

All that lot of land situate in the village of White Mills, Texas township, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING in the middle of the public road leading from Honesdale to Hawley at the north-east corner of R. P. Smith's land; thence along the middle of the said public road south fifty-nine and one-half degrees east thirty-one and one-half feet; thence by other lands of Fred Ellison south thirty-six and three-quarter degrees west ninety feet to the berm bank of the old Delaware & Hudson Canal to a stake; thence along said berm bank north fifty-nine and one-half degrees west thirty-one and one-half feet to a post; thence by land of R. P. Smith north thirty-six and three-quarter degrees east ninety feet to the place of beginning. The bearings of the lines are the angles the lines make with the true meridians. CONTAINING 2819 square feet. Be the same more or less. Being the same land which Minor Brown et ux. conveyed to Alvin J. Brown by deed dated the ninth day of May, 1905, and recorded in Wayne County, in Deed Book, No. 93, at page 474.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Alvin J. Brown at the suit of Honesdale Realty Co. No. 19, March Term, 1909. Judgment, $50.

Salmon, Attorney.

ALSO.

All of the defendant's right, title and interest in the following described property, viz:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Manchester, county of Wayne, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake and stones corner in the line of Jacob Kellam on the southwest bank of the Little Equinunk Creek; thence south 14 degrees east 24 rods to stones corner; thence south 71 and one-half degrees west 28 rods to stones corner; thence north 51 degrees west 42 rods to stones corner; thence north 25 and one-half degrees west 22 rods to stones corner; on the south west bank of the creek; thence the several courses and distances along the creek on the southwest bank to the place of beginning. CONTAINING 12 and one-eighth acres more or less. Being the same piece of land J. T. Barnes and Peter S. Barnes sold to James Jones (under the name of James Reaves) and being the same land which E. M. Spencer, Esq., Sheriff of Wayne county sold to W. W. Weston on the 28th day of April, 1876, as property of James Jones and recorded in Sheriff Deed Book No. 4, page 428, etc. Being the same lot sold to Wm. Tyler by deed February 1st, 1892, and recorded in the office for recording of deeds in and for Wayne county in Deed Book No. 71, page 166, etc. And being same land which Wm. Tyler conveyed to Mary Tyler by deed dated May 12th, 1902, and recorded in Wayne county in Deed Book No. 91, page 130, etc. Upon said land is 2-story frame house and frame barn and nearly all improved land.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Mary E. Tyler at the suit of Elijah Teeple, assigned to W. G. Hawley. No. 219, March Term, 1908. Judgment, $144.

Mumford, Attorney.

Take Notice.—All bids and costs must be paid on day of sale or deeds will not be acknowledged.

M. LEE BRAMAN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Honesdale, Sept. 23, 1909.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the accountants herein named have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register of Wills of Wayne County, Pa., and that the same will be presented at the Orphans' Court of said county for confirmation, at the Court House in Honesdale, on the fourth Monday of Oct. next—viz:

First and final account of S. B. Sergent, acting executor of the estate of Mathew Clemo, Dyberry.

First and final account of W. H. Bullock, executor of the estate of Mary Ballamy, Dyberry.

First and partial account of Wilhelmine Smith, executrix of the estate of John H. Smith, Honesdale.

First and partial account of M. N. Robinson, executor of the estate of Franklin H. Robinson, Texas.

First and final account of Perry Gilpin, administrator of the estate of Catharine B. Gilpin, Sterling.

First and final account of Charles W. Schrader, administrator of the estate of Ocie Rust, Texas.

First and partial account of A. B. Hazlett and Jennie McDonnell, executors of the estate of Sarah H. Hazlett, Lake.

First and final account of Mrs. B. R. Haggerty, administratrix of the estate of Frederick Haggerty, Texas.

First and final account of Mary A. Mitchell, administratrix of the estate of David S. Mitchell, Berlin.

First and partial account of May M. Foster, now May M. Davies, testmentary guardian of George O. Foster, a minor child of Clarence E. Foster, Honesdale.

Final account of George D. Prentiss and George E. Moase, executors of he estate of Martin Prentiss, Mount Pleasant.

E. W. GAMMELL, Register.

Register's Office, Honesdale, Sept. 28, 1909. 7613

JURORS FOR OCTOBER TERM.

GRAND JURORS.

Berlin—Jacob Hiller.
Buckingham—Andrew Guholz.
Canaan—J. M. Edwards.
Clinton—Edward Coggins.
Cherry Ridge—John Forster.
Damascus—W. J. Loy, W. C. Turner.
Dreher—Charles Hazelton.
Honesdale—H. J. Conger.
Hawley—Joseph Baschon, Sr., R. W. Murphy.
Manchester—John Hughes, Mat. Mogridge.
Mt. Pleasant—Ray F. Wheeler.
Oregon—Claus Brill.
Palmyra—George Kehr.
Prompton—A. B. Wood.
Starrucca—A. W. Larrabee.
Salem—Philip Krieger, E. B. Hollister.
South Canaan—J. F. Gleason.
Sterling—Charles Smith.
Texas—Frank Bunnell, D. E. Foley.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Berlin—Wm. Daniels, W. C. Spry.
Bethany—W. O. Avery.
Canaan—Clarence Weed.
Cherry Ridge—E. E. Kinsman, Philip Reining.
Dyberry—Chas. H. Bellamy, Cory Faatz, F. H. Thompson.
Damascus—George Knapp, J. M. Pollock.
Dreher—Herman Friebole.
Honesdale—E. C. Clark, Thomas Flynn, Fred Schimmell, Walter Bayley, W. F. Pearce, Geo. A. Miller.
Hawley—Theo. Wall, N. P. Atkinson, George Blossom, W. A. Gregg.
Lebanon—William Yale, Samuel Wilmarth.
Lake—George Franc, James Lesher, E. P. Jones.
Lehigh—Frank Murphy.
Mt. Pleasant—G. E. Moase, Jno. Perham.
Preston—J. N. Fletcner, A. W. Lakin.
Paupack—Fred Brutsche, Francis Waterson.
Palmyra—Paul Williams.
Starrucca—S. S. Callander.
Salem—J. W. Bidwell.
South Canaan—Edward Baker.
Scott—F. A. Curtis, Augustus Waidler.
Sterling—I. J. Simons, S. N. Cross.
Texas—Herbert H. Hiller, Patrick Lynott, Calvin Bunnell, W. H. Sherwood, Frank Lesh.
Waymart—Luther Bryant.

NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

Time Table in Effect June 20th, 1909.

SCRANTON DIVISION

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Additional trains leave Carbondale for Mayfield Yard at 6.50 a. m. daily, and 5.36 p m daily except Sunday. Additional trains leave Mayfield Yard for Carbondale 6 38 a m daily and 8 28 p. m. daily except Sunday.

J. C. ANDERSON, Traffic Manager, 56 Beaver St., New York.

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