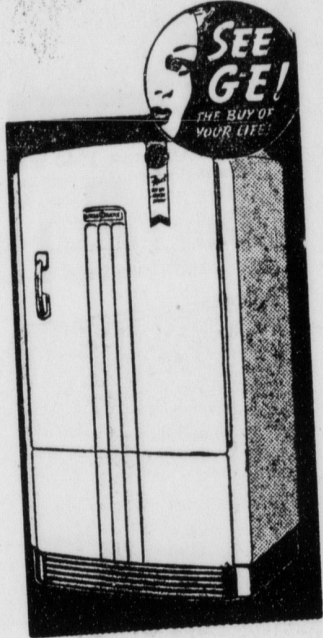


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WITH WHAT MEASURE YE METE

"Judge not, that ye not be judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the

mote out of thy brother's eye."

This section of the Sermon on the Mount consists of five short verses, and only about one hundred words, and yet, says Dr. Emmet Fox, it is hardly too much to say that at its simple face value it is the most staggering document ever presented to mankind.

In these five verses we are told more about the nature of man and the meaning of life, and the importance of conduct, and the art of living, and the secret of happiness and success, and the way out of trouble, and the approach of God, and the emancipation of the soul, and the salvation of the world, and the philosophers and theologians and the savants put together have told us — for it explains the Great Law.

It is vastly more important than a man, and still more than a child, could be taught in schools and colleges. There is nothing to be found in any of the ordinary courses of study; there is nothing to be learned in any library, or in any laboratory that is one-millionth

part as important as the information contained herein. If it were ever possible to justify the fanatical saying: "Burn the rest of the books, for it is all in this one," it would be in reference to those words.

Judge not that ye not be judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

If the average man understood for a single moment the meaning of these words, and really believed them to be true, they would immediately revolutionize his whole life from top to bottom; turn his everyday conduct inside out, and so change him that, in a comparatively short space of time, his closest friends would hardly know him. Whether he were the President, or the man on the street, this understanding would turn the world upside down for him, and because the thing is infectious beyond computing, it would turn the world upside down for many, many others as well.

Again and again we are struck with amazement upon re-reading this Sermon on the Mount with a fresh mind, to find how completely its most challenging statements have been quietly ignored in practice by the bulk of the Christian world. If one did not know for a fact that these words are constantly heard in public, and read in private, by millions and millions of Christians of all sorts, he could hardly believe it to be possible; for the truths which they teach seem to be the last consideration to enter into people's motives in everyday life and conduct — and yet they express the simple and inescapable Law of Life.

The plain fact is that it is the Law of Life that, and speak, and act towards others, so will others think, and speak, and act towards us. Whatever sort of conduct we give out, that we are inevitably bound to get back. Anything and everything that we do to others will sooner or later be done to us by someone, somewhere. The good that we do to others we shall receive back in like measure; and the evil that we do to others in like manner we shall receive back too.

This does not in the least mean that the same people whom we treat well or ill will be the actual ones to return the action. That almost never happens; but what does happen is that at some other time or place, often far away and long afterwards, someone else who knows nothing whatever of the previous action will, nevertheless, repay it, grain for grain, to us. For every unkind word that you speak to or about another person, an unkind word will be spoken to or about you. For every time that you cheat, you will be cheated. For every time that you deceive you will be deceived. For every lie that you utter, you will be lied to. Every time that you neglect a duty, or evade a responsibility, or misuse authority over other people, you are doing something for which you will inevitably have to pay by suffering a like injury yourself. With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Now, it is not obvious that if only people realized all this as being literally true, it would have the profoundest influence on their conduct? Would not such an understanding do more in practice to decrease crime and raise the general moral standard of the community than all the laws ever passed by parliaments, or all the formal punishments meted out by judges and mag-

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People are very apt to think, especially when they are strongly tempted, that they can probably escape the law of the land, outrun the constable, or slip through the clutches of authority in some other way. They hope that individuals will forgive them, or else be powerless to revenge their actions; or that the thing will be forgotten some time; or, better still, that they will never be found out at all. If, however, they understood that the law or retribution is a Cosmic Law, impersonal and unchanging as the law of gravity; neither considering persons nor respecting institutions; without rancor but without pity; they would think twice before they treated other people unjustly.

The law of gravity never sleeps, is never off duty or off guard, is never tired out, is neither compassionate nor vindictive; and no one would ever dream of trying to evade it, or coax it, or bribe it, or intimidate it.

People accept it as being inevitable and inescapable, and they shape their conduct accordingly — and the law of retribution is even as the law of gravity. Water finds its own level sooner or later, and our treatment of others returns at last upon ourselves.

Neglect the Church and God, and someday you will reap the results in sudden grief as you discover that neither God nor the Church will know you. "For if anyone will acknowledge me before men, I will acknowledge

him before my Father in heaven; and whosoever will disown me before men, I will disown him before my Father in Heaven." "As you sow, you reap."

Patton Methodist Church
James A. Turner, Pastor

Church School 10 A. M., Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Epworth League at 6:30. Mid-Week Bible Class on Wednesday at 7:30.

Five important and timely subjects will be studied at the Standard Training School during October: "A Bird's Eye View of The Bible," "How The Methodist Church Developed," "Christian Beliefs For Present-Day Living," "How Can The Church Help Build A Better World?" and "The Dramatic Art." The dates are Oct. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20. Tuesdays and Fridays. Everybody is invited to join one of the classes. Here is a chance for intelligent people to keep up to date in several vital and significant topics. Don't miss this fine chance to extend your mental and spiritual horizons.

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ments — all add to that intricate and confused phenomenon called a man's life. Some people never succeed in straightening it out. We are studying Dr. Peale's book, "You Can Win," and these studies on Wednesday evenings will help you to solve your problems. Come and sit with us. It will do you good.

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STINEMAN MINERS CALL OFF STRIKE

Approximately 300 miners employed at No. 4 mine of Stineman Coal and Coke Company, South Fork, voted to return to work last Thursday afternoon a strike called on Wednesday afternoon of last week in protest to the discharge of a number of men.

It was charged three miners were discharged by the company for riding a loaded trip of coal from the mine, which is said to be a violation of the mining laws.

Officials of the union said that other miners also had violated the same law and that the company should discharge all the guilty workers instead of only the three who were reported by mine officials.

At a meeting of the mine committee and mine officials last week an agreement was reached to resume operations pending settlement of the differences.