

# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR MAY 5

### JESUS SETS NEW STANDARDS OF LIVING.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 10:1-11.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6:33.

EVOLUTIONAL READING—Ephesians 6:10-12.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25; Exodus 20:2-17; Matthew 18:1-14; 19:16-30; Luke 18:15-29.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus and the children.

LESSON MATERIAL—Mark 10:13-16.

MEMORY VERSE—Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.—Mark 10:14.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How God would have us live.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Exodus 20:2-17; Leviticus 19:11-18; Matthew 22:34-40.

#### I. Regarding Marriage (vv. 1-12).

The question touching divorce, which the Pharisees temptingly put to Christ, brought forth teaching which exhibits marriage in its true light.

1. Should not be degraded by divorce (vv. 1-6).

Divorce was not instituted by God. The marriage relationship is indissoluble. Moses suffered divorce, limited and regulated it. Its existence, its practice, is indicative of the coarseness and perverseness of man. Sin is its real cause.

2. Marriage is God's primal law (vv. 6-9).

The ideal law of life for the subjects of the kingdom of marriage. This is proven by the fundamental fact of sex. The union of the male and female natures is physical, mental and spiritual. In marriage, the male and female natures are mutually complemented. God's intention is that man should not be without the woman, nor the woman without the man (1 Cor. 11:11).

3. Remarriage of the divorcer is adultery (vv. 10-12).

The marriage relationship can only be broken by death and sin. In view of the fact that marriage is for life, men and women should not enter this relationship without very serious consideration. Divorce for other than marital infidelity does not give the right to remarry.

#### II. Regarding Children (vv. 13-16).

The union of the male and female natures, according to God's purpose, lays the foundation for family life. The issue of such union is children. In connection with the divine law of marriage, it is fitting that Jesus should set forth his estimate of children and interest in them. The disciples considered it beneath the dignity of the Master to spend time with the children. Those who think it beneath their dignity to give attention to children should ponder well the words of Jesus. This will give the disciples proper consideration for work among children, and also to the nurture and discipline of their own children. Christian men and women will regard children as the property of the Lord, and will esteem it a high and holy privilege to train them for him. Due attention to Christ's teaching regarding children would transform the home life of society.

#### III. Regarding Riches (vv. 17-31).

1. The young ruler's question (v. 17). This question reveals a void in his heart. He was a young man with a lovable character. The Savior's affections were enraptured by him. He was moral, honest, earnest and courageous. He had a wrong conception of eternal life. He thought that eternal life could be obtained by good works. Though he claimed to have kept the law, he was conscious of something lacking. He was willing to do something to fill up that which was lacking; therefore he came to Jesus making inquiry as to that lack.

2. Jesus' reply (vv. 18, 19).

He knew the young man's heart, and put his finger on the weak spot. When it came to parting with his possessions in order to help his neighbor he parted with the Lord, going away sorrowful. This revealed the fact that he was a covetous man, a violator of the tenth commandment.

3. Lacking one thing and yet lost (vv. 21, 22).

When the Lord pointed out to him that the defect in his life was the love of his money, he was unwilling to pay the price. When the time came in his life to choose between eternal life and riches, he chose wealth and parted company with Christ, perhaps, forever.

4. The peril of riches (vv. 23-31).

The difficulty does not lie in the fact that a man possesses riches, for a man may possess great riches and still be on an heir of the kingdom. Wealth is a mighty power. In itself it is good. It will provide bread for the widow and orphan, amelioration for the suffering, and send the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. The step from possessing riches to trusting in them is a very short one. The tendency of growing wealth is to destroy the nobler life of the soul. Many of the most useful men in ancient and modern times have been men of wealth; but they, like Abraham, chose to live in tents, looking to the heavenly city which hath foundations. As long as a man possesses riches he is safe, but as soon as riches possess the man he is in deadly peril.

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The Horse's False Teeth. Four-year-old David was greatly impressed when his grandmother removed her teeth at bedtime. The next day David saw a man taking the bit from a horse's mouth. "Grandmother!" he exclaimed, "look at that man taking the horse's teeth out!"

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The Affronted Galloper. Frederick Smith—"Galloper," as is sometimes called in England—got into difficulty now and then during the American visit on account of his fiery and ebullient nature.

"Galloper" Smith had an altercation with an Irish-American lawyer at a trial that he attended in New York. The altercation became very warm. Finally one of the Galloper's supporters said, with a sneer and a toss of the head towards the Irish-American: "Come away, Sir Frederick. Remember your rank."

"Remember I'm what?" roared Galloper Smith fiercely.

rips by two men, one a careful plowman and the other a poor plowman. The poorly plowed strips showed poorer corn all through the summer and produced 20 bushels less corn to the acre than the well-plowed strips. The careless plowman allowed the plow to "cut and cover" in places, leaving hard spots where the plow did not loosen the land and large air



Early Cultivation is an Aid to Increased Corn Production.

spaces where the overturned sod buckled and did not come in contact with the subsoil. Hills of corn growing on hard spots or over large air spaces usually produce poorly.

The most successful corn growers realize the importance of thorough early cultivations, which prevent any check in the growth of the plants due to weeds or crusted soil. From the time of germination to the maturing of the corn the farmer should see that the plants are not subjected to any preventable unfavorable conditions, but are permitted to make a steady vigorous growth.

Use Weeders and Harrows. Horse weeders and harrows should be used when needed to break a surface crust, check insect depredations, or kill young weeds that start before the corn is up or large enough to be worked with other implements. For the first cultivation after the plants are up, and while they are very small, narrow shovels that throw the soil very little should be used, and fenders usually are desirable to prevent the covering of the plants.

After the plants have reached a height of 2 or 3 feet, the soil, even in the middle of the rows, should not be cultivated deeper than 4 inches, and usually a shallower cultivation will prove better. For retaining soil moisture a loose soil mulch 2 or 3 inches in thickness should be maintained.

Corn should be cultivated often enough to keep down weeds and to maintain constantly a loose soil mulch until the corn has attained its growth. To this end a greater number of cultivations will be necessary when rains at intervals of about a week cause the surface soil to run together and crust.

low to justify its use as a substitute for sugar, it is rarely used in commercial food manufacturing except in the making of certain cakes which must be kept moist for a considerable time. Usually, however, the supply of honey is so inadequate that most of the cream can be used as a spread for bread. With the use limited as it is, many people in the United States rarely eat honey, but it is evident that there might be developed a ready sale for honey as a supplement to sugar, if production were increased many times.

The amount of nectar secreted by the untold myriads of flowers, from which bees make honey, is large beyond our comprehension. The total amount of sugar in the nectar greatly exceeds the amount of all sugar and other sweets consumed by the American people. Unfortunately, from the standpoint of man, this sugar cannot all be collected and utilized as human food. Even the honey bee, which is so often used as an example of industry, consumes for its own food the larger part of all that it collects.

Beekeeping is, therefore, the means of saving for human use a small fraction of the vast store of sugar secreted. But the raw material is free and its conservation costs only a small expenditure for equipment and relatively little in labor, and the honey crop could be increased 10 or even 20 times without increasing the cost of production per pound to an appreciable degree.

### LIMESTONE FOR SOUR SOILS

Farmers Have Been Too Slow in Appreciating Its Value—Aids Manure and Fertilizer.

Ground limestone is the greatest known aid to bigger, better crops. Farmers have been far too slow in appreciating its value. Only ten years ago, not more than a few hundred tons of lime were used in this country annually. At the present time the yearly tonnage has mounted up to the million mark, but even this is too little, by far.

It has been said that one acre in every three of arable land in this country is sour. Authorities claim that lime is badly needed all over eastern Ohio. Nearly every acre of land in New England is in need of liming. Also the land of the Atlantic and Gulf coast plains. In Wisconsin, four-fifths of the land in the state needs it badly. Even in the heart of the corn belt, the richest land in the world, farmers are turning to the use of lime to grow big crops of corn and wheat. Every acre of sour land in the country badly needs and should have two to four tons of ground limestone applied.

Surely if every farm in the garden spot of America (the corn belt) finds it profitable to use lime, it will pay men in less favored sections of the country. Not only is lime good in itself to sweeten sour farms, but it helps manure and fertilizer make good crops by liberating other vital plant foods.

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