

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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(Copyright, 1909, by Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.) Paul's Instruction to the Thessalonians. I Thess. v:12-24.

Golden Text.—See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good. I Thess. v:15.

Verses 12-15—What is the dominant note to-day between officials of the church and the pastor, is it official and business, or is it spiritual, that of felt tender love and warm esteem?

Do ministers as a class "labor" as hard, and suffer as their Master did, and thus compel the tender love and esteem of the church?

Does the average minister or not, actually "labor" as hard as the average mechanic, farmer, business or professional man, and practice as much self denial as these?

What is generally the real character of those who will not support the church because they do not like the minister?

What is the only way by which to have "peace" among brethren in a church or in a community?

Verse 14.—If you know anything against a fellow Christian what is the right thing to do, (1) say nothing about it; (2) talk about it to others; (3) correct him in the presence of others, or (4) see him alone and in love tell him what you have to say?

Jesus went about lovingly helping people, in their bodies, their souls, and circumstances; if you and I are not doing that, have we a right to conclude that we are not followers of Jesus?

Is it your duty, as a Christian, to take pains to "comfort" everybody with whom you come in contact, and if you are so doing, what is the effect upon your life?

Verse 15—If my neighbor sets his dog on my sheep, pulls down my fences in the night, shoots my chicken when one gets into his yard, is constantly standering me and my family, and will not pay me a long standing just debt, what would Jesus do if he were I? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verse 16—It is easy, Paul, for you to say, "Rejoice evermore," but is it practical for ordinary mortals, and if so, how?

Verse 17—If a man is really in love, with God and his fellows, does he not necessarily pray all the time, either consciously or unconsciously?

Is it necessary, or helpful, to have set times for conscious prayer?

Verse 18—Are we to be thankful alike for pain and pleasure, for loss and gain, for enemies and friends, if we are "in Christ Jesus?"

Is it not an actual fact, based on the truest philosophy, that every sort of experience, which comes to a true man, is in the highest possible sense, for his good?

In the light of eternal existence, are there any such things as accident, calamity, misfortune, or even regrettable circumstances, in the life of a man of God?

Verse 19—Can any man retain the peace of God, who is not absolutely obedient to the leadings of God's Holy Spirit?

Verse 20—Prophecy here means preaching, is there any sign in these days that it is being despised?

Why should a love for the preaching of the gospel be cultivated?

Verse 21—Why should we not as Christians encourage the most absolute free thought, the most critical research, and welcome the teaching of true science?

Can the real truth ever be a hurt to a true man, and is not such a man as glad to change his opinion, when he finds he is wrong, as to change a worn-out garment for a new one?

Verse 22—If we desire the right only, and are obedient to God's spirit, need we ever fear even the "appearance of evil?"

Verses 23-24—Does God mean his children to live "blameless" lives, and is the twenty-fourth verse not a promise that God will give the power to do so?

Lesson for Sunday, Aug. 15th, 1909. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus. Acts xviii:23 to xix:22.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

The Nervy Young Man.

"Sir," said the nervy young man, coming into the rich merchant's office and taking a seat near the head of the firm, "I would like to ask you for your daughter's hand."

"Why, I don't even know you, sir."

"Oh, don't let that bother at all, sir. We'll soon get acquainted."

"So you, a perfect stranger, ask for my daughter's hand, eh?" said the rich merchant, gazing in amazement at his

caller "Which daughter do you mean? I have three."

"I mean the one with the golden hair," imparted the young man, unabashed.

"I am still in doubt, young man. Two of my daughters have golden hair. Do you mean Ellen or Maria?"

"Can't say which, sir. I had only a moment's view of your daughter and have never met her to know her name. But the moment's sight of her was enough to tell me that I love her, sir."

"And you come here to get my decision without consulting or even seeking an acquaintance with my daughter?"

"Yes. You see, sir, the time is short. Yesterday I came across your daughter and a young man in the park. Just as I made up my mind that I loved her I heard the young gentleman tell her that he was coming here today to ask you for her hand in marriage, so I hurried right along to get in my bid ahead of him."

"Young man," gasped the fond parent, "it's a foregone conclusion that you will accomplish what you start out to do. And you've certainly got the nerve. So go ahead and obtain an introduction to the daughter of your choice and do the rest. You've got my consent."—Charles C. Mullin in Judge.

Hydrophobia Plus.

A little girl came running to tell about a mad dog she had seen. "We saw a mad dog," she gasped, but the words seemed too tame to do justice to the situation. "Oh, he was mad, mad!" she added, frowning and pumping her fists. "He was furious!"—Harper's Weekly

He Fell Into a Good Thing.



Prudence.

The multimillionaire was being interviewed.

"Which paper do you like best to have your family read?" hopefully asked the young reporter.

"The one that advertises the fewest bargains," said Old Moneybags stingly.—Harper's Weekly.

A Rich Post.

"I can't expect," said Scribbles, "to be as successful a poet as De Riter. He has wealth on his side."

"Nonsense! He isn't very well off."

"He isn't? Why, he has money enough to buy all the postage stamps he needs."—Philadelphia Press.

He Scorned the Hint.

"My neighbor has a lawn mower that squeaks like a starving pig. The other day I left a bottle of machine oil, carefully labeled, on his doormat."

"Did he use it?"

"I guess he did—on his hair."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Correct.

Footpad—Fork over your money, now, or I'll blow your brains out!

Whoopler—Blow away, my dear fellow! A chap can get along in New York without brains, but he cannot without money.—Puck

Good Intentions.

"What makes people insist on swimming beyond the breakers?"

"I suppose they are philanthropists in their way and want to help along the distribution of hero medals."—Washington Star.

Overburdened With Memory.

"Your son tells me he is going to take lessons to cultivate his memory."

"I hope not," answered Farmer Corn-tassel. "He can remember every fool tune that was ever whistled."—Washington Star.

A Simple Remedy.

"I tell you we cannot pass a law to keep dogs from barking and disturbing people."

"Won't the ordinary law against barkers apply?"—Baltimore American.

Unexplained.

"Why do women enjoy weeping at a matinee?" said he.

"I don't know," answered she. "Why do men enjoy getting angry at the umpire?"—Denver News-Times.

Legal Jugglery

One of the greatest foes of justice in this century of enlightenment and progress is the legal jugglery and hocus pocus tactics practiced by attorneys and per-

MORE COFFEE TALK

Dear Ladies:-

Nothing comes closer home to your husband than the kind of coffee he drinks. Right here is where the problem of taste comes in, and discriminating coffee drinkers are always alert to get hold of a brand that has just the quality that goes to the right spot.

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mitted and encouraged by the judges. In cases without number, guilty men have been allowed to go free and unpunished because of technical errors (so-called) in framing indictments or drawing other papers connected with the cases, and this practice has become so common that citizens are fast losing the feeling of respect that should be due the courts. In fact, it has almost come to be a rule, in cases of great importance, that where a question arises between technicalities and justice the latter is awarded a back seat.

To the average citizen who is not versed in legal lore, "in ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain" there is little or no difference between violation of the law (for profit) on the part of the criminal or disrespect and misinterpretation of the law (for profit) on the part of the attorneys and judges, and the great need of the hour is for judges—from the supreme bench down to the police and justice court—who will frown on this disgraceful and really anarchistic practice, which is not only a travesty on justice but a heavy burden on the taxpayers.

What we need is judges with sufficient honesty and backbone to frown upon the practice, and rule that the presentation of such hairsplitting technicalities, the simple aim of which is to defeat justice, shall be considered as contempt of court, the punish-

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ment of which should be, not a petty fine, but imprisonment.

The innumerable cases in which justice has been strangled by legal red tape have become a disgrace to our boasted American institutions and civilization and it has come to a point where it is the duty of every liberty-loving, law-respecting citizen to vote only for officers who consider law enforcement and justice paramount to political party or personal aggrandizement.

We do not wish to be misunder-

stood in this matter and would not under any circumstance remove a single safe-guard from the protection of the innocent, but we do not believe that it is in the interest of liberty, justice or good citizenship to erect a technical barrier around a criminal that makes it well nigh impossible to secure his conviction and punishment. Such interpretation of the law meets only with contempt from the criminal class and disgust and discouragement on the part of law abiding citizens.—Oregon Free Press.