

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Suggestive Quotations on the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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Paul, a Prisoner in Rome. Acts xxxviii:11-31.

Golden Text.—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans i.16.

Verses 11-13—Where are the places located, which are mentioned in these verses?

How long did they stay at Melita after their shipwreck on that island?

Which to the average man, is the hardest thing to do; to wait, or to go on; to be compelled to rest, or be compelled to work, to have patience or to hurry?

Is it as sinful to work when you ought to rest, as it is to rest when you ought to work?

Here are two ships from Alexandria and bound for Italy, the one Paul sailed in and the "Castor and Pollux" and both apparently were compelled to put into Melita; one was wrecked by so doing, while the other landed and wintered in safety; was it providence, or chance, or skill, or any other power, that caused the wreck of the one ship and the safety of the other?

Two young men, of apparently the same ability, go into the same kind of business, under similar circumstances, one of whom fails and the other succeeds—how do you account for it?

Verse 14—In Puteoli Paul found Christian brethren, and tarried with them seven days—which to-day, answering from actual experience, forms the closest and most practical bond of union and fellowship, when travelling, members of the same church, or members of the same fraternal society?

Verse 15—What relation in life is there more fraught with blessings, and that imparts more "courage," than true Christian fellowship?

Verse 16.—Real Christians are found in all trades and professions, and among the rich and the poor, and may be some are in prison; now is it invariably the case that, like Paul here, they get more comfort out of their circumstances than do their fellows?

Verses 17-22—When we are as badly treated as the Jews treated Paul, in his own country, is it either wise or profitable, or politic, to speak of our enemies in as strong language as the facts

warrant; or should we out of loving hearts mitigate their offence all we can, as Paul does here?

Christians were in those days much slandered, and were "everywhere spoken against;" are real Christians still spoken against?

Christianity is now becoming popular, is that an advantage or disadvantage?

Should we ever allow ourselves to speak against, or be prejudiced against any "sect" or society of which we have not got accurate or first hand knowledge?

Verse 23—What points would Paul be apt to emphasize concerning the "kingdom of God?"

Verse 24—Would those who believed Paul's testimony, be the religiously honest men, and those who disbelieved, the religiously dishonest men, or was it a mere matter of evidence and of the intellect?

Verses 25-29—If a man lives in sin, and his moral nature is deadened and perverted so he does not recognize the truth, is he as guilty as a man who deliberately rejects it?

Is it a law of God that sin deadens the conscience and perverts the judgment, hence, can a man living in any kind of sin, trust his judgment on personal, moral and spiritual questions?

Verses 30-31—Should every Christian home be used for preaching and teaching the kingdom of God?

Lesson for Sunday, Nov. 21st, 1909. Paul's Story of His Life. 11 Cor. xi:21 to xii:10.

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