

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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THE CHRISTIAN MOTIVE FOR LIVING International Temperance Sunday

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 4:5-8; Luke 4:4; John 6:35; Romans 12:1, 2, 13:12-14. GOLDEN TEXT—Seek those things which are above.—Colossians 3:1.

Disciplined living should be the goal of each of us. Life is not to be lived carelessly, influenced by chance events or passing impulses. Such discipline of life would keep men from the temptations which lead them into intemperance and sin.

A life can be properly disciplined, only as it is controlled by Christian motives. Such a life has—

I. Spiritual Gladness (Ps. 4:5-8). The psalmist had faced the distressing questioning of men who derided him for his faith. They were unbelievers who demanded of him what good his religion did (v. 6). He has an answer, and it is the testimony of his own experience.

Those around him sought gladness in the harvest of grain and in the wine which was supposed to give a lift to their spirits. This was their joy. Well, the man of God had something infinitely superior. He had gladness in his heart. It was not dependent on outward circumstances—it was within.

Then note, too, that it did not rest on something that happened, or on some fellow man. "Thou (God) hast put gladness in my heart." That means real joy and satisfaction.

II. Spiritual Food (Luke 4:4; John 6:35).

It is delightful to have true gladness, but man needs food if he is to grow and to work. That is true spiritually, for he must have the needed nourishment of life here also.

Jesus when tempted (Luke 4:4) because He was hungry saw beyond the temporal need, and declared that life should be controlled by a higher principle. The spiritual has a place of supremacy over the physical in the life of the Christian man or woman. The body with its desires is to be subject to the definite control of the spirit, which takes its orders from God.

The explanation of the awful alcoholic debauchery of our day is found right here. Men have given their bodies the supreme authority and they are driven by the lusts of their flesh. What they need more than legal reform or restriction of sale of liquor (and we believe in both) is the regeneration of their souls by the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Let us bring them the gospel.

John 6:35 makes known the fact that Jesus, the bread of life, satisfies every need of men. Every normal hunger and thirst finds full satisfaction in Him. Have you tried Him as the One to meet the need of your hungry heart?

III. Spiritual Service (Rom. 12:1, 2).

"Reasonable service," says the Authorized Version; "spiritual service," says the Revised Version. Both are right. The man who is really reasonable will be spiritual and will render to God a sacrificial service.

Note that it is a "living sacrifice" that is said to be "holy, acceptable to God." This is not a case of a single act of deep devotion (great as that may be), but a going on in the daily walk to live for Christ. That calls for grace and power, and He is ready and willing to give both to each of His children.

That experience with God means a non-conformity to the world, which is too little spoken of and less practiced in the church today. The one who professes to follow Christ is simply not to be conformed to the ways of this wicked world. There is to be a completely transforming experience of the grace of God, that takes you out of this world while you are still in it.

IV. Spiritual Walk (Rom. 13:12-14).

Christians are the children of the morning. They walk in the light (1 John 1:7). This world walks in darkness. No one needs any argument to prove that point—just look about you.

The deeds of darkness are evil deeds, and men dwell in darkness because they love evil (John 3:19). That means that the children of light must walk circumspectly and "becomingly" (that's a good word!) in this world. Thus we may attract others out of the darkness into the light, so that they too may put aside "reveling and drunkenness," yes, and also "strife and jealousy." Those go together.

The way to victory is to be clothed with the Lord Jesus and His righteousness (v. 14). That is a real "armor of light" with which we may be protected.

Note also that we are studiously to avoid making any provision for the desires of the flesh. Put such things away, and with them will go the temptation to use them. Some professing Christians need to hear this word by destroying some beverages which they may have on hand—just to give one example.

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Ready-Made Harbors

Perhaps the most remarkable engineering and construction feat of the war was the building of two complete artificial harbors in Britain, and towing them piece-meal across the English Channel to be set up on the open beaches of Normandy for use by Allied invasion forces.

Planning and preliminary construction work were begun about a year before D-Day, and these are some of the features of the operation:

Building 150 concrete caissons (for harbor walls) in six different sizes to fit various depths of water up to 33 feet, the largest caissons displacing 6,044 tons.

Constructing seven miles of piers in pieces 480 feet long. These were designed to rise and fall with the tides, which range up to 20 feet or more between high and low water on the Normandy coast.

Building a breakwater made from floats weighing 15,000 tons, and sinking 60 old ships in lines to form additional breakwaters.

Just as the two harbors were about fully put in place after 12 days of the most difficult work, the most severe gale experienced in the Channel for nearly 40 years set in and lasted about four days. The storm almost wrecked one harbor, but the other suffered only minor damage and was soon in operation again.

The layman can hardly appreciate the extreme difficulties attending this whole operation, but its success explains how it was possible to supply the Allied troops with needed material of every description as rapidly as was done.

In order to mystify the Germans, the story of the artificial harbors was withheld by censorship until a few days ago, and many interesting details of the daring undertaking remain to be told.

On Three Fronts

Allied armies on the Western Front are preparing to fight it out on that line if it takes all winter. Allied leaders and peoples must reckon with the possibility of weeks of stalemate. Estimates on the duration of the war have been lengthened because of the resistance the Nazis have marshalled against our forces.

But the resistance has the desperation of a stand that is seen by those making it as all but hopeless. The Nazis are reported as impressing under-age, the overage and the physically unfit into military service. German authorities, moreover, are taking measures to build up guerrilla forces for warfare within Germany as quickly as possible, as if they expected the worst soon, here again extending the age limits in both directions.

The interregnum on the Western Front has permitted attention to center once more on Russian successes against the Nazis. The most spectacular of these at the moment is the drive of Russian armies in Czechoslovakia. They have crossed the Carpathians on a 170-mile front, surging through the mountain passes to effect a meeting between the Fourth Ukrainian Army and the Russian and Romanian troops coming northward from Transyl-

vania. Russian successes are also reported near Riga though the Russians have little to say about their progress on the East Prussian border.

The importance of the Russian drives in Czechoslovakia and in Transylvania lies in the fact that the Reich may be more open to decisive invasion on the Balkan front than on either the Western or Eastern fronts. Allied pressure on the West Wall and continuing Allied advances from the Balkans might evoke the unconditional "Kamerad" necessary to end the war in Europe.

Sidelights

Mrs. Ralph Henecke of Cedar Rapids, Ia., notified police that she saw a man spraying strange-smelling gas through her window. The police arrived on the scene to find that Mrs. Henecke was on the verge of fainting. A search of the premises by the officers failed to locate the mysterious gas-man, but the peculiar odor of which Mrs. Henecke complained was traced to a billy goat tied in the yard.

Australia's one-time pest is practically a hero in the continent "down under." Years ago the British introduced the rabbit to the great plains of Australia and immediately the bunny took things into his own hands and over-ran the country. Australia spent millions of dollars in an effort to get rid of rabbits—and still they multiplied. Then came the war. Other meat soon grew scarce. Now the lowly rabbit is being hailed as a God-send to the Aussies.

When men of the Merchant Marine abandon their torpedoed

ships and settle down in their all-metal life rafts they find—in addition to the half-ton of articles ranging from storm oil and fishing kits to magazines, food and a Bible—this invitation: "Come to Los Angeles when you can, and be the guest of this company for a week." The invitation is from The Weber Co., manufacturers of the rafts.

A. V. Burch of Evansville, Ind., Republican candidate for state auditor, felt that a photo of a large crowd listening to him in his plea for election, would be splendid publicity and ordered a picture taken of the crowd at Mitchell, Ind. Although he does not know how many votes he will get in Mitchell he is assured of the solid vote of the police department because the photograph clearly showed a pickpocket, whom the officers have been seeking, with his hand in a bystander's pocket. The man was arrested.


Need Cool Place For Storing of Potatoes

Try keeping sweet potatoes in a dry place around 60° F., suggests Miss June McWhorter, the War Food Assistant. Sweet and white potatoes will not keep well together.


White potatoes need a dark, moist, cool place from 40° to 50° F. If there is no cool moist storage room in the cellar to keep white potatoes during the winter, they will keep in a barrel buried in the backyard. The furnace room in the cellar is a good place for sweet potatoes.

What is the difference between a hill and a pill? One is hard to get up and the other is hard to get down.

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Smile Awhile

Tourist—Tell me, was any big man ever born here?

Native—Nope. As far back as I can recollect, all births have been little babies.

Willie—Mother, do liars ever go th heaven.

Mother—Why no dear, certainly not.

Willie—Well it must be mighty lonely up there with only God and George Washington.

Tourist—Can you tell me the time, sonny?

Sonny—Just 12 o'clock.

Tourist—I thought it was more than that.

Sonny—It's never more in these parts. It goes up to 12 and then commences again at one.

Young Wife—I bought three

or four hams here a month or so ago and they were fine. Have any more of them?

Grocer—Yes, ma'am there are ten of those hams hanging up there now.

Young Wife—Well, if they're off the same pig, I'll take three of them.

A negro preacher was describing to his congregation the miseries and penitence of the prodigal son.

Dis young man, he said, got to thinkin' about his meanness and his mis'ry, and he took off his hat and frowned it away. Den he tuk off his coat and frowned it away. Den he took off his vest and frowned dat away. Den he took off his shirt and frowned dat away too. An' den, at last, he come to hisself.

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Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. What provision for limiting expenditures of the legislature was embodied in the proceedings of the convention which resulted in the State Constitution of 1848?

A. An economy move led to the limiting of the sessions of the General Assembly to 42 days. Two dollars per day were to be paid for the first 42 days and one dollar for each day's attendance thereafter.

Q. What limitations of officers' salaries were imposed?

A. Governor, \$1,500; Supreme Court Justices, \$1,200; State Auditor, \$1,000; Treasurer and Secretary of State, \$800.

Q. What law governing suffrage was drafted into the constitution?

A. Suffrage was limited to free white male citizens as distinguished from inhabitants, thus disfranchising unnaturalized foreigners who enjoyed the privilege under the constitution of 1818.

Q. How long did the convention sit?

A. June 7, 1847 to August 31, 1847.

Q. When and with what result was the new constitution voted on?

A. March 6, 1848, and ratified by 59,887 for, and 15,849 against.

Q. How were particular articles voted?

A. For Article XIV, prohibiting free persons of color from immigrating to and settling in the state, 49,060 for, 20,883 against. For Article XV, providing for a two mill tax, 41,017 for, 30,586 against.

Q. For what purpose was the two mill tax levied?

A. For exclusive application to the payment of State indebtedness other than canal and school indebtedness.

Q. When did the new constitution go into effect?

A. April 1, 1848.

Q. How many general elections were held in Illinois in 1848?

A. Four. The adoption of the constitution; the election of State officers in August; the election of judges in September; and the presidential election in November.

Q. How have elections been held since 1848?

A. Under the Constitution of 1848 and ever since then all general, State, and presidential elections have been held at the same time, namely, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

Women IN THE CHURCH
by Mary Fowler

"America's largest Christmas party" in 1944 is being sponsored by church women of all major Protestant churches of the United States, and will provide Yuletide cheer for the families of Japanese and Japanese Americans now confined to some eight relocation centers in the western states—groups moved by the Army from the Pacific coast. The Home Missions Council of North America is leading in the movement which is now in its third year. There are about 65,000 evacuees in the centers, according to government figures, and most of them are children and other innocent victims of the war.

Professor—Can you give me an example of wasted energy?

Freshman—Yes, sir, telling a hair raising story to a bald-headed man.

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Riddles

What is the favorite fruit of history? Dates.

What animal is the nearest thing to man? The cootie.

How is a baby like a boat? They both get rocked.

Why does a chimney smoke? Because it can't chew.

When does a man sneeze three times? When he can't help it.

If a cat could read what book would it choose? A catalogue.

What makes more noise than a pig in a sack? Two pigs.

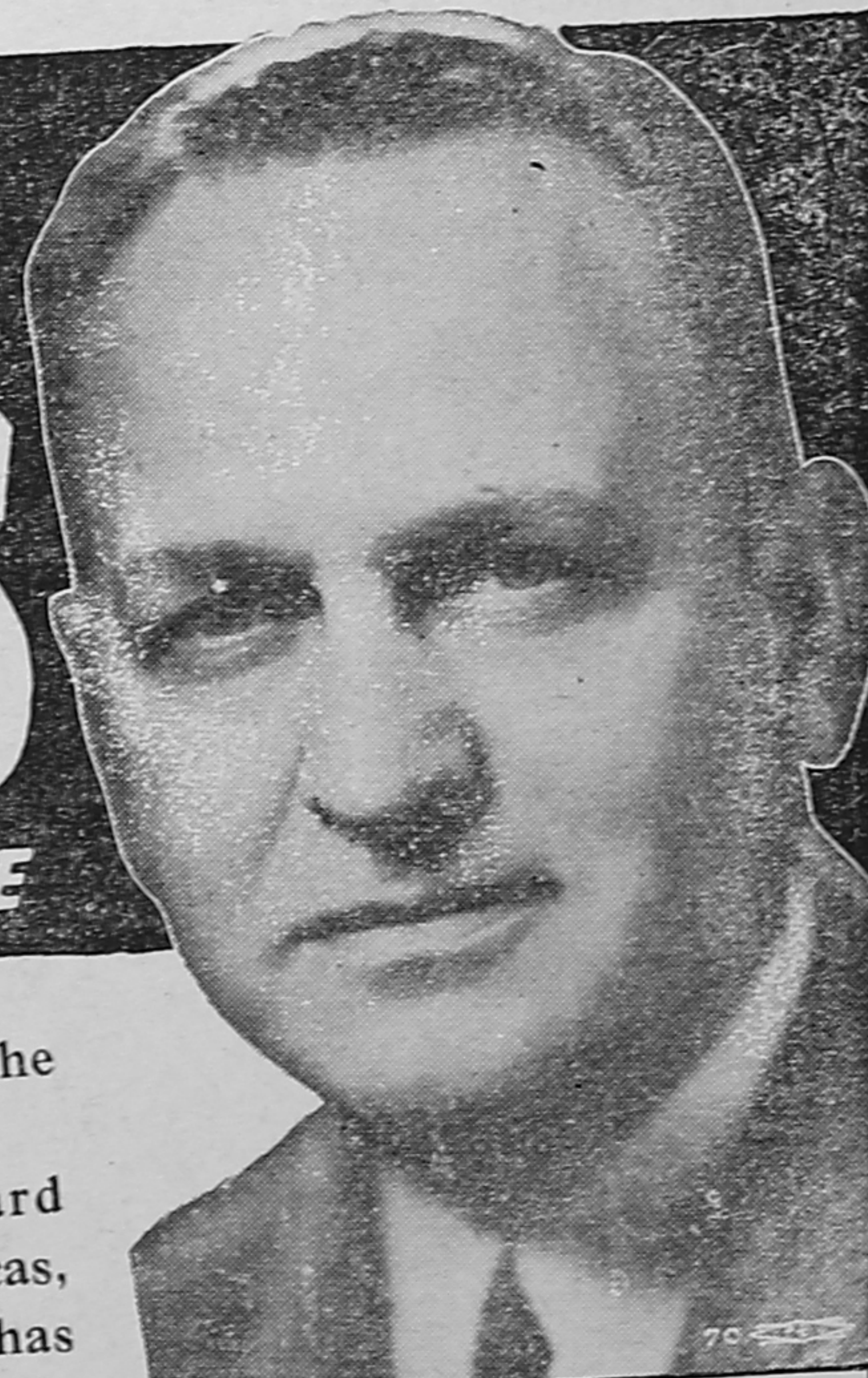
Why did Abraham Lincoln wear brass buttons on his coat? To keep it buttoned.

What is the difference between a sixteen-ounce baby and a man writing on his typewriter? One weighs a pound and the other pounds away.

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