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## BIBLE SCHOOL LESSON Sunday, September 7, 1947

### THE USE AND ABUSE OF WEALTH

Printed text Prov. 11:24-27; 16:8; Eccl. 5:10, 11; James 5:1-6.

The first section of our lesson for today is taken from the book of Proverbs. A study of the Proverbs shows us that they have reference to every phase of the life of man. Every warning and exhortation, furnishes light on some portion of the Word of God, with reference to man's responsibility, both to God and to his fellowmen. The lesson for today deals with the stewardship of our time, our talents and our possessions.

These first four verses deal mainly with the proper administration of our possessions, with a promise of just recompense, if we are faithful in this. It was one of the promises to Israel, under the law, that material prosperity would follow the keeping of God's commandments.

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Throughout scripture, we are exhorted to pursue a policy of moderation, in our activities. We have previously been exhorted to industry, and the laying aside a portion of the increase. So our question becomes not one of whether we shall lay by in store, but how much should be stored, and how much dispensed immediately.

In the physical realm, we realize that in order to produce a good crop of grain, we must sow a sufficient amount of good seed. The more we sow, up to the limit of the ground to sustain, the greater will be the harvest. Yet as the seed is sown, it falls into the ground and seems to disintegrate. But when the harvest comes, much more is reaped than was sown. This is likewise true of spiritual things. The things we have done or the gifts we have given, the kindnesses which have bestowed, may, for the time being, seem to be thrown away or lost. But just like the seed, covered, and apparently lost in the earth, these too will come to fruition in due time.

We see next that the liberal soul

shall be made fat. Notice first that it is the soul that is to be made fat. This, I am convinced, means primarily spiritual fatness. Until the soul has first learned how to administer spiritual gifts, to the glory of God, the individual will not be able to administer material things to His glory.

Following this is the warning that we are not to withhold our possessions, to the detriment of our fellowmen. This is one of the outstanding sins of our day. We might easily go to great lengths, in enumerating the details of the instances where various commodities were withheld from the market, simply to force an exorbitant price. But with this, as with other evils, the results will in time come back upon the head of the one responsible for them.

The final portion, from Proverbs, is our Golden Text. "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Little needs to be said in explanation of this portion. We may have but little, but if honestly acquired, we may enjoy it to the full. But the great stores, which are possessed in unrighteousness, can bring only worries, troubles and cares.

The next section of the lesson is taken from Ecclesiastes. We need to differentiate very carefully between the conclusions given in the Proverbs and those of the Ecclesiastes. While Proverbs sets forth God's conclusions for man, Ecclesiastes sets forth man's conclusions concerning himself. These are the highest conclusions, to which the natural man can attain. They are the things under the sun, where man dwells, and not above where God dwells. We are here shown the futility of material possessions, to satisfy, or to bring happiness to their possessors. The worldly individual may get a certain satisfaction from the realization that some particular things are his. But one person can use only a limited quantity of material things, to his own well being, during his lifetime.

The final portion of scripture is taken from the Epistle of James. It was written to the scattered remnants of the twelve tribes of Israel. James knew the tendency of the Jews to amass wealth, and he was here cautioning them against

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desiring material possessions, to be wrongfully used. He especially warns of what the end will be, of those who have acquired their possessions by oppressive or fraudulent methods.

The only possessions which can bring true happiness, are those which are eternal. These are the rewards of a faithful service, which God bestows upon His children, in and through the Lord Jesus Christ.

O. C. WALLACE

**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING**

Members of Stow Community Church will meet this Friday, Sept. 5th, 7:30 p. m. at the church for their regular monthly business meeting.

**NEW MEMBERS**

At the morning service Sunday August 24th Mr. and Mrs. Clark G. Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wallace were received into membership of Stow Community Church. Our prayer is that they may here

find opportunity to serve the Lord in all ways and may we as members in the body of Christ, uphold their hands in the doing of His will.

**CLASS MEETING**

The Hazel Gillam Bible Class will hold their regular monthly business meeting Saturday evening Sept. 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Belknap on Home Ave., Akron. The Belknaps live right next to the water tank on Home Ave. Yes,—it's a water tank.

**BIBLE SCHOOL PICNIC**

The first all Bible School picnic in more than two years will be held this Saturday Sept. 6th, at 2:00 p. m. at Adell Durbin Park. Bring well filled baskets and table service. Coffee and drink will be furnished (maybe ice cream too). Game will be held for young and old. Be there!

**THE YOUNG PEOPLES CRUSADE**

Truly the spirit of the Lord is at work!

Many folks were away on their vacations last week but a sufficient number remained in town to make a fair attendance on each of the four nights that Rev. Steese and Rev. Morgan held forth in conducting our Young Peoples Crusade.

On the last two evenings of these meetings some eight to ten young people, mostly of high school age,



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went forward to the altar and with prayer and tears found the Lord in the Spiritual Birth that Jesus said is a "MUST" if we are to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

And on Sunday evening the Spirit of the meetings was reflected in the forty-one who attended the Young Peoples Service at the Six-thirty hour and the large number who went down to pray at 7:15 for the 7:30 meeting to follow.

Conviction rests upon the hearts of many. In our opinions the spiritual foundation seems to have been laid for a great work among the young people of Stow. Now, if their elders will only break loose from the "hide-bound" indifference, inaction, lethargy and unbelief which characterizes so many of them in spiritual matters, maybe our dream of a great spiritual awakening in Stow will come true.

If you are a parent of one of these eight or ten youngsters who have recently accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord, wt would remind you of the High Value our Lord attached to such a decision. To the rich young ruler who was seeking the truth Jesus instructed him to go and **SELL ALL THAT HE POSSESSED** and to come and follow Him (Jesus). Here, by implication, we must conclude that to be a Christian in truth, no possession, no position or job, no form of worldly pleasure or worldly association can be tolerated if it in any way interferes with our living for Jesus, or if it comes ahead of him in our affections.

Or, in another instance Jesus

said, "What shall it profit a man if he **GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL?** Yes what profit are worldly ambitions in comparison to Life Eternal?

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Matthew 18:6.

### STOW GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Friday, September 12, 1947  
Open to Public  
4 P. M. to 9 P. M.  
Visitors Welcome

#### Arrangements

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2. Arrangement in natural container.
3. Arrangement showing what to do with a little material. Flowers required.
4. Arrangement to be viewed from all sides.
5. Arrangement of flowers and fruit combined.
6. Arrangement in copper container.
7. Arrangement in pair of vases.
8. Arrangement of foliage and shrubs in vase. No flowers.

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## "HEAR THE MOST FASCINATING STORY OF MISSIONS IN MODERN TIMES"

The Church in Silver Lake will return to the regular hour of 10:00 a. m. for the Church School and Morning Worship, after having met at an earlier time during the last two months.

10:00 Church School.

10:00 Morning Worship. Rev. Bradley F. Skinner, Minister, will preach on "The Infinite Love of God," the first of a series on the major issues of the Christian faith. The Children's Choir and the Adult

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7:30 Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at the school under the leadership of Mr. C. B. Ingersoll, Jr.

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## ATTENTION!

ALL GRADUATES OF STOW HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited and urged to attend a picnic given by the STOW HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION at Adell Durbin Park on Sunday, September 14, 1947 at 3:00 p. m. . . .

Bring picnic lunch, beverage, table service, wife, children, and husband, date, etc.

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**FOR SALE:** An old American Hot Water Boiler, new grate—\$10.00 OV-3436—Last house Chestnut Dr., Meadowbrook Lake. . . . .

With an attendance of ninety-three percent Mr. Lynn Snyder's

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Rev. Kenneth E. Hoover and family, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Hobart, New York, was a visitor last week at the home of

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his brother-in-law George Witner, 165 Maple Road. Rev. Hoover attended Bible School and the morning worship services at Community Church last Sunday.

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"This is so sudden!" Mrs. Daniel Cumpson—teacher of our Intermediate Girls Bible Class—left this past week for Sardis, Ohio, in the southern part of the state where she will teach in a country school—six grades, thirteen pupils. While most folks d'd not know Mrs. Cumpson was leaving town, the girls of her

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Bible Class did manage to get together and give her a little party before she left. We wish Mrs. Cumpson every success in her new work and know that when it comes to special occasions in our church we shall miss her enterprise in the decorating of the church. Mrs. Clifford Foote taught her Bible Class last Sunday. Incidentally Mrs. Foote will teach school in Akron this year.

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**GRADUATES OF STOW HIGH SCHOOL** remember to attend the picnic sponsored by the Alumni Association at Adell Durbin Park, Sunday, September 14, 1947 at 3:00 p. m.

#### FISH CREEK

Mrs. John Mitscher was in Cleveland last Wednesday.

The Carl Arnolds at the corner and the Ralph Arnolds down the road to the north were busy with Sunday guests.

Last Sunday the J. W. Griffiths took a picnic dinner to her mother and sister at Salem, Ohio.

Heather and Ann Harvey had their cousin Nancy of Lakewood as a house guest last week.

The J. G. Jackson family motord to Findlay over the week end in their new car and son Donald returned home with them having spent the past month with his Grandma Mitchell.

The Ktnneth Thayers of Stow

joined the Witsamans on Sunday when some of the Brittans had a family outing with Earl and Charlotte at their country home near Shalersville.

Pvt. Edward R. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, Fish Creek Rd. was home for five days having finished his training at San Antonio, Texas at the Lockland Air Base. He returned to Fort F. E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he will be till Septmber 1st, then he will go to Alaska for two and one half years.

Locally speaking, last Friday's storm was a sort of a twister in the Fish Creek neighborhood. Most of the old apple trees in John Mitchers orchard were blown down. The big buckeye was twisted into the old pine in Harold Harvey's front yard. These two trees were old land marks. On Grandma Hazel's place the Bohls had to clean up a part of one of their sugar alders. Parts of a wild cherry tree leaned heavily on telephone wires at the C. F. Turners and more of the old Hazard cherry tree really caused a hazard when it damaged electric wires at the former senior Coffeen's home. At one of the Brittans a heavy laden peach tree was twisted off and at Carl Arnolds a young tree full of apples was uprooted while many broken willow branches decorated the surrounding countryside at Bob Charleys, Lincoln Witsaman's and C. H. Phillips. And to complete the picture of wind-changed scenery a follow up storm came then on Saturday. Ted Brittan's black walnuts, poplars and four badly damaged trees at the Harry Parkinsons made more work for the clean up squad.

Fern Brittan, Reporter

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