

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What evidence do we have to show that we love God as in Luke 10:27?
2. How is the love for God generated in our hearts?
3. To what extent is a Christian supposed to love himself? (Ephesians 5:29)

SUMMARY:

At some time every Christian asks himself or herself “what is God’s will for my life?” The answer, because of our humanness, seems difficult to obtain from the Lord. Jesus said, “I came not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me.” Jesus went about doing good. He helped people in their physical needs. Perhaps helping someone with material things will open up the way to witness about spiritual things.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #14

December 31, 2017

Fourth Quarter

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LESSON TEXT: Luke 10:25-37

LESSON SETTING: An incident that occurred on a road between Jericho and Jerusalem.

TIME: Approximately 30 A.D.

- I. A PRINCIPLE STATED.** Luke 10:25-28
 - A. Obeying Brings Blessing. Exodus 23:25; Deuteronomy 6:23
 - B. A Life-giving Principle. (vs. 27, 28) Deuteronomy 10:12
- II. A PRINCIPLE ILLUSTRATED.** Luke 10:29-35
 - A. Duty to Neighbor (vs. 31-32) Romans 13:10
 - B. Duty to Enemies (vs. 33) Proverbs 25:21; Matthew 5:44
 - C. Duty to Strangers (vs. 33) Matthew 25:35
- III. A PRINCIPLE APPLIED.** Luke 10:36-37
 - A. Is a Light to Mankind. Matthew 5:16
 - B. Proves Faith in God. James 2:18
 - C. Glorified God. 1 Peter 2:12

GOLDEN TEXT: SEE THAT NONE RENDER EVIL FOR EVIL UNTO ANY MAN; BUT EVER FOLLOW THAT WHICH IS GOOD, BOTH AMONG YOURSELVES, AND TO ALL MEN. 1 Thessalonians 5:15

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 12:13-34

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Proverbs 22:1-29; Matthew 6:19-34

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ the Son of Man

TOPIC: SEEKING TRUE SUCCESS

INTRODUCTION:

It is perfectly natural for a person to want his share of the inheritance as is portrayed in Luke 12:13. It is also natural—and some would even argue responsible—to preserve great riches, as did the man in verse 16. But, we as children of the flock should not desire the things the natural man desires. We are born again into God's kingdom. Therefore, our desires should be only for the things of His Kingdom and not for the material things of this world.

There is nothing wrong in receiving an inheritance nor obtaining riches, if we don't depend upon them. We cannot make idols of them or take our ease. If we do, they will surely become the treasure of our hearts, which is sin. Our treasure is the Kingdom of God, which is eternal. Nowhere in the Bible are we told that we can take our ease, eat, drink, and be merry. Ours is a commission to work; work diligently and faithfully for God's Kingdom and not for meat and raiment.

We are given the choice to make this material world our treasure, which is perishable, or God's Kingdom, which is eternal. How foolish, if we choose the world and lose our soul. May God give us the grace to choose Him.

CENTRAL TRUTH: It is more important to take care of the soul than to take care of the body.

GOLDEN TEXT: A MAN'S LIFE CONSISTETH NOT IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THE THINGS WHICH HE POSSESSETH.

Luke 12:15

We might also add to this text: a man's life consists not only of his body, which is of the earth, but also his soul, which is of God. Jesus is ever teaching us that the things which pertain to the soul are far more important than material things. His every parable and example exhort us to keep first things first, trusting God to provide the rest. How foolish for us to strive for earthly treasure at the expense of the heavenly treasure which will abide forever.

LIFE'S TRUE GLADNESS IS IN HEAVEN

Z.H. 261, vs. 2

Others here may find their pleasure,
Seeking worldly goods to share;
In the heaven is my Treasure,
I would be with Jesus there:
Earthly riches pass away,
Christ, His Kingdom - stand for aye!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 1 – 7

- M. *The Folly of Covetousness. Luke 12:13-21
- T. *God's Provision. Luke 12:22-28
- W. *Life's Best Goal. Luke 12:29-34
- T. The Need for Watchfulness. Luke 12:35-40
- F. The Need for Faithfulness. Luke 12:41-48
- S. Secrets of Success. Proverbs 22:1-8
- S. Obstacles of Success. Proverbs 22:9-16

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