

WOMAN'S WORK.

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try to bring to him the very best—the flower of our land. Why, then, waste the best years? Should not the child as well as the grown person be about his Father's business? Every child represents the possibility of a soul-winner, and there is no better investment of time than to spend it in making these possibilities realities.

We all know that it is harder for a grown person to begin to lead in prayer than it is for a child. There are many persons who are capable of being splendid leaders if only they had been trained when young, to stand on their feet and talk to an audience. Oh, don't let us make the mistake of allowing our boys and girls, in whom lie so many latent possibilities, to grow up without our unfolding and revealing their undeveloped resources.

Duty and Responsibility.

One of Christ's greatest teachings was the duty of active service, and how can we render greater service than by teaching and training one of his little ones? The responsibility of religious training and education rests first, upon the Church, and second, upon the women of the Church. It is well worth all the efforts and prayers that are enlisted in its behalf and more. "The sense of duty pursues us ever." Charles Kingsley says, "Duty is the command of heaven, the eldest voice of God." We give God only His own when we devote to Him all that we have and are. He calls us to yield everything we have to Him, not because He needs the gift, but because the yielding is in itself a blessing. Daniel Webster was once asked to name the grandest thought he ever had, and the great orator and statesman at once replied, "The thought of man's responsibility to God."

Talents.

The manifestation of love is found in service, and we should serve not only with our hearts, lovingly, but with our minds, intelligently. It is not what can you do for your Church, but what will you do for your Church. Remember Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Do not say, "I have no talent; I cannot be a leader for the young people." You are held responsible for the one talent that you do possess. "The gift of a small talent really given over to the service of God and humanity is more attractive than a great talent selfishly used for money-making or to secure praise. The most kingly thing in life is service. We owe all that we are and have to God and should give Him not only the glory, but the value in service. If you do not consecrate your talents to God, you will waste them and be the loser." Only trust yourself entirely to God and see what a miracle is wrought. Look how Jesus transformed his apostles. Often those who were once considered dull and stupid carry on Christ's work acceptably because they give themselves to Christ and let him use and multiply their resources. The Bible is full of illustrations of marvelous unfoldings of character when Christ was taken into the heart. But you and I are most influenced by persons nearer our own time and level, and when we see persons much like ourselves we are prone to wonder, Where did they get that power? They get it from Christ; his life reinforces theirs. Christ multiplied the loaves and fishes and he will change you into a marvelous worker for his kingdom if you but let him. He has made and is

making the powers of many a missionary equal to situations that seemed appalling at first. Pray not for tasks equal to your strength, but for strength equal to your task. "His eye can see us through and through, yet he accepts us if we put ourselves at his disposal. That is the essential condition; human submission. He calls upon you for loving trust, and while you may not see that much can come out of it, give yourself to him and see what he can do."

Privilege and Opportunity.

Every Christian duty is a Christian privilege, and every privilege is a duty. It is our duty to lead and train the young people, and it is certainly a privilege. Opportunity is God's mighty voice saying, "I want you." Opportunity is God's call to duty. In the work of the leader of a Young People's Society lies a spiritual opportunity of the highest character. Why let such a wonderful opportunity pass?

Joyful Service.

Let us look into the quiet home life of Martha and Mary. What was Martha's difficulty? She was "cumbered about much serving." She was "careful"—or full of care—"and troubled about many things." It was her state of mind her Lord reproved. Whatever your occupation may be, do not let the duty of service overshadow the joy of service. "If there are any people on earth who should be happy, they are Christians, especially young Christian women, because in your hands lies the power to wield the mightiest influence that is possible to human beings." Render to Christ the joyful service. "God loveth a cheerful giver." If a friend makes a sacrifice to you—makes it grudgingly, half-heartedly—does it increase your happiness? Never. How, then, can we dare bring to Christ that which we ourselves would refuse to accept? Don't be "cumbered about much serving." Let the serving be done gladly—happily. If the call of Christ to cheerful service means the giving up of some dear pastime, be glad that he has counted you worthy to make an acceptable sacrifice to him."

Purpose.

We never do much in the world until we are in earnest. Back of every attainment lies a deliberate choice, so with our spiritual ambitions, choice of the good must be followed by an earnest effort toward our goal. Even though your goal is high, each call of the Master is accompanied with power to respond.

The Call.

The Master is calling especially to you who are today in the morning of life, for only too soon will you reach its noon and its eventide. Today the slopes are all green and dotted with flowers, and they stretch away to happiness and success. Beyond the slope there may be mists and fogs. How blessed it is that you are invited now, while you are young, to serve Christ, to give him the best of your life.

Remember, the Church of tomorrow walks in the boys and girls of today, and upon the women, especially the young women, rests the responsibility of training the future leaders of the Church, while they are young. Give yourself entirely to God. He will use you and guide you. He will multiply your talents. Don't forget the wonderful spiritual opportunity which lies at the feet of a leader of a Young People's Society.

Young women here today, in Christ's name, I beg of you go back home with an earnest purpose to or-

ganize a Young People's Society. Don't put it off. Money or health lost can often be recovered, but time lost can never be recovered. With faces uplifted, answer gladly, as did Samuel of old, "Here I am, for thou didst call me."

Your Second Chance.

Have you ever wished you can start anew

And live your whole life right?

Have you ever longed with a heart most true

You could put up a different fight?

No doubt, your first chance passed, my friend,

And regret cuts keen as a lance;

But do not feel that you've come to the end,

For "a child is your second chance."

Oh, take some child and with love untold

Instill in him principles right;

Then watch in his life your plans unfold,

See him put up the proper fight.

Thus, through others, new lives you may live

And untold good you may do,

And just the life you your Master would give

Others will give on account of you.

Do you wish you could serve him across the sea

With all your vigor of youth?

Then why not prepare the "man to be"

To go out with the gospel truth?

Oh, you who look on life with regret

And would its beauty enhance,

Look brightly up and cease to fret,

For "a child is your second chance."

Miss Sidney Kearfott,

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

APPETITE AND GREED.

World's Temperance Sunday.

Nov. 3, 1918. Gen. 25:27-34.

Golden Text: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are incorruptible."—1 Cor. 9:25.

Devotional Reading: Rom. 14:13-23.

Additional Material for Teachers: 1 Cor. 8:1-13; 10:23-33; Heb. 12:15-17.

Primary Topic: Learning Self-Control.

Memory Verse: Even a child maketh himself known by his doings.—Prov. 20:11.

In our Golden Text Paul tells us about the customs in connection with the games that the people of his day were fond of. They often had public games, where prizes were offered for those who won in the contests. Sometimes the contest would be in wrestling, sometimes in running or some other game. Whatever the game, those who prepared for them were very careful about their lives, as our athletes are today. The man who was preparing to enter a public race would be very careful to do nothing that would interfere with having his body in the best condition. More is known about such things now than was known then, and so all the more care is taken.

The young man who prepares for

the world Marathon, in which he is to run a number of miles, takes the greatest pains in preparing his body for it. He eats only wholesome food and eats that in moderation. He does not drink liquor of any kind, not even coffee or tea. He does not use tobacco or any other stimulant. He is careful about sleep and proper exercise.

He would be thought a very foolish man who, just as he was about to start, should stop and take a drink of liquor. If he did this every day he would be thought more foolish still, and no one would expect him to win the race.

Paul said the men in the games were temperate in all things, so that they could win the prize, and yet the prize was only a crown made of leaves that would soon fade and crumble into dust.

He compares Christians to these racers, and says that they ought to be temperate in all things, so that they can win a prize. This prize is "an incorruptible crown." In 2 Tim. 4:8 Paul says it is "a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing." But Paul had won the race. He had not thrown away his opportunities.

Esau was the older of the twins and as such he had the rights of the first born. At his father's death he would become the head of the family or tribe. He would have the larger part of his father's property. He would become the priest of the tribe. All the promises which God had made to Abraham would have their fulfillment in him. These things were all in the future and most of them were spiritual blessings.

One day he was hungry and Jacob had some good stew. He was so anxious to satisfy his appetite that he was willing to make any sacrifice to do it at once. Of course he could have had something to eat in a short time. There was no danger of his starving when his father and mother had an abundance. But he was impatient. Jacob selfishly taking advantage of Esau's hunger and impatience, told him that he would give him the stew in exchange for his birthright. Evidently Esau did not stop to think what he was doing, or what the consequence would be. He was only concerned about the temporary pleasure of satisfying his appetite.

There have been countless myriads of people in the world today who have been even more foolish. By gratifying in a gluttonous way the appetite for food conditions of the body have been produced which have caused weakness and disease and have shortened life.

Others have sold their birth to a happy and prosperous life in this world and a life in heaven for a few drinks of liquor. The military and naval authorities of our country see the need of the prohibition of strong drink in order that soldiers and sailors may be fitted for their work. Many business men have reached the same conclusion, and will not employ men who drink.

The man who drinks liquor or is gluttonous in his eating throws away his opportunity of gaining the position in the world to which he ought to attain.

This country, like many another, has sold its birthright to the liquor traffic for the taxes that it pays. But what do they amount to compared with what the country loses. The liquor people claim to pay \$300,000,000 in taxes. Suppose they do. They have not told that the people spend