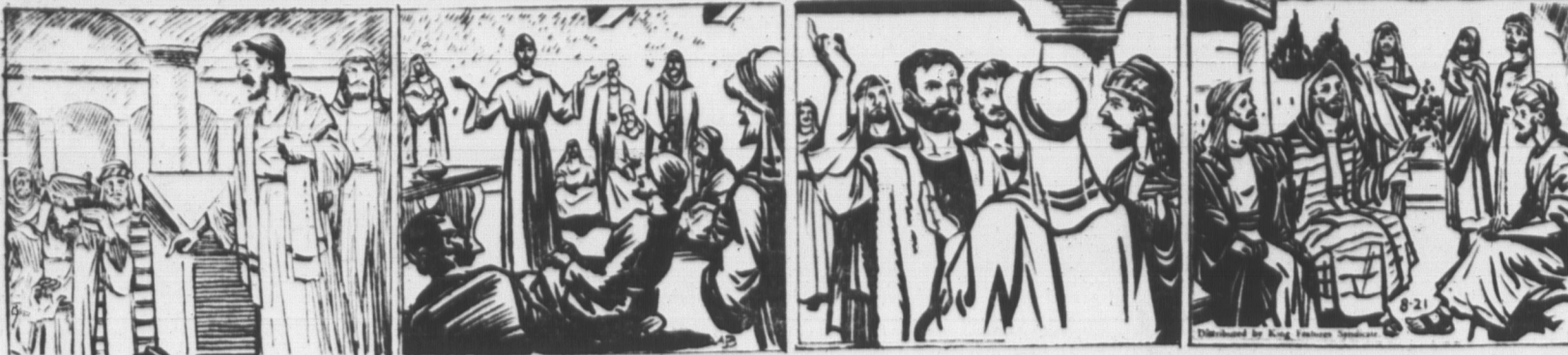


Passions of the Flesh

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—Galatians 5:13-26



Reprimanding those Galatians who returned to the old Law, Paul calls them back to Christ and freedom from the Law...

Freedom from the old Law is not freedom to sin, Paul warns. Christians are continuously tempted by Satan...

Paul lists fifteen sins which break the Commandments, disrupt the church, run the lives of those who commit them...

In contrast to these "works of the flesh," Paul lists the "fruits of the Spirit" and the ultimate victory of a life described by these virtues...

MEMORY VERSE: "And they that are Christ's have sacrificed the flesh with the affections and lusts."—Galatians 5:24.

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Christ Rules Lives Of Believers

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R.H. RAMSEY Today's lesson, Paul directs our attention to the sins of the flesh, which man is heir to and

must overcome in order to grow in the Christian life. Though he paints a dark picture, Paul also provides a brighter one—the fruits of the spiritual life which come as a result of overcoming fleshly passions.

The Galatians, to whom Paul addressed this letter, were a volatile people, easily moved by eloquence and subject to the temptation of the heathen religions about them. Paul's letter

was prompted by the fact that certain Jewish Christians had appeared in the Galatian churches and had urged upon the people what they considered an obligation to keep the Law of Moses even after they had become Christians. Known as "Judaizers," they insisted that the Gentile Christians be circumcised as a sign and symbol of observance of the Mosaic Law and considered necessary, by the Judaizers, for salvation.

Our Scripture material begins with an exhortation to serious godliness as an antidote for the false teaching which had appeared among the Galatians. Though he had previously reprimanded those who had departed from their freedom in Christ to accept the bondage of the Mosaic Law, he now addressed them as "Brethren," and expressed the hope that they would voluntarily return to the freedom of their calling in Christ.

But, the apostle hastens to warn, this liberty is not license and is not to be used as an occasion for sin. Rather, the true realization of that liberty for which Christ died is love; love of God and for our neighbor. This is the only divine requirement for the fulfillment of the Law, for we show our love for God by our love for our neighbor.

Against the background of harmony and peace—that lives founded on love would bring to the churches of Galatia—Paul draws a picture of what it would be like should they let divisions and controversies caused by others continue and grow worse. They would become as savage beasts, snapping at and devouring one another, and the Christian community would be consumed, the Christian cause defeated.

Verses 16-18 reveal the secret of living a life not only free from the law, but free from the dominion of the flesh. Confronted by temptation, the Christian must choose between the flesh and the spirit. And the more often he says "no" to the flesh, and "yes" to the Holy Spirit, the easier it becomes.

Now Paul enumerates the many sins by which Satan continues to tempt us, concluding with the reminder that those who do such things cannot enter the kingdom of God. The first four sins—adultery, fornication, uncleanness and lasciviousness—are known as carnal sins and are contrary to the seventh Commandment.

Then are listed the sins of witchcraft and idolatry, breaking the first and second Commandments, respectively. Faith in one God and worship of Him are laws given by our Lord, and breaking of these laws violates the love of God which should fill the body, mind and soul of the believer.

The third group of sins includes those which disrupt the church: hatred, variance, emulations, wrath and strife. When these sins exist among members of the Christian community, they lead to seditions and divisions.

The final list of sins includes those against our neighbors and ourselves. They range from envy to murder, and include drunkenness and revelings. These are social sins, and they ruin the lives of those who commit them.

Paul concludes this passage with a stern warning that all those who do any of these things will not enter the kingdom of God. In the last four verses of this chapter, Paul contrasts the evil "works of the flesh" with the "fruits of the Spirit." Since the apostle has already stated that love is the fulfillment of the whole Law, the list begins with this virtue.

From a wellspring of love come joy, peace and "longsuffering," i.e., patience. Kindness and goodness are two sides of the same coin; you can't have one without the other. Meekness and temperance, or self-control, are similar virtues.

Paul makes it plain that faith is the basis of salvation. Love is the natural outcome of faith, and the whole life described by these virtues is one founded on the rock of faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

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The illiteracy and Bible Study campaigns of the Evangelical Coptic Organization for Social Services have also used several hundreds of Scriptures.

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Daily Bible Readings Sunday, Aug. 22: Exodus 17. Monday, Aug. 23: Exodus 17. Tuesday, Aug. 24: Exodus 32. Wednesday, Aug. 25: Deuteronomy 30.

Thursday, Aug. 26: Joshua 24. Friday, Aug. 27: Judges 7. Saturday, Aug. 28: Ruth 1.

Rector Appointed To Serve Alberton

Rev. Edward L. Linton who has been serving as rector of the Parish of Turfside in Saskatchewan since 1961 has been appointed by Rt. Rev. W.W. Davis, Bishop of Nova Scotia, to be rector of the Parish of Alberton, Prince Edward Island effective Sept. 1st.

Quebec Government Reports On Fraudulent Bankruptcies

QUEBEC (CP)—Many fraudulent bankruptcies in Quebec province have lined the pockets of both big businessmen and established racketeers, says a Quebec government report made public here.

The report by Lucien Mercier, internal auditor of the Quebec revenue department, said the phoney bankruptcies cost the Quebec government \$5,400,000 in lost taxes between Jan. 1, 1959, and Feb. 1, 1965.

The report is the result of a 10-month closed-door investigation which found much blame for the frauds rested on trustees, inspectors and purchasers whose transactions come very close to being a matter of receiving stolen goods.

Mr. Mercier recommended that bankruptcy investigations be carried out by a special revenue department branch rather than by groups of investigators working for various branches of the department.

While recognizing that the bankruptcy act and laws regulating liquidation of assets of bankrupt firms are federal, the report recommended that all matters relating to bankruptcy be handled directly by the official investigator rather than through trustees.

The inquiry, established by the Quebec legislature Oct. 16, 1964, recommended that a number of government investigations into fraudulent bankruptcies be continued with the aim of finding the amounts of non-declared revenues. No single firm was mentioned by name.

The report was made public by Revenue Minister Eric Keegan. It covers the period from Jan. 1, 1959, to Feb. 1, 1965.

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prices equalling 100, was 148.5 in July, compared with 141.8 last December. This is an increase of less than five per cent. But the index for steel and metal work, which accounts for about one-fifth of the total index, has risen more than 20 per cent in the same period.

Other components of the non-residential building materials index show lesser gains—less than two per cent for gravel, cement and concrete mix; less than four per cent for lumber and lumber products, and less than three per cent for building stock, blocks and brick. Prices of electrical equipment and fixtures as shown by the index were unchanged last month, from the 1964 year-end.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 233 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service 8:00 p.m.—Evening Service

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelism Since 1865" 53 Villa Avenue Capt. Ray Nelson

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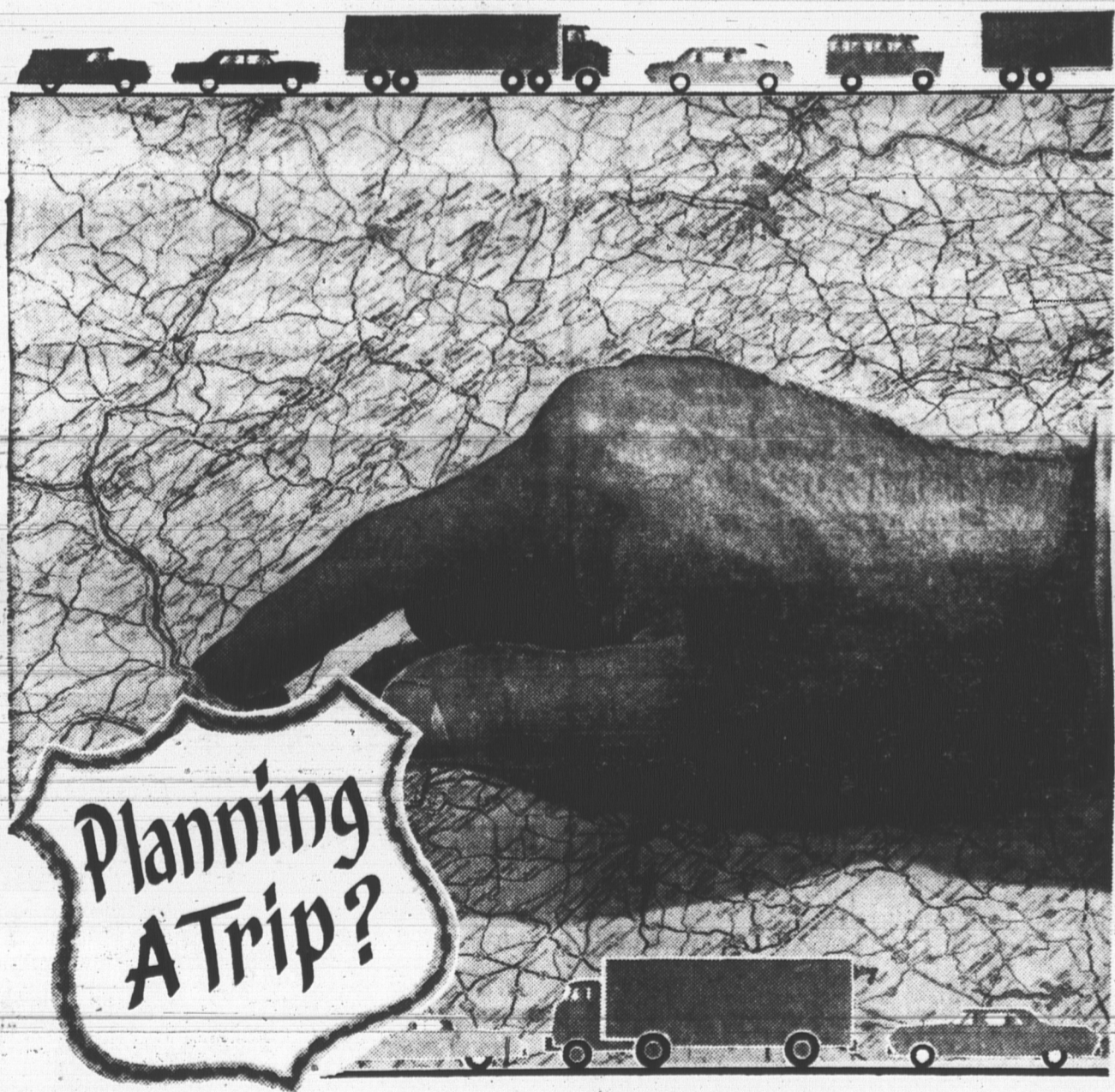
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Steel Increase Boosts Prices OTTAWA (CP)—Last winter's steel-price increase now is being reflected in heavy industry and construction costs, though it apparently has not yet reached the price level of consumer goods.

Labor Day Weekend Dangerous OTTAWA (CP)—Predicting that 75 Canadians will die on the highways during the coming Labor Day weekend, the Canadian Highway Safety Council said that the long weekend winding up the summer vacation period is the most dangerous one of the year for driving.

Bankruptcy Rings BANKRUPTCY RINGS It said numerous phoney bankruptcy rings have been in operation, led by big businessmen-established racketeers and specialists in such frauds.

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