

PLACE OF LABOR

God's Plan For man's Welfare

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By R. H. RAMSEY There are some things in life we cannot avoid: eating, resting, paying taxes, and, unless we are lazy or have inherited means, we cannot avoid work for a living for most of the years of our lives. When Jesus was on earth he had a great deal to say about man's relationship to work and wealth, some of which has been assigned to today's lesson.

Jesus' opportunity to relate the parable of Luke 12:16-21 came about when a man asked him to participate in a quartet over their inheritance. Jesus warned this man, and those who were listening, to be aware of covetousness, saying, "A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses."

The parable tells of a rich man who, through hard work, was finding his harvest so abundant that he had to build bigger and bigger barns. In the flush of material wealth, his soul becomes spiritually bankrupt. God calls him a fool, for what nourishes our physical bodies cannot nourish our inner lives. For this we need truth, ethical ideas, unselfish objectives and a knowledge and love of God.

After the parable he pleads with the disciples to live lives not free from work, but free from anxiety over material things. A full, satisfying life is

more than food and clothing, though these are necessary. Our Father is aware of our necessities and will provide them for us, even as the providence for the ravens and the lilies of the field.

Jesus does not mean we are not to have food in our houses for regular meals, nor are we to be negligent in our daily duties. But we must not become so attached to material things, that our souls are controlled by them. In order for life to have some aim, the mind must turn to something supremely good, filling the mind and heart with love and longing for eternal and spiritual good is the only course of life that will not, in the end, earn God's stern judgment, "Thou fool."

Again in Luke 16:1-15, Jesus instructs His disciples regarding faithfulness in stewardship by means of a parable.

Hearing reports that his steward was wasting goods entrusted to him, a certain rich man demands an accounting. What is the steward to do? He is too weak to engage in manual labor and, though dismissal is imminent, he is too proud to beg. So he calls in those to whom he had entrusted the products of the estate and tells them if they will immediately pay him a much lower sum than they owe, he will cancel the rest of their indebtedness.

Hearing of this, the rich man commends the steward, not for his dishonesty, carelessness or the earlier transactions, but because the steward has done something to his advantage when he found himself in trouble. In the moral of the parable, Jesus separates the steward's

dishonesty from his foresight. While the former is worthy only of rebuke, the latter can be extolled for urging people to a like procedure; yet it should be a holy prodigy about things of far higher and more lasting importance. Jesus urges His followers to use the worldly goods entrusted to them by God in a manner that will bring blessing to others and be conducive to their own eternal welfare.

Finally, our Lord declares that a man who is faithful in a little will also be faithful in much; and he that is unfaithful or unjust in the small things of

life is essentially false and will be unfaithful in greater things. The first two verses of the fourth in the paragraph from 1 Thessalonians relate to our lesson and do not directly laboring, but to love for the brethren. Paul writes that this we are taught by God, but exhorts us to do it more and more. The apostle warns against meddling in the affairs of others in regard to the opinion of the world, for his standards are those of the Master, and not those of the community in which he lives. But, in another sense, he must also think of the effect of his actions on others, and must take care not to bring discredit on the faith by being careless of appearances. The man who does this, and labors constantly, will find ample provision for all his needs.

Faith In The Future First Bible Message

By CARDINAL MCGUIGAN

The problem of civilization's future cannot be evaded. This is an age of crisis. Events are of global consequence. Technical inventions place in men's hands power never before known. Economic upheavals shatter so-called classic economic laws and demand a re-examination of the distribution of wealth. Lands across the sea, once held as colonies or kept economically dependent on the nations of the west, have won political autonomy. The future fills some men with dread. They all heed dear seams in danger. They have never distinguished between eternal values and the expression of these

values in terms of bourgeois civilization.

NEED FAITH Therefore they feel that they must defend the past from the assaults of the future. Others, who are more forward-looking, see forces working secretly and believe that scientific progress and social justice will produce an earthly paradise. We must ask ourselves what connection there is between a Christian hope which has for its object the heavenly city and temporal things which are limited to the future well-being of the earthly city. Faith in the future was from the first the special message of the Bible. Henceforth, we must move like some refreshing



Christian Principles in Labor ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Alfred J. Bossecher

Jesus warns to beware of covetousness, to live lives free of material wealth. He illustrates His point with love and longing for eternal and spiritual goods.—Luke 12:13-21.

Our Father will provide for our physical needs. A full, satisfying life means filling the mind and heart with love and longing for eternal and spiritual goods.—Luke 12:22-34.

Jesus uses the parable of the craftsman to urge His followers to use their worldly goods in a manner conducive to their own eternal welfare.—Luke 16:1-13.

Paul exhorts us to live as Christians, to labor diligently and not to meddle in the affairs of others.—1 Thessalonians 4:9-12.

MEMORY VERSE—

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."—Colossians 3:23.

breeds through the pessimism of the ancient world.

But with the passage of the years, it lost its religious roots, and became secularized. In the 17th century, Voltaire dared to substitute "fancy and progress" for "faith and providence." UNLIMITED In the 19th century, prodigious technical advances made man see no limits to his own power. The new faith hastened the spread of capitalism. Capitalism and Communism are now locked in mortal combat. Rightly do Christians denounce modern optimism and declare that it has nothing in common with the theological virtue of hope. The great Christian thinkers of the last years of the nineteenth century and the early years of the twentieth century, such as Pope, a Papini, a Chesterton, cannot find words sufficiently sarcastic to deride the myth of progress. No one can deny their attitude is in many ways justified. Faith in progress is a caricature of hope. Hoping as it does on man's power, not God's, it is without any foundation or norm and it is doomed to misadventure. Limited to earthly perspectives, it has no perspective and life everlasting which are based on the faith of the dead. DETACHMENT But if Christians of our day have been right in these denunciations of the illusions of the myth of progress they have often failed to see that the hope which regards the future with distrust. And they have taken their stand with the forces of conservatism against the forces of progress. A salutary realism, which gives Christians a sense of sin and a spirit of detachment from what is human, ought not to prevent Christians from sharing legitimate aspirations for the improvement of the conditions of human life. Therefore it is our right, in fact it is our duty, to share the temporal hopes of the men of our era. This is an era of hope. It is of the resurrection. Christianity is a hope for all men and it is not of this world. Christianity also brings temporal hope to the poor of this world. IN CONCLUSION Moreover, modern man armed with all the new technical skills for earthly life, is acquiring great things. They are acquiring

good things in this world and eternal life in the next.

Is not its object God Himself? And is not its purpose to lift our desires above life here, where they rest? FORCES WILL TRAIN SAIGON/Reuters—About 75 crack special forces personnel from the Philippines will come to South Vietnam next month, informed sources said Thursday. The sources confirmed a report published in the English language newspaper, Saigon Post, that Philippine special forces would be sent here for training and to advise Vietnamese troops in warfare against the Communist insurgents.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 333 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. Services: 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Speaker: James A. Stahr, B.Sc., M.Th., VISITORS WELCOME.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1763 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector Organist and Choir Director: George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O. (CHM) A.R.C.M. FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 8:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION Followed by Corporate Breakfast for those recently confirmed in the Parish Hall. N. 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Junior, Senior and Bible Classes. 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Primary, Beginners, & Crib Nursery. 11:00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION. Anthem: "O Bread of Life From Heaven" by Cesar Franck. 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP and Sermon Subject: "EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A MISSIONARY." YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES.

Canadian Bible Society Auxiliary, British and Foreign Bible Society 127th ANNUAL MEETING Prince Edward Island District FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Charlottetown MONDAY, MAY 4th, 2 P.M. ADDRESS BY THE REVEREND K. G. McMILLAN, D.D. General Secretary, Canadian Bible Society All friends of the Bible Society cordially invited.

CALVARY TEMPLE Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Upper Prince Street Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerfest Station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, B.M. 11:00 a.m.—Communion Service, Rev. S. Mulligan 7:30 p.m.—HEAR REV. S. MULLIGAN, YARMOUTH, N.S., DISTRICT YOUTH LEADER AT TEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH.

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street 85 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker Sunday: Directory Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School. Friday: Young People's Hobby Class 4-15 p.m. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY!

First Baptist Church Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. Extended devotional sessions for pre-school children 11:00 a.m.—"IS UNITY NECESSARY?" Anthem: "O Lord, My Closer Walk With God" (Myles Foster) 7:30 p.m.—"REMEMBER" Anthem: "O Bread of Life From Heaven" (Frankel) Ordinance of Lord's Supper. Wednesday: A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Central Christian Church 212 Kent Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Morning 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for the whole family. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion Message: "PAUL, THE APOSTLE" Choir: "Gracious Spirit Dwell In Me" EVENING 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service Sermon: "BEHOLD THE CHRIST OF THE CROSS" Minister—Mr. William O. Weale Organist—Mrs. Allison MacLae, R.C.A.M. YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Hicott, Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Youth Adult Bible Class 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "THE BOY WHO STAYED HOME" Anthem: "The Lord's Prayer"—Gates 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP "Dedication To Mission" Service Sermon: AIM BEYOND YOUR FIRE Solo: Mr. Donald Hutchison Men's Choir YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US.

The Kirk of St. James The Reverend T. H. R. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Choir Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus. 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Young People's Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—MORNING WORSHIP AND SERMON: THE REVEREND PETER D. RUDDELL, R.A., B.D. Anthem: O Saviour of the World—Goss 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP AND SEMINAR: THE REVEREND ROSS A. HOWARD, R.A., B.D. Solo: Entr'acte, Mrs. C. Levee Ties—Gould. Mrs. C. Gledhill. JESUS SAID: "WE ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YE DO WHAT SOEVER I COMMAND YOU."

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Gratton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L. Mus., B. Mus. Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School—Classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Divine Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School 10:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "THE MARCHING ORDERS OF THE LORD" Anthem: Teach Me O Lord—Thomas Atwood The Royal Canadian Legion will worship with us at the Morning Service of Worship on this the Battle of Atlantic Sunday 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: PROPHECIES FULFILLED Anthem: Selected. A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada The Ven. Archbishop J. R. Davies, M.A. Rector The Reverend Canon M. Malone, M.A., D.D., Honorary Canon Rev. Canon C. Lewis, Priest Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

May 3—Rejoicing Sunday (Easter V) (Designated as Anglican World Mission Sunday) 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matins 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Infants Class 11 a.m.) 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon Conducted by the Rt. Rev. W. W. Davies, B.A., D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Nova Scotia. Visitors are most welcome at all services.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. J. G. F. Ball, B.A., Rev. C. G. Wywras, R.A., B.D., Rev. Clayton C. Lewis, Priest Organist & Director of Choirs: Royston F. Mugford, A.R.C.O. 9:30 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Junior Church School 11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery 11:00 a.m.—"WHY TO 'THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER'?" Rev. Gerald G. Wywras Solo: Mrs. David Cox 7:00 p.m.—"JOHN'S FOLLY" (Rev. Gerald G. Wywras) "A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT TRINITY AND SPRING PARK" SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH (Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street) CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Nursery in Sunday School Church 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Choir: "The Lord's Prayer" (E. Langdon) Organist: Mrs. Ron R. Atkinson



THE CHURCH FOR ALL. ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. When it is a strong church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly, and read your Bible daily.



Don't be sad, sweetheart. The book has no pictures, but it's a wonderful story... the most wonderful story in the world! You'll hear about it in Sunday School, and when you read it you'll be able to read it for yourself.

Her eager young mind is ready to learn, and she'll find it easy to understand the glorious truths of the Bible if they are presented to her in pictures, stories and songs. The happy hours she spends in Sunday School bring the beginning of an unshakable Christian faith that will sustain her all her life.

You feel that your children deserve the best. Give them an early introduction to the beauty of the Christian religion... give them the security of a loving Christian home... and know that these are the greatest gifts you could provide.

DR. MACMILLAN A noted churchman, author and preacher, Dr. Kenneth G. MacMillan, general secretary of the Canadian Bible Society will be in Charlottetown Monday to address the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island District which convenes at the First Baptist Church 2 p.m. Dr. MacMillan, B.A., B.D., D.D., is a native of Mt. Forest, Ont., and a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, where he served several pastorates before his work as general secretary of the Bible Society in 1955 and has been instrumental in leading the society to phenomenal achievements in a few years. He has visited the overseas mission fields of the Canadian churches on all six continents and written on his travels has been a book, "What But Thy Grace" presenting his impressions of the Church and the world. Rev. Malcolm Harlow will conduct the meeting and reports of the year's work will be submitted and officers elected. Accompanying Dr. MacMillan will be Rev. E. M. Whelock, district secretary for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, who will present his report.

Bible Society Leader To Speak Here

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- THE LOTUS Cafe Formerly New England Cafe 4-3910 73 Lower Queen St.
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- GRAFTON STREET ESSO SERVICE ("Red" Howat, Lescoe) 4-9219 163 Grafton St.

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