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Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

May 2nd, 1000. Paul's First Missionary Journey.—Cyprus. Acts 13:1-12. Golden Text.—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15. Verse 1.—Where was Antioch? What constituted a Christian church then and now? What was the difference between prophets and teachers? Verse 2.—What is meant by "ministered to the Lord"? What mental, physical or spiritual benefits, are there derived from fasting? How long should a person abstain from food, in order to constitute a Christian fast? What right has the present day Protestant church to discontinue the practice of fasting? When would the ears of a company of godly men be most sensitive to the voice of God, during a fast or a feast? Was there any connection between their ministering and fasting, and the Holy Spirit speaking to them? Is the Holy Spirit apt to speak to those who are not engaged in the cause of God? What is necessary in order to cultivate an ear for the voice of God? Should we all be "called" of God, before undertaking any kind of work? Verse 3.—Ought the church to-day to send out missionaries to new districts, and to heathen countries? If it is the duty of the church to send out missionaries, is it, or not, the duty of every person, whether a member of the church or not, to help support them? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Shirley was superintending the annual charity bazaar and putting her whole incautious, magnanimous soul into the task, but that was Shirley every time. And she had what she termed a "perfectly, splendidly unique" idea for this particular bazaar. As soon as she thought of it she called up each of the other girls on the committee by telephone to tell them about it. "Perfectly impossible," one said. "Too much work," complained another. "Fine," agreed a third, "and just like you, Shirley. But you'll have to put it through yourself. All the rest of us have more than we can do now."

Why did they fast and pray before sending Paul and Bernabas on their mission? Would it be a help to each local church to-day, to fast and pray before each missionary meeting? Do you think the women took part in this service, and whether or not, what reason is there to debar women from any of the church's work? Verse 4.—Is it possible or practical, to be guided in every journey we take and in all else by the Holy Spirit? Should a pastor ever take charge of a new church, without being directed to do so, by the Holy Spirit? Please point out on the map, in your Bible, where Seleucia, Salamis and Cyprus are situated. Were they consciously or unconsciously directed by God the Holy Spirit, all along their journey? Verse 5.—Should men and women in the ordinary walks of life, be as faithful in preaching the gospel or testifying for Jesus, wherever they may be, as Paul and Barnabas were? Verse 6.—How many places mentioned in this lesson are situated on the Island of Cyprus? (See your map.) What motives had likely induced this man Elymas, to claim to be a prophet? Verses 7-8.—How do you account for a man being so bad as to try to prevent another man from serving the true God? Verses 9-12.—Are good men justified in rebuking bad men with vehemence, when they would stop a work of love and mercy? Is it possible for a bad man to escape the just penalty of his sins? Lesson for Sunday, May 9th, 1909. Paul's First Missionary Journey.—Antioch in Pisidia. Acts xiii:13-52.



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"I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT THIS ONE"

every one beamed upon Shirley, for that matter, and Shirley beamed upon every one in return, or possibly it was just the other way round. "You see, Mr. Brown, we're going to have a charity bazaar," she began, smiling so captivatingly as she did so that her victim quite overlooked the fatality of the announcement. "And you have such perfectly charming and unusual things here that I knew you would be delighted to give us just one or two small articles to help us out." Mr. Brown managed to tuck an acquiescent smile in edgewise as Shirley, seating herself in a reclining bamboo porch chair announced: "Yes, we'd like this. I'm sure. It's delightfully comfortable. And, oh, that lovely tan Gloucester hammock! We must have that. Come over here and try it with me, Philip."

announced defiantly. "I saved them on purpose for you, Philip, so you'll have to take them. Now, you mustn't detain me a minute longer. I've got loads of other places to go to. See you at the bazaar." "But I can't call before"—began Philip, abruptly tearing in two several small pieces of blue cardboard. "No, you can't," interrupted Shirley, laughing. "I'm too busy. If you need any more tickets, Philip, let me know. Goodby!" The bazaar opened with a blaze of social glory and continued its triumphant career for an entire week. The center of attraction was "Shirley Burnett's little portable house," as it came to be called before the bazaar was half over. There it stood at one end of the long hall, immaculate and dainty in its coat of white and yellow, defying any one to find fault with it and inviting every one to come in—for the small price of 5 cents. Every one wanted to go in and remain to exclaim over its coziness. Not a corner of it was left unexplored, from the little living room with its artistic wicker furnishings to the diminutive kitchen with its miniature cook stove and shining rows of brand new pans and kettles. And nearly every one lingered long enough to have tea, which Shirley served out on the porch with just as gracious hospitality as if she weren't charging the exorbitant sum of 15 cents a cup for it. The little portable house proved a most paying proposition. And when the very last night of the bazaar it was put up at auction there were spirited bidding and much excitement. "Four hundred and ninety dollars—four hundred and ninety dollars—called the auctioneer. Impressively, for this beautiful little house with all its furnishings complete. Come, gentlemen. Some one make it five hundred. Going, going—five hundred, do I hear? Thank you, sir. Gone at five hundred to the gentleman over there on my right. Will he please step forward and give his name?" Shirley, who had been watching the scene from a window of the living room, suddenly disappeared as the crowd parted to give the purchaser right of way. A few minutes later Philip Evans found her sitting on the kitchen table making pathetic little dabs at suspiciously red eyes. "Why, Shirley Burnett!" he exclaimed. "What's the matter? You ought to be the proudest girl in the world." "Well, I'm not," Shirley answered disconsolately. "I'm the most miserable. I can't bear to think of any one else having this little house. I want it myself. I just love it. Don't you think the porch is the cutest thing you ever saw, Philip? Can't you just imagine sitting out on it away off somewhere in the moonlight?" Philip nodded. Somehow he couldn't trust himself to speak. "And the dear little living room— isn't it the budget little room you ever saw, Philip?" Philip wasn't quite sure what "budget" meant, but he nodded again. "And as for this little toy kitchen," Shirley ended dramatically, patting a nearby saucepan affectionately, "I adore everything in it! Don't you, Philip?" "Everything," answered Philip solemnly, "and you, sweetheart, most of all. Oh, Shirley, can't you say the same?" For a moment Shirley looked at him as if dozed. Then her eyes sparkling with happiness and her cheeks glowing rosier and rosier she said softly and slowly, "I adore everything in this little kitchen and you, sweetheart, most of all."

"You're quite sure, dearest," Philip questioned a few minutes later as, at Shirley's request, he held up the little kitchen mirror while she rearranged her wavy red hair, "that you love me just as much as you love the little house?" "It's your dearest rival, Philip," she answered sweetly, "but just to prove to you that it won't count any more I'll congratulate whoever bought it. I do. I couldn't say more. Who is he?" "You don't know?" gasped Philip, unable to believe his ears. "I don't want to see the monster," explained Shirley. "Just as soon as I heard that fatal word 'Gone' I ran out here, where you found me. Philip," she broke off excitedly, "I have the grandest inspiration! Let us and me get another house just like this and spend our honeymoon in it. I think I could get one quite cheap for you."

"But, you see," confided Philip meekly. "I've already bought this one." "Why, Philip Evans!" exclaimed Shirley, hugging him hard. "I don't believe it. Aren't you a love?" An English Opinion. "London is full of foreigners," writes a correspondent of the London Chronicle, "and you may detect them in many infallible ways. But nothing perhaps displays a man's nationality more surely than the way he eats. You may tell an Englishman, meet him where you may, by the fact that he grasps his fork firmly in his left hand and keeps it there instead of transferring it to his right hand as soon as his food is cut up. You can tell a Frenchman by his wise disregard of fish knives and salt spoons. As for Americans—well, it is amusing to read of Benjamin Franklin's visit to Paris in 1777 and of the horror of the ladies of the court when he fell upon asparagus with hands and teeth and of their corresponding disdain when he failed to treat a melon in the same way, but ate it delicately with a knife and fork. They also professed disgust at his love for an egg broken into a tumbler."

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