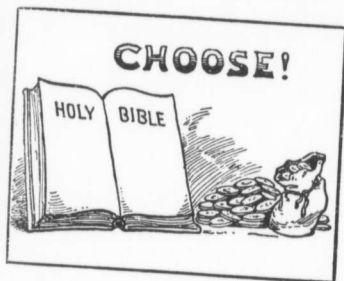


Faithfulness. Jesus tells us that if we are not faithful in little things we will not be faithful in great things. If we do not use the money given us in the right way we cannot learn how to use the true riches, which are the things that last forever. If this steward had not begun by wasting little things belonging to his master would he have been likely to cheat him out of so much oil and wheat? We cannot work for Jesus and for money, and the things of this world, which the text calls mammon, at the same time, any more than a man can work in two shops at once, for two masters. We must choose. Our crown jewel to-day, our special lesson, is Faithfulness. Nothing is too small to do well for Jesus' sake. He looks to see how we get our lessons, run errands, and do our bits of work.



For the Youngest Children.

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GOLDEN TEXT: "By love serve one another."

Impression. God wants us to share our blessings.

Expression. Generous thoughts and deeds.

Point of contact. Child who had not learned to share.

Approach. The effect of a generous example.

Lesson story. There can scarcely be said to be any for little children in this lesson. The general thought adapted must be woven with other Scripture.

Clarence Stewart was not a very happy little boy; indeed, most of the time he was quite unhappy, and the reason was that he tried to have good times all alone. When his uncle gave him a new top he went up into the attic to spin it for fear some of the other boys would want to borrow it if he took

it out on the sidewalk. When his sister brought him a box of candy he found a place to hide it, and did not want to give anyone even one piece. But that day his Cousin Harry came to visit him, and just as soon as they were ready for play Harry said: "O, Clarence, I have a new toy engine, and it goes beautifully! Don't you want to run it?" Clarence did want to very much indeed, but when Harry was so willing to lend his engine it made him think, "I ought to let Harry have something of mine," and so very soon he brought the new top from the attic and showed Harry how it worked so that he might spin it. After a while Harry said: "Do you like fruit? I have some I saved for you from the basket I had on the train;" and he rushed off to get it. Clarence remembered his box of candy, and Harry's loving thought and wish to share all his good things helped Clarence to wish to share his blessings, too. So while Harry was gone after the fruit Clarence hurried to get the box of candy from its hiding place, and I am very sure he would have been ashamed to have Harry know that it ever had been hidden. All that afternoon as they played together they had a very happy time, because each wanted to share with the other; and when Clarence found how much better that way was he did not want to go back to his old selfish way.

Our heavenly Father tells us all through his word to share the blessings he sends us. In one place he says, "By love serve one another." Harry's love for his cousin made him want to let Clarence have part of his good things, and so he served that way; but I think he did something better even than that, for by his kindness he helped Clarence to be kind.

Jesus taught his friends to serve one another by love. He said, "Love your enemies." He wanted his friends to serve everybody, even those who were unloving and unkind, by being loving and kind to them, and he said something like this: "People who do not love me at all or try to do the things I say are kind sometimes just because they want other people to be good to them, and they know that is the best way to make them so. But you will share your money and all your happy times and blessings because I tell you that is right and you want to please me, and because by doing this you will help those you share with to do the same way. By love you can help one another even in little things."