

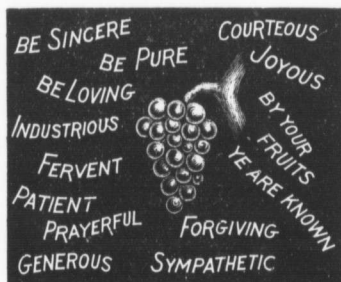
The Teachers' Meeting.

The best way to teach this lesson is text by text, with illustrations of each thought. You can find your best illustrations in your own church or street, very likely in your own home or class. Emphasize the truths that yourself and your scholars have neglected.... Much can be made of the word "therefore" in verse 1. The duties reach from this point to the end of the epistle. Paul's emphases are all suspended from the doctrines which he taught in the earlier chapters.... From *Illustrative Notes* we quote seven laws of the Christian life: 1. The law of consecration (verse 1); let us "lay ourselves on the altar." 2. The law of transformation (verse 2). 3. The law of mutuality (verses 3-8). 4. The law of sincerity (verse 8). 5. The law of decision (verse 9). 6. The law of fidelity (verses 10-12). 7. The law of sympathy (verses 13-15).

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Blackboard.



This lesson teaches or sets forth the practical duties of a Christian life. The blackboard has a cluster of grapes on it, surrounded by the duties set forth in the lesson. A tree or a vine is known by its fruit; so is a Christian known by his acts and words and conduct. What is the first duty set forth in the lesson? To live for Christ and give him our best service. (See verse 1.) What is the second duty? (See verse 2.) What is the third duty? (See verse 3.) Now look at the blackboard. What duty shall be written here as set forth in the first part of the ninth verse? [Sincerity.] What next? [Purity. (Abhor evil).] Next? [Loving.] What one is next? [True

Christian courtesy.] It would be a grand thing if all Christian lives would bear this fruit, as it should. Next? [Industrious.] Next? [Fervent in spirit.] Next? [Joyous.] Next? [Patient.] Next? [Prayerful.] Now look out for the next one. [Generous.] Yes; some people can pray a million-dollar prayer and give a ten-cent donation. Next? [Forgiving.] This is hard fruit to grow. The vine has to be a long time in the sunshine of divine love before the "bless them that persecute you" fruit ripens. It is scarce and rare, but the apostle says we must have it. Lastly? [Sympathy.] An easy fruit to grow, beautiful to look upon, delightful to taste.

DIRECTIONS.—Draw the grapes and the inscription, "By your fruits ye are known," before the school assemblies. Write answers to the questions during the review.

Primary and Intermediate.

LESSON THOUGHT. *Building for Heaven.*

[A very few horizontal and upright lines will make a fair representation of a solid stone wall. Prepare it before the class assemblies, and do not uncover until needed. The names can be written on the stones as the lesson progresses.]



We are going to have a lesson about building to-day. What are some of the things that are built? [Children will be likely to name houses, churches, barns, bridges, etc.] These are all things that can be seen with these outward eyes. But we are going to talk to-day about a wall—the solid wall of a good life. Our lesson will tell what kind of stones we are to build into this wall, and where we may find them.

This kind of building goes on without noise of hands, and our earthly eyes cannot see it rising. But God and the angels watch every stone that is laid, and rejoice to see the wall growing higher and higher as the years go on.

[Uncover.] This is a large stone at the bottom. Spell the word that I print on it—"Truth." "Let love be without dissimulation," says Paul. Do not pretend. Ask God to give you love, but never try to appear to have what you have not. There can be no good life that does not have truth built into the very foundation.

This is the "Love the Good" stone. A boy or girl wants that which he or she like best. If we are building for God and heaven, we must choose the good. Shall I tell you a good way? Always ask, when you have to choose, "What would please Jesus?"

If this stone really gets into our wall, the next will have to be "Hate the Evil." Evil is from Satan, our worst enemy. He wants to drag us