

## HOME READINGS.

- M. Mission of John the Baptist. Mark 1, 1-11.  
 Tu. Forgiveness and healing. Mark 2, 1-12.  
 W. Parable of the sower. Mark 4, 10-30.  
 Th. The timid woman's touch. Mark 5, 33-34.  
 F. Jesus the Messiah. Mark 8, 27-33.  
 S. The child-like spirit. Mark 9, 33-41.  
 S. Christ's love to the young. Mark 10, 13-22.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;  
 but be filled with the spirit. Eph. 5, 18.

## LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 3, Dominion Hymnal.  
 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
 With angels round the throne.  
 No. 253, Dominion Hymnal.  
 Let him to whom we now belong  
 His sovereign right assert.  
 No. 239, Dominion Hymnal.  
 See, the Church of Christ arises,  
 Smile or frown of man despises.

TIME.—64 A. D.

PLACE.—Written at Rome.

RULER.—Nero, emperor.

CIRCUMSTANCES.—Paul a prisoner.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Self-control.

## QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

- Wise.**  
 What advice concerning conduct does the apostle give to the Ephesian Christians?  
 Where was Ephesus?  
 What connection had Paul had with it in the past?  
 Acts 19, 1-19.  
 Against what evil did Paul have to repeatedly warn Roman Christians or those in cities under Roman sway?  
 What made the days of Paul's imprisonment in Rome days? (See any history of persecution under Nero.)
- Temperate.**  
 In what way did he counsel to show wisdom?  
 On what ground does he put his opposition to drunkenness?  
 Has the condition of things changed at all?  
 Why ought all Christians now to advocate temperance as a duty?  
 Does the apostle imply that there can be no such thing as spiritual fullness where excess from drinking prevails?
- Practical.**  
 How was temperance as a principle to affect their conversation?  
 In place of songs to Diana and Bacchus in drunken revels what does he counsel?  
 What was to be the constant attitude of their heart?  
 Through whom was their thanksgiving to be rendered?  
 How was it to manifest itself in their mutual life?

## Practical Teachings.

A man is known by his walk in the street, as well as by his word. The drunken man shows it in his walk; old age is shown by its walk; sickness by its walk; business energy is shown by its walk, etc.  
 So accurate is the word it becomes a figure for conduct. A man's character is known by his conduct. Walk therefore wisely.  
 The attitude of all morality is against excess. Temperate—in drink; in act; in word. This is the unvarying voice of God's word.

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

- Wise.** v. 15-17.  
 How should Christians walk?  
 What is it to redeem the time?  
 In what should we be wise?  
 How may we know the will of the Lord?
- Temperate.** v. 18, 19.  
 What are contrasted in this verse?  
 Against what are we warned?  
 What reason is given for this warning?

What is said of drinking in Rom. 13, 13?  
 Name some evils from the use of strong drink.  
 With what should we be filled?

- Thankful.** v. 20, 21.  
 How may we show our thankfulness?  
 For what should we give thanks?  
 What is said in Phil. 4, 6?  
 What does Isa. 63, 7 tell us to mention?

## Teachings of the Lesson.

Where are we told in this lesson—

1. How to live?
2. What to avoid?
3. What to give?

## Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find the first instance of drunkenness in the Bible.  
 What is said of the drunkards of Ephraim?  
 How we know that John the Baptist was a total abstainer.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- What is it to walk circumspectly? To walk carefully.  
 Who show themselves foolish? Those who live careless lives.  
 What is time given us for? To use for God.  
 What are we told to do? To redeem the time.  
 What does this mean? To make the most of our opportunities.  
 What must we try to understand? The will of the Lord.  
 What will hinder our understanding God's will? The drinking of wine.  
 What does this lead to? Evil of all kinds.  
 With what should we be filled? With the Spirit.  
 How may we praise our God? By singing and speaking our joy.  
 For what should we give thanks? For all things.  
 Whom should we thank? Our Father, in the name of Jesus.  
 What will the right spirit lead us to do? To be obedient to rightful authority.  
 Who may be filled with the right spirit? All who desire and ask it.

## Words with Little People.

The Spirit of Alcohol makes people foolish, careless, reckless, and evil. The Spirit of Jesus makes people thoughtful, wise, reasonable, and good. "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me."

## ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE

## Model Christians.

- I. THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIANS.**  
 Walk circumspectly . . . as wise, v. 15.  
 "Ponder the path of thy feet," Prov. 4, 26.
- II. ACTIVE CHRISTIANS.**  
 Redeeming the time, v. 16.  
 "Must work . . . while it is day," John 9, 4.
- III. INTELLIGENT CHRISTIANS.**  
 Not unwise, but understanding, v. 17.  
 "In all wisdom and . . . understanding," Col. 1, 9.
- IV. TEMPERATE CHRISTIANS.**  
 Be not drunk with wine, v. 18.  
 "Take heed to yourselves . . . drunkenness," Luke 21, 34.
- V. SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANS.**  
 Be filled with the Spirit, v. 18.  
 "Heavenly Father give . . . Spirit," Luke 11, 13.
- VI. HAPPY CHRISTIANS.**  
 Singing and making melody, v. 19.  
 "My heart is fixed . . . I will sing," Ps. 57, 7, 8.
- VII. THANKFUL CHRISTIANS.**  
 Giving thanks always, v. 20.  
 "I will bless the Lord at all times," Ps. 34, 1.

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