

the kitchen, having come home from a drunken revel. She sent for a photographer, and had a portrait of him taken in all his wretched appearance, and placed it on the mantel beside another portrait taken at the time of his marriage, which showed him handsome and well-dressed, as he had been in other days. When he became sober he saw the two pictures, and awakened to a consciousness of his condition, from which he arose to a better life. Now, the office of the law is not to save men, but to show them their true state as compared with the divine standard. It is like a glass, in which one seeth, "what manner of man he is."

#### Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON, THOUGHT. *Doers of the Word.*  
OBJECTS. A Bible, a small hand-glass.

#### HEARING.

Talk about hearing, how we hear, when, where, etc., showing that we do not hear unless there be sound, and our attention is gained. Ask how children know what mother wants them to do. They hear her speak. So, if we are to learn what God wants, we must watch to hear what he says. Tommy was playing with his blocks in mamma's room. Mamma said, "Tommy, please go in the next room and get my foot-stool." Tommy did not move. She spoke again, and then again. Still Tommy did not look up. What could be the matter? Was Tommy deaf? No, but he did not want to hear, for he was building a pretty block-house, and wanted to finish it. Just so God often speaks to his children, and they do not hear because they do not want to stop their own work. Then God has to speak in some other way, as mamma did to Tommy.

#### DOING.

How could Tommy have showed that he heard his mamma's voice? By doing what she asked him to do. How can we show that we hear God's voice? By doing what he tells us to do. Call out some things that he tells us to do, as "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," "Love one another," "Bless them that curse you," etc., and teach that if we hear these, or any of the words of Jesus, and do not do them, we deny God, as Tommy denied his mother's authority. Speak of ways in which children fail to do these commands quoted, and show that there is no blessing promised to those who do not obey God. Call child to look into hand-glass, and ask a moment later if he remembers how he looks. We forget very easily how we look, and just so easily we forget to do as God tells us. Show Bible,

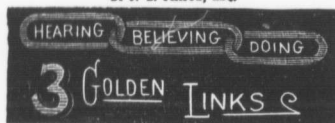
and read verse 25, giving the meaning in simple words.

#### HOW CAN WE OBEY.

Read verse 17, and make heart on the board, in which print "Obedient." Teach that we all have hearts that prefer to disobey, but the obedient heart is the gift of God, and can only be obtained by asking for it. Who may have it? Any one who will ask with faith that God keeps his word. Teach that the ear which hears is God's gift, as well as the heart which obeys. Teach, "I will watch to see what he will say unto me." Hab. 2. 1.

#### Blackboard.

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These three golden links bind the true Christian to the word of God—hearing his word, believing his word, doing his will.



Either of these two diagrams will illustrate a part of the lesson. One teaches the duty of hearing and doing in connection with the word of God; the other that an unspotted heart and a charitable hand make pure religion.



The dead limb is faith without works—lifeless, fruitless.

#### Lesson Word-Pictures.

Timothy All Ears. Nobody in the church is a better listener. Strange ministers notice his steadfast attention and are comforted by the thought of the powerful impression made on one soul at least. Such capacious reservoirs of truth as are those ears, holding all the minister can pump into them! And yet you don't like a certain kind of insincerity in Timothy's face, a hard, cold, self-con-