

LESSON PLAN. I. Walk in Love. vs. 7-10. II. Walk in the Light. vs. 11, 12. III. Walk Honestly. vs. 13, 14.

I. WALK IN LOVE. 8. Owe no man anything—Discharge all obligations, debts, taxes, revenues, respect (see verse 7), but you cannot pay back love so as to have no more obligation to love. You ought not to want to close that account. The more of this kind of coin you pay out the richer you become. **Hath fulfilled the law**—because the object of the law was to show him how love acts (Gal. 5:14; Col. 3:14; 1 Tim. 1:5; Jas. 2:8). **9. It is summed up (R. V.)**—This is the one principle from which all the commandments flow. (Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31; Gal. 5:14.) **10. Neighbor**—See Luke 10:25-37; Jas. 1:27. Love leads us to make others happy. Strong drink is the most fruitful source of misery in the world. "A story is current in the orient of a wise old sheik, who gave to a young Arab prince, from whom he was about to part, a list of crimes, and bade him choose the one which seemed least harmful. The young man turned in horror from murder, theft and loss of virtue, and told the patriarch that he would choose intemperance. 'You have chosen that,' said the wise old man, 'which brings you all.'"

II. WALK IN THE LIGHT. 11. Knowing the time—Knowing that life is short and eternity close at hand. Every day is bringing us nearer to it. Therefore let us bestir ourselves and do all the good we can while we live. (1 Cor. 15:34; Eph. 5:14; 1 Thess. 5:6.) **12. The night**—the time of sin and sorrow—our life here on earth. **The day**—the light and blessedness of heaven. **The works of darkness**—break with all sinful acts, habits and customs. (Eph. 5:11; Col. 3:8.) **The armour of light**—We are, as it were, to put off defiled clothes and put on the armour of a soldier of light for the battle against evil. (Eph. 6:13; 1 Thess. 5:8) We should not falter in our warfare against intemperance, and every other form of evil, within us and around us.

III. WALK HONESTLY. 13. Walk—i. e. live, be stirring—the things we are actively engaged in show our true disposition and character. **Honestly**—becomingly, with dignity and decorum. Conduct ourselves as Christians should. (Phil. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:12.) **14. Put ye on**—"Be clothed with." Christ put on man, that man might put on Christ. Wear the character of Christ. (Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10, 12; 1 Pet. 5:5.) **The flesh**—the sinful nature within us. Do not plan for the gratification of your evil desires, but "crucify the flesh" (Gal. 3:24), and "mortify the deeds of the body" (Rom. 8:13).

WISE ADVICE. The will of the late Rufus Hatch, a very wealthy and prominent broker, was up for probate at New York yesterday (1893). There was no contest. After the bequests to the family, Mr. Hatch gives the following advice to his sons: "I do not wish my boys to go to college, but to receive a commercial education. Should any of them, however, wish to become a lawyer, doctor, or clergyman, then he may go to college; but I should much prefer that my sons should learn a mechanical trade, so that they will always be sure of an honest livelihood. I most strongly warn my children not to use tobacco in any shape, taste or use wine or liquor in any way. I earnestly desire that my children shall not gamble in any way for money. Their father has had experience sufficient to serve for all his posterity." Rufus Hatch's warning to his sons against tobacco, liquor and gambling is good, healthy gospel. One of the oldest and most successful of State Street bankers, asked how he managed to continue so active when most of his early associates were either dead or in retirement, replied: "A clear conscience and a clear mind are two wonderfully efficient preservatives. You can't take your cocktail in the morning, your tippie at noon, and your nightcap in the evening, and retain the latter. You can't override your neighbor or ruin him and possess the former."—(Peloubet's Notes, 1894.)

BURNING WORDS. "Had I 10,000,000 tongues and a throat for each tongue, I would say to every man, woman, and child here tonight: Throw strong drink aside as you would an ounce of liquid hell. It sears the conscience, it destroys everything it touches. It reaches into the family circle and takes the wife you had sworn to protect, and drags her down from her purity into that house from which no decent woman ever goes alive. It induces the father to take the furniture from his house, exchange it for money at the pawnshop, and spend the proceeds in rum. It damns everything it touches. I have seen it in every city east of the Mississippi River, and I know that the most damning curse to the laborer is that which gurgles from the neck of the bottle. I had rather be at the head of an organization having 100,000 temperate, honest, earnest men than at the head of an organization of 12,000,000 drinkers, whether moderate or any other kind. Every dime spent in the rumshop furnishes a paving stone for hell. In one Pennsylvania county in a single year, \$17,000,000 was spent for liquor, and it was estimated that \$11,000,000 of the amount came from workmen."—T. V. Powderly, (Peloubet's Notes, 1895).

LESSONS.

1. We owe debts of respect and service as well as of money. 2. If we cultivate love and kindness our own hearts will grow better. 3. No one who really wishes you well will let you intoxicating liquor, or teach you to use tobacco. 4. Always act in a becoming manner, having respect for yourself and the company you are in. 5. Fleshly lusts war against the soul. 6. Try to be like Christ always.