

Paul's friends, Aquila and Priscilla, with whom he had lived in Corinth, were at Ephesus, assisting him in his work. Here, too, we find Apollos, the great orator and scholar. Paul was so successful in his work at Ephesus and the neighborhood, that certain silversmiths, whose business it was to make idols, found their occupation in danger of being taken away. Led by one Demetrius, they opposed themselves to Paul, until the whole city was filled with confusion.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON :

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand, in the form suggested in the cut.

2. Draw upon the blackboard, as suggested in the cut, a picture of a railway train coming along, with a broken rail in the foreground. Somebody has seen it, and seizing a red flag, waves it, so that the engineer can see it, and stops the train.

3. Paul, in our Golden Text day is holding up a signal of danger. Take heed! and beware! What does he tell us to beware of? Covetousness. What does he mean by that? Here is a heart, and in it I will write another long word, also beginning with C—contentment. Covetousness is the very opposite of contentment. The reason Paul holds up the danger signal is, because covetousness, or discontentment, leads us into other sins.

4. I want to tell you a story, and as I tell it I want you to keep count on your fingers, for the name of the story is "How many commandments did Tom break?"

Tom was a boy who was very fond of playing marbles. He liked to win marbles from other boys. Instead of putting his marbles away on Sunday, he used to carry them in his pockets. When it was nearly time for church, and father and mother, because of sickness in the family, found it impossible to go with him one Sunday, told him to go alone. He promised he would go right, straight to church. On his way he saw two boys whom he knew. They were breaking the fourth commandment by playing marbles on Sunday. The big giant of covetousness came into Tom's heart and said "Wouldn't you like to have some of those?" and Tom, forgetting the promise he made his mother, stopped and played with the boys and won all the marbles they had. He was so covetous that I am afraid he cheated a little. When the game was finished church was over and Tom went home and acted out an untruth. Tom broke five commandments. Why? Because he coveted those marbles. A few marks on the blackboard showing the church in the distance, will help to make this lesson more real, and the number of the commandments broken might be written underneath. What an awful sin is the sin of covetousness! Take heed! and beware of it!

5. *Another Illustration.*—Here is a Xmas tree, and presents are being given to boys and girls. Giant covetousness is walking up and down and getting into the hearts of boys and girls. Roughly draw a tree, and some marks for boys and girls.

6. God's word is a light. It tells us that godliness, with contentment, is great gain. Tom wanted to GAIN marbles, but a contented heart is better than all the marbles in the world; for, if our hearts are contented, giant covetousness is driven out, and we will escape being led, as Tom was, into many other sins.

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