

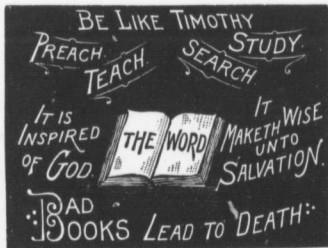
you can't burn the sweet texts that I have hid in my heart!"



How can a boy become wise in geography, in arithmetic, etc.? In what book was Timothy wise? See if children know what is the greatest book in the world? Show that as we learn about the sun and moon and stars, by studying a book called Astronomy, so we learn about God and heaven and eternal life by studying the Bible. Urge upon children the learning of Golden Texts, even if they cannot yet read. Tell that Paul was now an old man, and knew that his life was nearly ended; but he wanted Timothy to preach the blessed word, and to help others to find out its worth as he had done. Make rays of light going out from the Bible on the board, and teach that God's word is a light shining out upon every thing. A little girl had a seat-mate in school who was very unkind. At first Anna was very unhappy, but she soon found two rays of light shining from God's word, which helped her: "Overcome evil with good," and "Little children, love one another." Tommy liked to be first in his classes, and to have the best place everywhere. One day he found this ray of light. "In honor preferring one another." Johnny had a quick temper. See what he found: "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." Yes, there is light for every path, on every part of the path! It is shining all the time, and if we will study the book which is "able to make us wise" we shall know just where to look for it.

Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. After speaking of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, our duty in regard to them, and the benefit that arises from the knowledge of them, it may be well to refer to the evil influence of a bad book compared to the good influence of the Bible. You cannot dwell too strongly on this point. Bad books poison the mind, fill the heart with sin, and certainly lead to death.

SUGGESTION FOR ANOTHER LESSON. Some one has said that youth represents the path of vice or virtue, and illustrates it in this way: Write on the board a letter **V**, for Virtue or Vice. The letter **V** stands for Youth. Make a path (**I**) leading up to the **V**, and we see the path makes a letter **Y**, so that the beginning of Virtue or Vice is Youth. The **V** shows two roads, one to the right (Virtue), one to the left (Vice). Which will you take?

Lesson Word-Pictures.

A child bending over the pictures in the word of God, with strained vision watching the ark in its venturesome voyage across the deep waters, or with hushed thoughts looking at the angels on the golden rounds in Bethel's ladder, or listening with little Samuel to God's solemn voice echoing overhead. A youth following with sympathetic eyes Joseph as he is about to be lowered into the rough pit by his rough brethren, or as he is borne away on the camels into Egypt, or as he is hustled into Pharaoh's dungeons, thence issuing and mounting by giddy, golden steps to a seat near Pharaoh's throne. A father when trouble darkens the house opening his Bible and moaning with David over some little grave, or like Israel's king breaking his heart over the sins of Absalom. A mother thrilled as she reads of Hannah's consecration of the little prophet, or coming through sorrow into true, deep sympathy with Rachel weeping for her children. An aged father still bending over that beloved word, in thought standing in the temple, and responding to Simeon's cry, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." A silver-haired old mother like Lois of old teaching some young Timothy, and, as the night advances, making that word the pillow on which she rests her weary head and in sleep peacefully drifts out of this world into the next. O, word of God, childhood's charm, manhood's staff, and the consolation of old age, thou wilt not forsake us in that dread hour when flesh and heart shall fail.

LESSONS FOR JUNE, 1885.

- JUNE 7. God's Message by his Son. Heb. 1. 1-8; 2. 1-4.
JUNE 14. The Priesthood of Christ. Heb. 9. 1-12.
JUNE 21. Christian Progress. 2 Pet. 1. 1-11.
JUNE 28. Second Quarterly Review.

Bible Reading Lesson Analysis.

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Lesson 5. May 3. Obedience. Eph. 6. 1-13.

This lesson enforces practical duties. When the relations in life mentioned in this lesson exist as matters of fact, obedience is wisest, easiest, best. Even a slave shows his good sense by obeying. Disobedience would only make his lot harder. Correct your misfortunes if you can; if you cannot correct them, patiently endure and profit by them.

1. The art of obedience, divinely enjoined, once acquired by human character, Christian living is easy and enjoyable. Dent. 13. 4; 1. 27; 11. 13; 28. 14; Col. 3. 20; Titus 2. 5, 9; Heb. 13. 17; 2 Cor. 10. 5; Rom. 13. 1; 6. 17; Eccl. 12. 13; John 15. 10, 12, 14.
2. Naturally, and strongly, man is disposed to obey himself, which God's word and his own experience pronounce ruinous. Prov. 1. 24-26; Jer. 44. 16, 17; Zech. 7. 11-14; Neh. 9. 17; Isa. 42. 24, 25; Deut. 21. 18, 19; 31. 27; Acts 7. 51; Heb. 3. 7-12; Exod. 34. 9.
3. The Holy Spirit is here consistently, characteristically, in his solicitude for the welfare of children, ver. 1. 1 Sam. 1. 24; Deut. 31. 12, 13; Prov. 22. 6, 15; 29. 17; 24. 21; Eccl. 12. 1; Gen. 17. 18, 20; 2 Sam. 12. 16, 21; Job 1. 5; Deut. 30. 2; Mark 9. 36, 37.
4. The duty of filial obedience as God understands and imposes it, ver. 2. Prov. 1. 8, 9; Exod. 20. 14; Heb. 12. 6, 7, 9; Lev. 19. 3; Prov. 6. 20; 13. 1; 10. 1; 23. 24; 29. 17; 1 Tim. 5. 4; Col. 3. 20; Gen. 46. 29; 28. 7; 47. 30; 45. 9-11; Matt. 15. 5.
5. In wisdom and in clearness God has also imposed