

How can we lay up treasure in heaven? By doing good.

Words with Little People.

A child without a penny in the world can be rich toward God. Love and faith and goodness are the golden coins in the heavenly kingdom.

Whisper Prayer.

O give me, Saviour, in my youth,
The riches of thy love and truth.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What perplexed the rich man of whom Jesus told? **How to dispose of his wealth.**
2. What did he decide to do? **To build greater store-houses to keep it all.**

3. What ought he to have done? **Given it to those who needed it most.**

4. What did God say? **"Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee."**

5. What did Jesus say about those who lay up treasure on earth? **That they are like that bad rich man.**

CATECHISM QUESTION.

11. Can we repent of ourselves?

No; it is the grace of the Holy Spirit which gives the sinner to know and feel that he is a sinner.

Him did God exalt with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins.—Acts v. 31.

Then do the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life.—Acts xi. 18.

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LESSON XII. TRUST IN OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

[June 22.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. Luke 12. 30.

Authorized Version.

Luke 12. 22-31. [Commit to memory verses 27, 28.]

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have store-house nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you by taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Sol'o-mon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that failth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Revised Version.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat;

23 nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body than the

24 raiment. Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor

25 barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds! And which of you by be-

26 ing anxious can add a cubit unto his stature? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are

27 ye anxious concerning the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin;

28 yet I say unto you, Even Sol'o-mon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God doth

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31 be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; but your Father

32 knoweth that ye have need of these things. Howbeit seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be

33 added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

34 Sell that ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens

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General Statement.

This lesson reads in close connection with the last. Because of the modern meaning of the English word "care," there can be no better outline for its study than that given in the Berean Question Books: "Our Cares and God's Care."

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL NOTES.

Verses 22, 23. Take no thought. When the Bible was turned into English, the word "thought" was used where "anxiety" or "care" would be now. Ps. 53. 21; 1 Pet. 5. 7. Not against foresight or reasonable provision for the future does Jesus warn his disciples, but against "worry" and vexation. One of the best ways to "take no thought" for the future in the Bible sense is to "take thought" for it in our present use of that phrase. **Life.** The same word is in other passages translated "soul." It includes all sides and phases of our lives. **Meat.** Food of all sorts. "We hear the words of one who speaks to peasants, with simple yet pressing wants."—*Plymptre*. God has pledged himself to care for our soul and body; if you believe him, anxiety is inconsistent.

24. Consider the ravens. That ravens were such familiar objects is illustrative of the low hygienic regulations of the country. **How much more are ye better.**

If the universe is really governed by a fatherly God, anxiety is impertinent. It is wick to twist Jesus's illustration into meaning that we are to labor and plan for the future no more than ravens or lilies. God clothes us as really as he clothes the lilies, but the way he takes to do it is different. Their provision depends upon sun and showers, ours on the working of our own natural activities.

25. Stature. Age is probably the correct word here. One of the sacred writers has said, "Our age is as a hand-breadth," and Queen Elizabeth died exclaiming, "Millions of money for an inch of time!" This is

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27. Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Sol'o-mon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God doth so clothe the grass in the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. Howbeit seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that failth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroyeth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

28. Cast your care upon the Lord, and he will take care of you. Do not be anxious about the future, for he who is faithful in the smallest things will be faithful in the great. Do not be anxious about the future, for he who is faithful in the smallest things will be faithful in the great.

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