

Jesus uses here. It takes a healthy conscience to enable us to serve God in such a way as to lay up treasure in heaven. And point out that conscience is like the eye. When the eye is in right condition things are seen in their true color. Seek to show how this applies to the operation of conscience. Is it true that conscience always leads us aright? May conscience itself become darkened by sin? When that takes place, can men deceive themselves into thinking that it is possible for them to serve two masters? Bring home the teaching of Jesus,—that the serving of God and mammon is impossible. What does the class think of this quotation: "Perhaps the best general description of a Christian man's character is to say that he is a single-minded man?"

3. *Freedom from anxiety*, vs. 25-34. Take a

few moments to call the attention of the class to the way in which Jesus finds in nature, lessons for human life. How many have found it true that nature brings us nearer to God? Make clear the connection between this part of the lesson, and that which we have already studied. The man who lives for the world and its riches is almost certain to be filled with all sorts of anxiety. What promise does Jesus make to the man who lives for God? Be sure that the class understands that it is not thought for the morrow, but anxious thought for the morrow, that Jesus condemns. Lay special emphasis upon v. 33 which contains one of the most far-reaching of the principles of Jesus. Ask for some modern examples of what it means to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

FOR TEACHERS IN THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT

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Teachers in the Senior Department should study carefully the scholars' materials in the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY OF LEAFLET.

The portion of the Sermon on the Mount set for to-day's study falls into the three divisions. Our Lord speaks of: 1. *The Heavenly Treasure*. 2. *The Single Eye*. 3. *The Cure for Care*. As these are taken up, one by one, their bearing upon the Topic for the day, COUNSELS FOR DAILY LIVING, will appear.

I. THE HEAVENLY TREASURE, vs. 19-21. Start the discussion with some such question as: Is it wrong, according to Jesus, to save money? Is any light thrown upon the question by the words "for yourselves" in v. 19? Had Jesus in mind the heaping up of riches for selfish enjoyment and advantage? Would it be right to say that what Jesus condemns is making the getting of material wealth the one end and aim in life? Would he condemn the saving of money for a good purpose?

What reason does Jesus give for not laying up treasures on earth? Bring out the meaning of the figures used,—the "moth," the "rust" and the "thief." The point to emphasize is, that all earthly possessions, however valuable and important, are passing and perishing.

Have the scholars contrast the "treasures in heaven" with those which belong to earth? What are these heavenly treasures? See a suggestion in Lesson Explained. Dwell on the reason which Jesus gives for laying up treasures in heaven—"there will your heart be also." Treasure laid up in heaven will draw our hearts upwards.

Gather up the teaching of this part of the lesson in the "counsel for daily living:" Seek the things which are unseen and eternal more earnestly than the things which are seen and temporal.

II. THE SINGLE EYE, vs. 22, 23. Call attention to the Rev. Ver. of v. 22, which has "lamp" instead of the "light" of the Authorized Version. See Lesson Explained for the meaning of "single."

To have a single eye means to be generous,—another counsel for daily living.

III. THE CURE FOR CARE, vs. 24-33. Bring out what Jesus means by the "two masters." The Lesson Explained regards them as the treasure on earth and the treasure in heaven, or wealth and God. Illustrate the impossibility of serving these two masters. Emphasize the fact that it is a choice as to