

## Berean Methods.

## Hints for the Teachers' Meeting and the Class.

Explain "Judge not," "mote and beam," "pearls before swine," "bread and stone," "fish and serpent," etc.... I. Our estimates of others. v. 1-6. II. Our privilege with God. v. 7-11. III. Our duty toward men. v. 12.... Teachings concerning God. 1. He is the only Judge. 2. He is the hearer of prayer. 3. He is the loving Father. 4. He is the bountiful giver.... Notice in the Analytical and Biblical Outline seven laws of the Christian life contained in this lesson... Show how children are apt to be unkind in their judgments.... The lesson warns against, 1. Unkindness. 2. Self-conceit. 3. Hypocrisy. 4. Thoughtlessness (v. 6). 5. Unbelief. 6. Selfishness.... Two illustrations from a quaint old commentator, John Trapp. Men are more apt to use spectacles than looking-glasses; spectacles to behold other men's faults than looking-glasses to behold their own.... *Ætles* (or chamberlain-) among the Romans had ever their doors standing open for all that had occasion of request or complaint to have free access to them. God's mercy-doors are wide open to the prayers of his faithful people.

References. FREEMAN. Ver. 9: Bread resembling stones, 647.

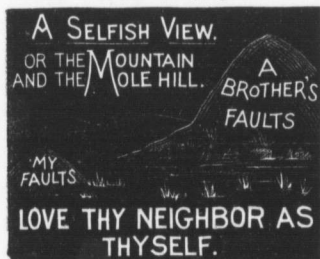
## CATECHISM QUESTION.

13. What do we learn from this?

We learn that temptation is not itself sin, and also that our Saviour will help us when we are tempted.  
Hebrews iv. 15; Hebrews ii. 18.

## Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. This diagram illustrates the Golden Rule applied to fault-finding in an uncharitable manner. The superintendent asks, Did any one of you ever see a mole? If so, what are its peculiarities? [It is blind; it works mischief beneath the surface of the ground; it raises a little mound of earth called a mole hill, etc.] Compare the mole hill with a mountain. This is a simple illustration of the blindness of a selfish person to his own faults, and shows how he magnifies the faults of others until they appear mountain high. Conclude the platform talk by having the school all repeat the

sentence, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Let us look for the good, and condemn the bad.

## POSITIVE PROMISES.

ASK	AND YOU	RECEIVE.
SEEK	<b>SHALL</b>	FIND.
KNOCK		ENTER.

## Primary and Intermediate.

LESSON THOUGHT. *The Law of Love.*

Show something made of gold, and something made of brass or copper. Talk about the two metals: tell why one is so much more precious than the other, because it is pure, beautiful, lasting. Tell that in this lesson we have more of the words of Jesus: that they are all like gold for their beauty and purity. One of the verses is called the "Golden Rule." See how many children know it. Give a little time to drilling upon it. Tell that many people follow another rule, like this: "Do to others as they do to you." Print in large letters, "Love of self;" opposite, "Law of Love."

How many laws does this make? How many masters does Jesus say there are? Yes, two; God and mammon. Can we serve both? No, we must choose which we will serve. Can we be ruled by both laws? No, we must choose the law of self or the law of love—the rule of Satan or the rule of Jesus.

## THE LAW OF SELF.



Make a large heart on the board. Inside it print in very distinct letters, "Self." Surround the word, quite filling up the heart, with light clouds. Get children to help tell what a child will do who is ruled by this law. He comes to Sunday-school. A little boy wants him to move along. He says, "No, this is my seat." Teacher asks all the children to say the commandments after her, or to help sing. He turns his head away and looks out of the window. He says, "I don't want to." A little boy hits him with his elbow. He hits back, and soon all the boys near him are looking on instead of giving attention to the lesson. Does this little boy have a happy time? No, there are clouds around him most of the time, for he is ruled by a hard master—self.

## THE LAW OF LOVE.

Make another heart. Print "Love" inside. Tell how a child will act who is ruled by this law. Call for Golden Text again, and show how obedience to this would have made the selfish boy act differently.

Teach that no one can obey this rule who does not get help from Jesus. The heart full of self is the heart we all have by nature. A heart of love is only found where Jesus is. In this lesson Jesus teaches us how to get the heart of love. Read verses 7 and 8, and teach that a loving, unselfish heart is what the Lord loves to give his children even more than an earthly parent loves to give gifts to his dear child.

Teach that in heaven every thing is love; that earth would be like heaven if every one obeyed the law of love, and only those can live with the God of love in heaven who obey the law of love on earth.

## Lesson Word-Pictures.

It is the old scene of judgment. On his cushion sits cross-legged the dignified judge. Near him are the accuser and accused side by side. The man to be tried is pitiful with his disheveled hair and garb of mourning.