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Learning by Doing

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"We never know what is right until we begin to do right." These are golden words, and he who gives heed to them, has placed his feet firmly on the road that leads to the goal of excellence. Learning by doing is the law for all in God's great school. He teaches us what purity is, by setting us to practise it amidst impure surroundings; what honesty is, by placing us where we can be honest only by fighting daily battles with temptations to sacrifice truth and honor to worldly advantage; what faith is, by making it an unceasing struggle to maintain our sure hold on things not seen, in spite of the allurements of things that appeal to the senses

This is no easy method of learning, but its results are sure and blessed. For the virtues we practice, be it ever so feebly and fitfully at first, enter into us and become part of ourselves, until, at last, purity and honesty and faith are as natural to us as our breathing.

John on the Day of the Resurrection

It was a sad day, in John's house, the day before. Jesus was in the grave, and Jesus' mother was stricken with silent grief in the home of the beloved disciple.

And the morning brought only new misery. John went out with heavy step and slow, to seek Peter's company in his sorrow. There was no ray of light, as they talked together of the tragedy of the cross, and of the grave in Joseph's garden. Their Friend was dead.

A hurrying messenger! Mary Magdalene, breathless with the news of the empty grave: "They have taken away the Lord out of

the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid Him!"

Then Peter and John running towards the sepulchre, to know for themselves what had happened; John, the younger, and therefore more swift of foot, the first to arrive, but modestly giving way to Peter, who was the first to enter the empty tomb. The linen grave clothes, the head cloth carefully wrapped by itself—these were what they saw. They saw; and, with a dim, twilight sort of faith, believed that He had indeed risen from the dead.

A day of argument and question—for, as yet, "they knew not the scripture". At nightfall, the story of the two who had seen Him at Emmaus; and, following quick upon this, the sudden presence of their Master Himself standing amongst them within the locked doors. Oh, the joy of it! Sixty years afterwards, John writes of that blessed hour—its memory undimmed: "Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord".

What news to take home to the desolate mother! At eventide, in very truth, there was light

Some Bible Class Plans

By Frank Yeigh

A Bible class exists primarily and chiefly for what its name indicates, a study of God's word and God's will and God's plans for us; yet it may engage in many activities that will help to bind its members together and benefit them socially.

For example, the class may render valuable social service to its members, especially to those who, away from home, are living in