

At another time Jesus taught his friends that even so little a thing as giving a cup of water to some one who is thirsty is a loving service, and now he said, "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much," and I think for us that means, If you do all the little kindnesses you can every day you will be sure to do the big ones when you have a chance.

How good our heavenly Father is to us! He gives us a great many blessings every day, and when we obey him and share these good things with some one else he makes us so happy that we find it is more blessed to give than to receive. Then he lets us help each other to be loving; and all these things are only a little of what David meant when he said, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

LESSON VI. (Nov. 11.)

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS. Luke 16. 19-31.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matt. 6. 20.

Primary Notes.



Introductory. Have you any toys left over from what you had last Where is the Christmas tree, with its stars and spangles? Can you have dinner every day from last Christmas? Thanksgiving? If these

things that are so easily lost and used up were all you had to make you rich you would not be very rich to-day, would you? These things were good at the time, but they did not last, and you cannot use them now. We are made rich by what lasts longest, and can be used most. We call such things treasures. Would you call ice cream, far more than you could eat, a treasure? No, for it would not last. Would you call a diamond, worth many hundred dollars, a treasure? Yes, it might be. But if I should offer you a big diamond if you would give up your mother's love and care would you take it? Would you be richer with the diamond than with the love? Then there are greater treasures than those that you can see and handle. You can handle a diamond or pearl, but not love, nor can you put away loving deeds and thoughts in a

box to keep. Yet they make you very rich. What sort of things should we work for, then—those that are soon lost or spoiled, like last year's toys, or those that last always and are worth most? You are sure, are you, that the lasting things are what really make you rich? Well, this is true, and Jesus teaches us in the lesson to-day about the truest treasure, that will make us rich forever.

The poor rich man and the rich poor man. Jesus tells about two men. One was called rich by his neighbors, and he thought he was. The other was thought to be very poor. The one called rich had a palace to live in, purple and fine linen to wear, and plenty of the most delicious food to eat day by day, with a great deal of money to buy whatever he wished. Yet, after all, he had nothing that would last. All he had belonged to this world, and nothing to the bright world above. He had such a stingy heart that he would not even give away the crumbs from his table to one who had nothing to eat. He did nothing for anyone. He loved himself best of all. Could he be happy? Was he not really poor if he had nothing laid up that would last, and that he could use always? Was he not poor if he had not love in his heart and many to love him? Yes, he was a poor rich man. Outside, at this man's gate, lay a beggar who longed to eat even of the crumbs from the other's table. He was sick as well as hungry and ragged, and the dogs came and licked his sores. If you had passed by perhaps you would have said, "Lazarus at the gate is a very poor man, and the one who lives in that fine house is very rich. But you must wait a while often before you can tell. Lazarus had something in his heart that was worth more than money, and would last longer. It was love to God, and trust in him. By and by the time came for these two to leave the earth. When God called the soul of the beggar he sent bright angels to bring it up to heaven. Lazarus's riches were all in heaven. He had laid them up there, and now he was to have love and joy and peace for evermore, with no sickness, sorrow, or trouble ever again. That good man, Abraham, was waiting for him, and he was taken and laid upon his breast. O, what a rest and what a joy was that! And he was to be with God forever. Was he not rich, this poor man, who lay at the gate?"

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