

is like that of a farmer who takes out his bags of wheat, and scatters great handfuls all over his field, and when the harvest time comes his field is full of grain, and he carries many big bagfuls into his barn.

That is just the way with people in giving their gifts of money and kind deeds. Those who give very little to the poor, and very little to the church, and very little to anything good, will get back very little of God's blessings. Those who give a great deal, get back a great deal, for God loves a cheerful giver, and will always reward those who are kind and helpful to others for his sake.

Three blessings come when people give to help others. The people who are helped get a blessing. The people who give the help get a blessing, for Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and the giver will get a blessing in the other world, for Jesus promises to reward those who even give a cup of cold water in his name. When Christians receive help, it makes them thankful to God for sending some one to help them.

When Paul finished telling the Corinthians how they should give, he spoke of God's great gift to us,—Jesus Christ. They should thank God, he said, for this greatest of all gifts.

This is the gift which makes us sure that God loves us. For Jesus is God's own son whom he loves more dearly than all the world besides. We should think very often about this wonderful gift of God to us, for this will make us willing to give what we can to help others who are in need.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How many letters did Paul write to the Christians at Corinth? 2. From which of these is to-day's lesson taken? 3. Where were there followers of Jesus who were very

poor? 4. How was Paul trying to help them? 5. What plan did he propose for raising money? 6. What did Paul ask the Christians at Corinth to do? 7. What did Paul wish these Christians to be to other churches? 8. About what did Paul tell them? 9. Which way of sowing brings the good crop of wheat? 10. What does Paul's story teach us? 11. What kind of giver does God love? 12. Will God reward those who give? 13. What does Jesus say about giving? 14. What is God's great gift to us? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Lord, we humbly pray,
Take our gifts on this Thy day :
Gladly, gratefully we give,
Of Thy grace do Thou receive :
With our store we worship Thee,
As we seek Thy favor free. Amen.

—Hymn 426, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD GIVE FOR GOD'S WORK

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—109. Why are the children of Christians baptised? Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

The Question on Missions

7. Tell about their play. The Pointe-aux-Trembles scholars, like other boys and girls, enjoy games and outdoor fun. They have football, baseball, basketball, and hockey games. They have also an organized Cadet Corps.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

These words (*color*) were spoken by the blessed Lord Jesus himself; who showed us how to give, by giving himself for us.

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