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RADIO MESSAGE BY THE EDITOR
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Whereas this is called "Education Week" by the educators of our land and they are emphasizing and rightly so, the need of everyone acquiring an education which will adequately fit them for life with its responsibilities, I thought it might be fitting for me to try to speak a little on that subject also. But seeing that the subject of secular education is in far better hands than mine, and has been so ably dealt with by so many capable speakers, I thought I would like to speak on another phase of the subject, which I might call the higher education. Not higher in the sense that it is acquired at the institutions for higher, or advanced learning of this world such as colleges, universities, etc., but higher in the sense that the education which I shall try to speak on comes from above, or comes by Divine revelation. I am referring to the knowledge of God and spiritual things, or of soul culture. You will find my text in Titus 2, verse 12. It reads:

"Teaching us that denying ungodliness, and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world." I said this branch of education is a spiritual one, or consists of a knowledge of spiritual things, and cannot be acquired, or understood by the powers of our natural mind alone. The great apostle Paul said, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: They are foolishness to him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." Our Lord said to Nicodemus, that great man who came to Him at night, who notwithstanding was a master in Israel, was so ignorant of spiritual things: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Job also said, "There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding."

Now as we all know there are three things which are necessary to acquiring an education in our schools. Namely a teacher, text-books, and a student. This rule also applies in spiritual things. Two of these our Heavenly Father has provided. First I would speak of the text-book which is of course the Bible, the word of God, which contains His revealed will. Notice I did not say like many, that the Bible contains the word of God; I said it is the word of God, and contains His will concerning us. Many and some who perhaps are educated on other lines are grossly ignorant of spiritual things, because they do not read and study the text-book, the Bible. The ignorance of the word of God manifest among students in our schools and colleges, many of whom attend churches and Sunday schools, is appalling. I often wonder what we can do to

encourage our people to read this wonderful Book. How can we expect to have a God-fearing, God-honoring people unless they read His message, which He has sent to us all. Second we need a teacher, this also God has provided. The apostle Paul calls him "The Grace of God" and says in a preceding verse, "He hath appeared to all men." He has come and is ready at once to begin His work. Jesus was acknowledged to be the great teacher when He was on earth. He was continually teaching by precept, and example, by parables, in the public places by the seaside. In their synagogues, and on the Mount "He opened His mouth and taught His disciples those wonderful beatitudes." Jesus also promised that when He went away He would send the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, to guide His people into all truth. He said "He will take the things of mine and show them unto you." The Holy Spirit is the author of truth, therefore is pre-eminently qualified to teach what He has inspired holy men of old to write, and speak.

But we must furnish the students; we must be willing, yea, and desirous of being taught, like the Psalmist who cried out again and again, "Teach me thy judgments, O Lord. Teach me thy ways, lead me in a plain path." The apostle said the world by wisdom knew not God, that is not by natural wisdom or learning. We may learn many things about God by reading or hearing of Him but to know God He must reveal Himself to us by His word and Spirit. He also said in referring to getting spiritual knowledge, "If any man will be wise, let him become a fool that he may be wise." That is the student must take a humble, teachable attitude, confessing, or acknowledging his ignorance if he would know God and spiritual things.

Again let us notice what the Holy Spirit this great teacher would teach us. There are two parts to the education He would impart: A negative and a positive part, see the text, "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts," the negative side. There are some things which we must unlearn, so to speak. When some children begin school they have to unlearn some things before their teacher can teach them what they need to know. So many of us in our sinful lives have learned some things, or acquired some habits which are injurious to ourselves and to others, habits which the inspired writer calls "ungodliness and worldly lusts." These, he says, we must deny. Then we are ready for the positive part of our education which is three-fold. He will teach us how to treat ourselves, how to treat others and how to please God. Notice, He says we should live soberly, this refers to our dealings with ourselves. We must learn to conquer ourselves, "He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city," said the wise man. God would save us from evil habits, passions and all outbursts of evil tempers and teach us self-control, calmness, and patience in times of testing.

Second, He will teach us to live righteously, or to treat others right. He would have us practice the golden rule. Jesus said, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Friends this rule applies to all classes of men in all walks of life, who differ from us in their religious creeds, faith, and nationality. Let us show a Christian spirit toward them. I fear we will never win them to our way of thinking or to our faith by fighting them. And last, but not least, He will teach us to live godly, and let me say godliness must be the basic or fundamental principle upon which every good life is built. Godliness refers to our attitude toward God, or our relation to Him.

When this relationship is properly adjusted: or to speak plainly, when our hearts are right with God, we will find it quite easy or natural to treat ourselves, and others right. A right heart comprehends a new or regenerated heart, a cleansed heart. The Psalmist David realized the need of such a heart after he had fallen into that heinous sin, and had repented of it, for he cried out, "Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

After all, my friends, we are not here to simply exist, or do as we please, or to live: We are here to make a life according to the Creator's pattern, which will glorify Him here, for notice He says we must live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, and that will assure us of happiness in the life to come. To do this we must be taught of God to apply our hearts unto wisdom, as the Psalmist puts it. It is not enough to have well trained minds as important as that is. We must not stop there or be content with a secular education, but rather make that a means to an end, for as Bishop Richardson has said, "The chief end of education is to make our lives correspond with the purpose of God."

LIFE!

"What is this earthly life, that we should give
Such stress and toil to this brief span of
years?

Is this the only life that we shall live

Sometimes in joy, but oft with grief and tears?

Men strive for gain which brings them worldly
power,

With wealth untold they build for years to be,
Not caring aught for that uncertain hour

"This night the soul shall be required of thee!"

What of those who battle for existence,

Who find the means of life so insecure?

Day by day eke out a bare subsistence;

Did not Christ say, "Yea, blessed are the
poor?"

This earth supplies with everlasting bounty,

Enough for every creature, great and small,

If man would only therefore do his duty

There should be peace and happiness for all!

Three-score and ten are our allotted years,

Brief time indeed for all we have to do,

Why not prevent the sorrow and the tears?

To every man . . . and to ourselves be true!

Until this be, what is the consolation

For those who find this mortal life so drear?

No ray of light to cheer such desolation,

Is there no hope to overcome the fear?

Have we not read in holy Scripture's page

The promise which the Master oft hath told,

That, after passing through this mortal age

We enter the Jerusalem of gold?

That here on earth is no abiding city,

That here, the daily cross we have to bear,

If we neglect His warning, O the pity

That we should sacrifice our heavenly share!

Take heart then, Christian, striving in the Way

When earthly day is dark and faith grows
dim,

Look up to heaven! . . . await that glorious day

And joy of Life Eternal there, with Him."

—Selected by Mrs. Jas. Rogers.