

THE WISEMAN SAYS:

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

OUTLINE FOR A Y. P. TALK

HARNESSED WITH CHRIST

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Lam. 3:27.

INTRODUCTION

Definition of "yoke": 1. A contrivance for harnessing, suspending burdens, etc. (Funk & Wagnalls). 2. Responsibility.

In scripture, "yoke" used to show bondage of sin. Also refers to the responsibility one has to God and to himself.

The Yoke of Responsibility emphasized by the following:

I. Yoke of Obedience:

1. To God.
 - a. Obedience the secret of Christian success. "To obey is better than sacrifice." I. Sam. 15:22.
 - b. Perfect obedience means a holy life. One will come to holiness by obedience as inevitably as Saturday comes before Sunday.
2. To Parents.
 - a. To honour (obey) one's parents is the first commandment, with a promise attached. Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:2.

II. Yoke of Education:

1. Begin the learning process at the BEGINNING. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Prov. 1:7.
2. Everyone responsible to develop all his normal capacities. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . Give attendance to reading . . . to doctrine." I. Tim. 4:14-15.
3. Acquisition of knowledge a responsibility, but "knowledge is power." The man who knows how to do something, gets the job. One can work with a dull ax, but who wants to.

III. Yoke of Service.

1. Obedience plus education constitute the indispensable qualifications for effective service to God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a WORKMAN that needeth not to be ASHAMED, RIGHTLY dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.
2. Jesus Christ is our fellow yoke-bearer. "Take my yoke upon you." Matt. 11:29. "We then as workers together with Him . . ." 2 Cor. 6:1.
3. Everyone is called for service. "We, being many, are one body in Christ . . . having . . . gifts differing." Rom. 12:5-6.

CONCLUSION

Yoke bearing with Christ is a pleasure. The Yoke of Responsibility is not heavy when borne along with Christ. "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." We cannot pull much, but we can pull a little. "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

W. H. M.

Bear Christ to the heathen, and you will be borne by Christ, uplifted, strengthened, and divinely impelled in your work.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12.
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GLEANINGS

The real difficulty with thousands in the present day is not that Christianity has been found wanting, but that it has never been seriously tried.—H. P. Liddon.

True contentment depends not upon what we have; a tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too little for Alexander.—C. C. Colton.

Losses and crosses are heavy to bear; but when our hearts are right with God, it is wonderful how easy the yoke becomes.—C. H. Spurgeon.

The character wherewith we sink into the grave at death is the very character wherewith we shall reappear at the resurrection.—Thomas Chalmers.

It is not he who knows most, nor he who hears most, nor yet he who talks most, but he who exercises grace most, who has most communion with God.—Thomas Brooks.

Live to explain thy doctrine by thy life.—Prior.

Daniel Webster was once asked: "What is the most important thought you ever entertained?" He replied, after a moment's reflection, "The most important thought I ever had was my individual responsibility to God."—Sel.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. Who was an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures?
2. Who was a mighty man in valour?
3. What young man was described as ruddy and of a fair countenance?
4. Who weighed his hair and found it to weigh 200 shekels.
5. What man was described as very fat?
6. Of whom was it prophesied that his arm should be clean dried up, and his right eye utterly darkened?

Answers next issue.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS LAST ISSUE

1. Diotrophes. 3 John 9.
2. Herod. Luke 13:32.
3. Nathaniel. John 1:47.
4. Reuben. Gen. 49:4.
5. Jeshurun. Deut. 32:15.
6. Paul and Silas Acts 17:4-7.

BE NOT TROUBLED

E. Margaret Clarkson
"See that ye be not troubled"
Ye who believe in Him;
Let not your hope be shaken—
Let not your hope burn dim;
Lift up your heads, ye fearful,
Hail Him whom morning brings;
Lo! with the dawn triumphant
Cometh the King of kings.

Man cannot thwart His purpose—
War cannot change His will,
For through the clouds of battle
Shineth the rainbow still.
Faithful is He that promised:
Earth shall not always groan;
After sin's midnight anguish,
Dawn comes to claim His own.

Nigh, and still nigher He draweth,
Who is redemption's morn,

BE A BOOSTER!

Is there a revival in your church?
Help boost it with your attendance
and prayers.

Christ, over sin the Victor,
Crown'd Prince of Peace in thorn.
After the dark, the dawning
Reddens horizon's rim—
"See that ye be not troubled"—
Ye who believe in Him! —Sel.

I read
In a book
That a man called
Christ
Went about doing good.
It is very disconcerting
To me
That I am so easily
Satisfied
With just
Going about. —George Small

NO TIME

No time for God?
What fools we are to clutter up
Our lives with common things,
And leave without heart's gate
The Lord of life, and life itself—
Our God.

No time for God?
As soon to say, "No time
To eat or sleep or love or die."
Take time for God,
Or you shall dwarf your soul;
And when the angel Death
Comes knocking at your door,
A poor, misshapen thing you'll be
To step into eternity.

No time for God?
That day when sickness comes
Or trouble finds you out,
And you cry out for God,
Will He have time for you?

No time for God?
Some day you'll lay aside
This mortal self, and make your way
To worlds unknown
And when you meet Him face to face
Will He—should He
Have time for you? —Selected

SHE DID WHAT SHE COULD

By Adelin S. Brown

Her name is unknown. Her deed was just a simple gracious act, perhaps even she has forgotten the incident, but the boy has not forgotten, nor has God forgotten. She gave an emigrant boy, fresh from Holland, a double translation of the Bible, English and Dutch. He had come to America to seek his fortune and was determined to be satisfied with nothing less than wealth and so he greatly prized the Book because it became his textbook. With it he learned the English language. But he was soon to find that the Book has a strange power of its very own. Shall we listen to his testimony?

"The Book told me that I was a sinner. Of course my proud nature rebelled. It told me that I was lost. I tried not to believe it; but as I read on I had to be honest with myself, and confess that I was indeed a sinner. My life had been lived entirely to self.

"But the Book told me that God loved me: that He 'so loved the world [and that meant