

From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Text: "For Where Your Treasure Is, There Will Your Heart Be Also. Matt. 6:21.

You cannot read the Sermon on the Mount without the thrilling sense that Jesus is offering you a golden opportunity to enter a new life. He tells us that as you place your treasures, so you place your enthusiasm. Your use of money opens the way of opportunity for your heart. Your use of money may lead you into a good life or into a bad life; into a life of service or into a life of hard selfishness. It is not a question of how much treasure you have; it is a question of where you place the treasure you do have, what use you make of it, because the enthusiasms of the heart are going to follow your treasure.



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Jesus was very much interested in what people did with this golden opportunity. He told of the widow who had very little money and very little hope, but who brought what she had and gave her mite to God in a spirit of complete and utter dedication. Jesus said that this woman had given more because of the quality of her spirit than many who out of their superfluous wealth had casually tossed a bit in the direction of God.

When you read the Sermon on the Mount you read words that ask us to put our faith in God. We are asked to believe in the Kingdom of God. It is because you believe in it that you want to invest in it. If you believe in a business enterprise, then you are willing to invest some money in it. This matter of belief is very important to our use of money. And if you believe that the Christian Church is the hope of the world and that the world is desperately in need of what the Christian Church has to give, then you will want to invest strongly in the Christian Church. If a person does not believe in the Church, of course, he will not care about investing anything in it. Your pledge reveals your faith!

Christian giving is giving to God in the spirit of love. It is loving response to his gracious Gospel.

The story is told of a lady who went to an auction and bought one of those surprise bags which do not reveal what is in the bag. She bid up to \$2.50, was given the bag, but in it found nothing but the stubs of a checkbook. She was about to throw it away when she thought, "No, I'll take it home and read the stubs." She did read those check stubs, and the story of a life began to unfold before her. She read of money spent on food and clothing, of money spent on the theater, of money spent on illness, on college, on travel, on vacation. A life unfolded before her. The more she read the stubs the more thrilling it all became because a life story was being told by a person's use of money. A story is being told about you and me by our use of our money. God is reading that story every day. What does he want of us, and what does he think of us? What he wants of us is that we should give worship fully in the spirit of love. God loves a cheerful giver. He seeks out our love and rejoices in the glad giver. How should we give? In the spirit of happy love, praising the Savior who gave himself in love for us.

What should we give? Many believe that the Bible gives us as a guide the standard of tithing. This is giving the first tenth of your income to God. The only people I ever heard object to tithing, either theoretically or practically, are the people who do not do it.

It is a great practice for many reasons. For one thing it is intelligent. It is planned giving. You are setting aside a reasoned proportion of your income for the best investment in the world--an investment in the Kingdom of God. You are giving regularly and sensibly to an incorruptible investment. If you set aside an intelligent proportion of your income for God, you always have money to give to the most worthwhile cause in the world. Therefore, you have a sense of worth all of your life. You may

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LA Rights Group Claims Teacher Placement Bias

LOS ANGELES--The United Civil Rights Committee has renewed charges of discrimination in teacher placement in Los Angeles schools following issuance of a Fair Employment Practices Commission report.

The report showed that 72% of the city's Negro teachers are employed in areas that have 77% of the city's Negro students.

The FEPC blamed the imbalance on housing patterns, and not school practices, saying teachers are unwilling to seek or accept jobs very far from their homes.

Disputing this explanation, Mrs. Marnesha Tackett, chairman of the UCRC education committee declared:

"I feel the excuse that Negroes don't want to travel to the San Fernando Valley is not valid, because a number of Negro janitors are employ-

not be rich toward men, but you are rich toward God. You are always being involved in something greatly worthwhile. Your enthusiasm follows your treasure, because "where your treasure is, your heart will be also," therefore you enjoy a wonderful rewarding sense of worth. You belong to the world of the future, that world of the Kingdom of God where God's rule is all in all and where your contribution strengthens the deathless hopes of mankind. Real giving is real living.

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ed out there, and they travel.
"I'm certain if the effort were made, more Negro teachers would be out there. I believe there are principals who refuse to include Negroes on their staffs."

Mrs. Tackett said her committee had not made a thorough study of the FEPC report, "but a cursory glance at it confirms our suspicions."

ADDRESSES MOTHERS

"EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN" was the topic of a very interesting talk delivered by Mrs. Gwen Squires last week to the mothers of children attending the Pre-School Story Hour at Matt Kelly Elementary School.

Mrs. Squires, who is with the Child Welfare Service of the State Public Welfare Department, used a variety of visual aids to illustrate her talk.

NAACP BULLETIN . . .

LAS VEGAS BRANCH MEMBERS of the NAACP desiring assistance in verifying their membership status and/or eligibility to vote in the branch election of Dec. 13 at Kit Carson School are advised to query the branch office, Post Office Box 362, Las Vegas, or telephone 642-5303 before 2 p.m. on weekdays, or all day Saturdays and Sundays.