

SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:1-22; 7:18-28; Matthew 14:1-12
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 15:1-10.

A Great Preacher?
Lesson for August 20, 1950

JESUS SAID of him that there had never been a greater man, than John, the Baptist. Certainly there has never been a greater preacher, to this day. He had none of the aids a modern preacher has. He had no song leader, no music of any kind; no church organization, no building, not even a tent. He was not even in a village but in a bandit-infested wilderness. There was little "dramatic" about him or his methods.

Yet he started a tremendous revival, and he won higher praise from Jesus than any other human being received from him.



Candor
CONSIDER SOME of the qualities of this famous man. One was candor, that is, he was not afraid to speak his mind. His opinions were not always popular; his verdicts were not always those of the masses. But he spoke his mind all the same.

He called his bearers "generation of vipers,"—snakes' babies, in modern words. He freely admitted he was no Messiah. When on a later occasion he had his doubts about Jesus, he did not conceal them, but told Jesus straight from the shoulder that he questioned him. And Jesus honored his honesty.

Candor is a rare article. Those few persons in public life who are willing to speak their minds may make some enemies but they make more admirers.

Courage
THAT BRINGS up another quality outstanding in this extraordinary man: his courage. He could stand up to the most prominent citizens and tell them they were sinners, and name their sins.

It doesn't take much courage to say you are a sinner, or to say that any one is. Aren't we all? It takes more nerve to speak out in plain language, as John did to the Pharisees and Herod for example.

In a southern state there was a prison chaplain at the penitentiary. One of the prisoners had been convicted of stealing funds from the state bank. But he never had admitted his guilt, in court or afterwards.

Finally one day he agreed to pray. As he and the chaplain knelt down together, the prisoner began: "Lord, thou knowest that we are all miserable sinners..." The chaplain stopped him. Leaning over he said to the prisoner: "What are you in here for?" The man was still a moment. Then in a quite different tone of voice he began again: "O God, forgive me for stealing from the State Bank." It was the first time he had ever admitted his guilt.

Common Sense

ANOTHER QUALITY of John which deserves notice is his simple common-sense. Listen to what he tells the men who come with this question: What must we do? John's common-sense mind knew that repentance, just by itself, is not enough. Repentance is turning from something bad to something good, from wrong to right.

Let the man with two shirts share with the man who has none, he said. Let him who has food do likewise. Let the tax-collector be honest. Let the soldier stop grumbling.

Pointing to Christ

WHAT MAKES John best remembered is that he preached Christ. He is known as the forerunner; he was the man who said of Jesus. "He must increase but I must decrease." The preacher who calls attention to himself is an egotist, a show-off; the preacher who draws men's eyes and hearts to Jesus Christ may himself be small, but his work will be great.

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Japanese Princess Weds A Commoner

A common Joe who makes \$20 a month married Japan's No. 2 princess recently in austere Shinto rites.

The emperor's second daughter, Princess Taka, gave up royal rights to wed Toshimichi Takatsukasa, 26. He works at the railway museum, and plans to cut short his honeymoon to get back on the job.

The Japanese government appropriated the equivalent of \$13,500 for the wedding and gave the princess two acres of ground for a homesite and funds worth \$100,000 in order to maintain her dignity as a commoner's wife.

Emperor Hirohito was among about 30 members of the immediate families who witnessed the private ceremony in the residence of his brother, Prince Takamatsu.

Thousands of Japanese stood in the rain to get a glimpse of the wedding party.

Over a pure white kimono the bride wore the heavy robes of the Shokeiko, an ancient ceremonial dress, and a billowing, ground-length purple skirt called the Hakama. Over it all was a brilliant red robe with full sleeves and a train several feet long. It was spangled with green and white insignia.

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MIRROR Of Your MIND

Keep Home Intact During Wartime

By Lawrence Gould



If war comes, should children be "evacuated?"

Answer: Not if it means separation from their parents, and especially their mothers, to judge by what happened in World War II. A London child guidance clinic reports that a follow up of two hundred out of twelve hundred children seen during the war years showed that mental illnesses caused by bombing or changed home conditions have tended to clear up, while those which grew out of being evacuated, although fewer, have become deep and persistent neuroses. Only children who were sent away and felt "rejected" turned into delinquents.



Does every child love his mother?

Answer: Every normal child does, but he also sometimes hates her. For in a child, love and hate are automatic responses to the immediate situation. At least while he's little, a child loves you when you give him what he wants and hates you when you refuse it. If he ma-

tures healthily, he'll strike a balance between the two feelings and so love his mother without thinking she is "perfect." But if he remains emotionally childish, he'll let himself recognize only one side of his feelings and will love or hate her unreservedly.



Do many people enjoy being idle?

Answer: No, reports Edrita G. Fried of McGill University in the Journal of Gerontology. Interviews with a "mixed sample" of men and women between fifty and eighty years old showed that sixty-five per cent of them had regular activities, and that among those who did not (mainly from the lower income groups) the desire for work was almost an obsession. Old folks yearned to have their jobs back because they felt that their self-respect depended upon having something to do and that only work could ward off restlessness and depression.

LOOKING AT RELIGION



THE ANCIENT HEBREWS IN CANAAN PRACTICED SOIL CONSERVATION. EVERY 7TH YEAR THE FARMERS ALLOWED THE GROUND TO BE IDLE THAT THE SOIL MIGHT NOT BE EXHAUSTED. IN THOSE YEARS, EVERYTHING THAT GREW BY ITSELF WAS LEFT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR, THE STRANGERS, AND BEASTS OF THE FIELD.

KEEPING HEALTHY

Acetylsalicylic Acid—Valuable Drug

By Dr. James W. Barton

ONE OF THE VALUABLE and commonly used drugs is acetylsalicylic acid (trade name aspirin) which is, and for many years has been, the specific or special treatment for the pains of rheumatism. It is used alone or with baking soda in the treatment of various types of pain.

Unfortunately there is a certain percentage of people who are allergic to this drug or in whom it upsets the stomach. Accordingly, drug manufacturers combine acetylsalicylic with other drugs because it is still the most effective drug in rheumatic pain.

Some months ago I wrote about the use of very large doses of aspirin, over 150 grains a day, which caused no reaction when combined with succinic acid. This is especially valuable in treatment of rheumatism.

Many rheumatic patients find that a few grains of baking soda taken with acetylsalicylic acid prevents any pain or upsetment in the stomach.

In the New England Medical Journal, Boston, Drs. R. H. Talkov, M. W. Ropes and W. Bauer point out that enteric-coated aspirin (covered with a special coating to allow the drug to go through the stomach into small intestine and so cause no stomach disturbance) has a painkilling effect equal to that of the acetylsalicylic acid and the onset of this painkilling action is only slightly delayed because of this coating.

The use of this specially coated preparation of aspirin is, they write, "especially advantageous in such cases when very great doses are required to control pain."

While about 80 per cent of persons can take the usual dosage of aspirin without any stomach disturbance, the other 20 per cent are through the stomach without any being absorbed by the stomach makes this excellent painkilling drug available for use even in severe stomach disturbances.

The Way it Happened...

IN NEW YORK... The S.P.C.A. reported to the press that it had received three kittens, dispossessed from police headquarters because they lacked elementary manners. The same afternoon, 45 persons phoned to offer a home to the erring pussycats.

IN WASHINGTON, D. C... The Bureau of Internal Revenue received an urgent request for a \$3,000 loan from a delinquent woman taxpayer who said she wanted to start a business, make profits, and pay off her delinquency.

IN THE ISLAND OF JERSEY... A fisherman pulled in a pair of trousers, the pockets of which contained 20 pounds in notes, a gold watch, some change and a calling card with the name and address of the man who had lost them.

IN DECATUR, ILL... Fireman Henry R. Starke's argument before the city council that the town needs a new fire truck was that two boys on bicycles passed him while he was racing to a fire as fast as the 23-year-old truck would go.

Household Hints

38% Brighter Teeth

When stewed fruit begins to turn sour, reclaim it by adding a pinch of baking soda and boiling the fruit over again for a few minutes.

If the peaches you want to slice and serve raw need some sweetening, cut up some marshmallows with the peaches three or four hours before serving and put the mixture in the refrigerator. The juice of the fruit will soften the marshmallow chunks; the partially dissolved marshmallows will sweeten the peaches.

Citron can be kept fresh indefinitely if you store it in an airtight jar in the refrigerator. Cutting citron into little pieces for fruit cake and such can be a sticky job; but it'll be less sticky if you first cut the peels into long narrow strips, then roll the strips in flour before you do the rest of the cutting.

Stale or melted chocolate peppermints have a use, too. Put a quarter of a pound of the tired candies in a double boiler with two cups of milk and heat till everything is melted. Moisten two tablespoonsful of cornstarch with a little cold water, add it to the mixture, cool the whole thing for five minutes, pour it into dessert glasses, and guess what happens? Chocolate mint pudding.



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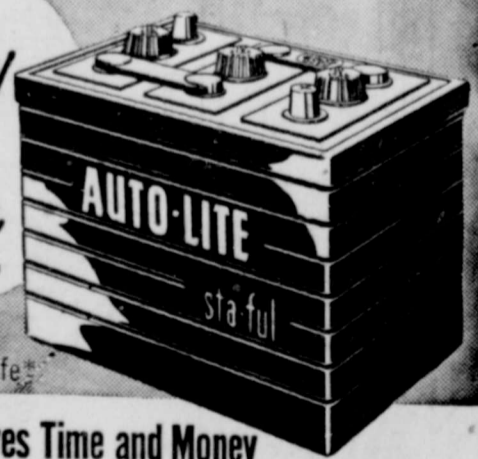
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Good pasture and high-quality, low-cost hay will cut feed and labor costs and greatly increase net returns for dairymen, declared Timothy Hodge, Michigan State College agricultural economist.

Hodge estimates that feed and labor expense represents 80 per cent of the cost of keeping a dairy cow. The lower the feed and labor costs can be made, the bigger will be the dairyman's net return.

Pasture and hay are the cheapest feeds a cow can get. Agronomists re-

lating fans are cited as examples of the widening use of electricity in production on modern farms.

**Soybeans Important Cash
Crop in Minnesota**

Soybeans as a cash crop in Minnesota responded to high prices during the war and post-war years. The acreage harvested for beans increased from 30,000 acres in 1939 to 920,000 in 1947 and then dropped back to 709,000 in 1949. Most of the increase occurred from 1944 to 1947.

In 19 counties 5 per cent or more of the tillable land was in soybeans harvested for beans in 1949.

**Farm Safety Week
Observance in July
Fifteen Simple Rules
Of Safety Outlined**

National Farm Safety Week will be observed in the United States during the week of July 23-29.

The annual losses represented by farm accidents and fires are estimated around one billion. To reduce this enormous loss, 15 simple rules are outlined for Farm Safety Week:

1. Keep walkways and steps in good repair, unobstructed and well lighted; 2. Keep ladders in good repair and easily accessible in case of emergency; 3. Always stop a machine before unclogging, oiling,



The above illustration clearly shows the net returns for ample good pasture and hay and returns when pasture is scarce and of low volume.

port that 25 pounds of good alfalfa hay will supply all the protein needed to produce about 30 pounds of 4 per cent milk daily and furnish calcium, carotene and vitamin D as well. Good pasture cuts labor expense, because the cows do the harvesting.

Three essentials needed to maintain good pasture and get maximum returns from pasture crops are: (1)—a good legume-grass mixture best adapted to your growing conditions. (2)—a fertile soil that will steadily furnish a well balanced supply of plant foods. Soil tests will show the land's need for lime and for phosphate and potash fertilizer. (3)—Good management which rotates grazing and avoids overworking some areas while others become coarse and unpalatable. Good management also involves harvesting pasture growth at the peak of its protein value to insure high quality hay.

**Farmers Report New
Disease Among Pigs**

A strange disease of little pigs that makes them shiver, jerk and sometimes "dance" is worrying quite a few farmers.

What causes the condition is somewhat of a mystery, the American Veterinary Medical association says.

It strikes newly born pigs. Some of the affected animals merely shiver and tremble. In other cases, the pigs may not be able to keep their feet still, resulting in an involuntary "dance."

The latest report, by Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp, a research veterinarian at the University of Minnesota, indicates that the disease, known as myoclonia congenita, is still almost as baffling to scientists as it was when first described in 1922.

Electric Hired Hand



Electricity can lighten farm chores and greatly increase productivity. How it's done is shown in a new color film, "Electrified Farming" which has been released by General Electric.

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or adjusting. Keep all machine guards and safety devices in place; 4. Don't wear loose and floppy clothes around machinery; 5. Start tractors smoothly and turn corners slowly—avoid ditch banks and soft ground—always hitch to the drawbar; 6. Speak to animals when approaching them. Keep them calm by acting with calm self assurance yourself; 7. Always keep bulls in safe bull pens. Never handle bulls unless they are properly restrained; 8. Know and obey all traffic laws; 9. Keep your back straight and lift heavy loads with your leg muscles; 10. Use the right tools for the job—make sure they are in good condition—keep them in a safe place; 11. Give prompt attention to even minor injuries; 12. Keep guns unloaded except when actually using them; 13. Don't use kerosene to start fires; 14. Don't smoke around the barn; 15. Never swim alone. Never dive into water without first determining the depth.

**Hoe Safer Than Spray
For Gardens, Report**

The U. S. department of agriculture advises against using a chemical weed killer in the home garden to avoid more damage than gain to the vegetable crop.

In a recent bulletin, the department reported spraying with chemical weed killers is effective and a work-saver if done with care to avoid injury to vegetables.

In the home garden, rows are close and several of the favorite garden crops—tomatoes and beans, for example—are highly sensitive to weed killing chemicals.

In a family-sized garden the job of using a hoe or cultivator would probably take less time than to spray with a weed killer since the chemical must be precisely measured and mixed and the equipment thoroughly cleaned afterwards, the department pointed out.

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There's good nutrition in these tasty cookies too. Some boast the addition of rolled oats, famous for its body-building protein, energy giving B vitamins and iron, that builder of good, red blood. Others have dried fruits, nuts and chocolate that give these precious boosts of energy so necessary to young bodies.

With all these easy to make cookies, your raiders will not be disappointed by an empty cookie jar. Let them come back often for the booty that is really a treasure of good eating and good nutrition.

***Chocolate Coconut Cookies**
(Makes 2½ dozen cookies)

- 1 cup sifted enriched flour
 - ½ teaspoon soda
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup sugar
 - ½ cup shortening, soft
 - 1 egg
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - ½ teaspoon almond extract
 - 2 ounces chocolate, melted
 - 1 cup quick rolled oats, uncooked
 - ½ to 1 cup coconut
- Sift together flour, soda, salt and sugar into bowl. Add shortening, egg, flavoring and melted chocolate (cooled to lukewarm). Blend until smooth, about 2 minutes. Dough will be very stiff. Add rolled oats and coconut, mixing thoroughly. Shape by hand or drop from a teaspoon onto greased baking sheet; flatten with the bottom of a glass covered with waxed paper. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 12 to 15 minutes.

Fruit-Filled Bars
(Makes 1½ dozen bars)

- 1 cup dried figs, dates, prunes or apricots, pitted, cooked
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup orange juice
- ½ cup water
- 1 cup sifted enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup shortening, soft
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1½ cups rolled oats, quick uncooked

Combine figs, granulated sugar, orange juice and water; cook until thick. Cool. Sift together flour, soda and salt into bowl. Add brown sugar, shortening, orange rind and milk. Blend until smooth. (Dough will be very stiff.) Add rolled oats, mix-



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ing thoroughly. Pat one half the dough mixture into greased 7x11-inch pan. Cover with fig mixture. Roll remaining dough between two sheets of waxed paper. Remove paper and place dough over filling. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

Rolled Walnut Cookies
(Makes 3 dozen)

- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup honey
- 1¾ cups flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cardamon
- ½ cup chopped walnut meats

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar; add honey; blend well. Sift



flour with salt, soda, and spices; add to creamed mixture. Add nut meats and mix well. Roll thin on lightly floured surface; cut round or fancy shapes. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 12 minutes.

Gumdrop Cookies
(Makes 3 dozen)

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
 - ½ teaspoon baking powder
 - ½ teaspoon soda
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ½ cup shortening
 - ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
 - ½ cup granulated sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1½ cups rolled oats, uncooked
 - ½ cup gumdrops, cut fine
 - Shredded coconut (optional)
- Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt into bowl. Add shortening, sugar, egg, water and vanilla. Beat until smooth, about 2 minutes. Fold in rolled oats and gumdrops. Shape by hand and roll in coconut, if desired. Bake on a greased baking sheet in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 12 to 15 minutes.

Mincemeat Refrigerator Cookies
(Makes 4 dozen)

- 1½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
 - ½ teaspoon soda
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - ¼ cup lard
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 - ½ teaspoon vanilla
 - ½ cup mincemeat
 - ½ cup chopped nuts
- Sift together flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Cream the lard and sugar. Add beaten egg and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Add lemon rind, vanilla, mincemeat and nuts and mix. Shape into a 2-inch roll, wrap in waxed paper and chill. Slice thin and bake on an ungreased cookie sheet 10 minutes in a moderate oven (375° F.)

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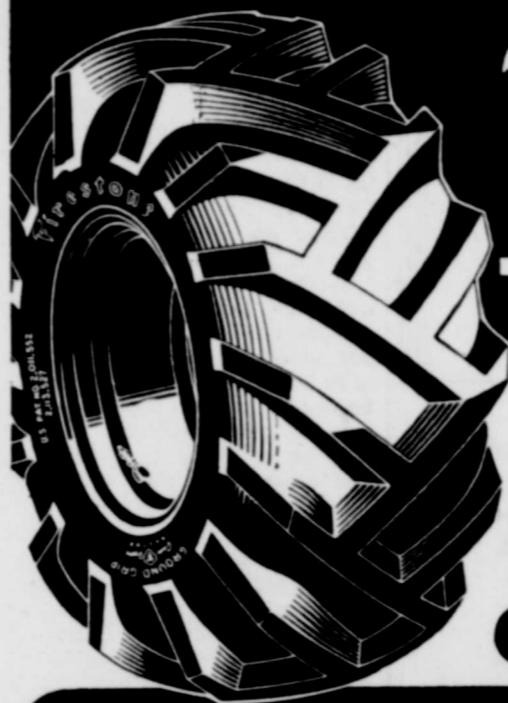
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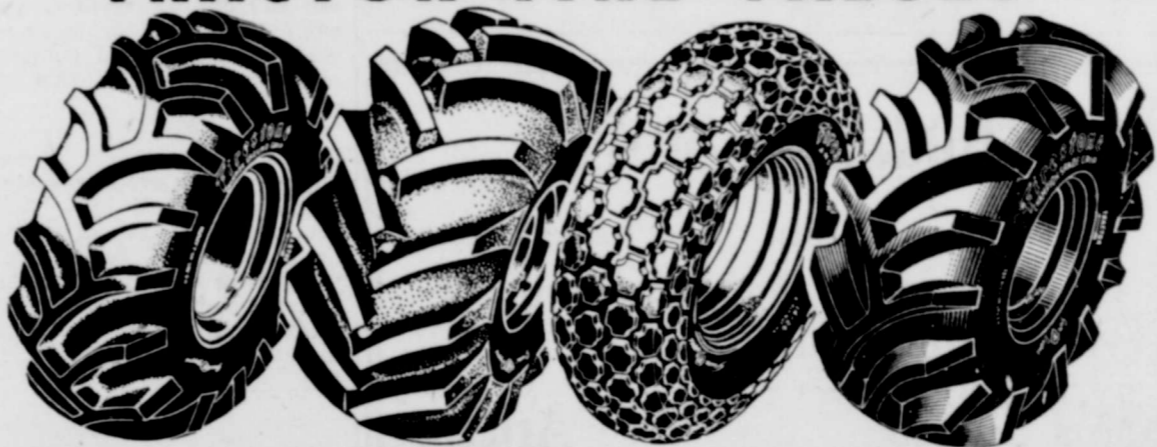
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Here are the steps Coleman suggests:

- 1—Provide plenty of plant food in available form for growing crops.
- 2—Have soil tests made to find out whether the plant food supply is in balance. Growing crops need a balanced ration the same as do humans and livestock. A soil test will be a guide in adding the kind and amount of plant nutrients the soil needs.
- 3—Get the soil in condition so crops can use the plant foods. This means building up the organic matter supply. Organic matter can be added and soil tilth improved by growing well-fed deep-rooted legumes such as alfalfa or sweet clover in the rotation. When the soil is well stocked with plant nutrients and organic matter, minerals are released so that plant roots can more efficiently use them.
- 4—Keep water, plant nutrients and soil at home by conservation methods. Where needed, these may include terracing and contouring to reduce runoff and erosion losses on upland soils.
- 5—Follow a well-balanced cropping system. Rotate pasture and green manure crops regularly with grains. Livestock is a "must" to properly make use of pasture and roughage crops. Tests have shown that where a crop is pastured off, about 75 per cent of the organic matter is returned to the soil through manure.

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