

Choose the missing words

We ought frequently to good books, such as the Holy, the Lives of the and other works, which our faith and piety, and arm us against the maxims of the

As to my eating sleeping and I should use all things with and a desire to God.

By the world I mean the false..... of the world and the of those who love the riches of this world more than they love.....

To hinder the of our soul from drawing us into sin, we must watch,..... and.....against all their evil and temptations.

<i>Saints</i>	<i>society</i>	<i>Bible</i>	<i>amusements</i>
<i>read</i>	<i>spiritual</i>	<i>world</i>	<i>drinking</i>
<i>please</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>nourish</i>	<i>pray</i>
<i>vanities</i>	<i>moderation</i>	<i>pleasures</i>	<i>God</i>
<i>fight</i>	<i>suggestions</i>		

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EIGHTH CHAPTER

Parable of the Sower

Verses 1-15

READ how Jesus went from place to place preaching.

READ the parable of the Sower. Remember that the parable was meant for you and me.

Jesus describes four groups of people, the hard-hearted, the shallow, the worldly and the good.

(1) The seed that falls on hard ground

"Keep to the footpath" is a sign we often see. If hikers leave the footpath and stamp down the surrounding ground, the surface becomes hard so that when the seed is sown, instead of sinking into the land prepared for it, it lies on top to be eaten by birds. Before such ground will yield a crop, it must be ploughed up again and re-sown. When God's word is brought to hard-hearted people nothing sinks in. At school they consider the religious lesson a bore. They think that religion is only for priests and nuns and possibly school-teachers. As soon as they leave school they give up going to Mass. They never go to the Sacraments. They neglect their prayers. They never read a Catholic book or newspaper or listen to a Catholic broadcast. The Devil is delighted and does all he can to keep away from them all that might soften their hearts. But sometimes hard-hearted people do turn to God and their repentance is like the plough that prepares the ground for the good seed.

(2) The seed that falls on shallow soil

In some places, such as Malta, the soil is so shallow that it barely covers the rock, and unless something is done to deepen it, anything

planted in it just shrivels up and dies. What about the shallow frivolous people who never take anything seriously. Such people are guided by their feelings rather than by whether a thing is right or wrong. They only go to the Sacraments or say their prayers or help with the household chores when they feel like it.

Unless the supernatural life of such people is deepened by prayer and the Sacraments and their actions guided by a wish to please God and not by their own inclinations, the supernatural life in their souls will die as surely as will seeds planted where there is not enough soil to sustain them.

(3) The seed that falls on weedy ground

In most farm leases there is a clause saying that the farmer must keep his land clean, because everyone knows that no good crops can be grown on ground that is overgrown with thistles, briars and the like. The hearts of worldly, self-indulgent people are like the weedy ground. They are so taken up with pleasure, sport, money-making and such things that there is no room in them for God. God is crowded out.

(4) The seed that falls on good ground

Farming is much the same all the world over and the work of a farmer or gardener is never done. The soil has to be ploughed up, fed, weeded and sown with good seed. This reminds us that all our lives we must strive to respond to God's love for us by trying to please Him, especially by caring for others less fortunate than ourselves. We must also, have an abiding sorrow for our sins, nourish our spiritual life by prayer and the Sacraments and make constant efforts to overcome our faults.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

To which group do the following belong? 1, the hard-hearted, 2, the shallow, 3, the worldly, or 4, the good?

The **Yates** were good practising Catholics till Mr. Yates won a football

pool. After that they spent all their time amusing themselves. The children were taken away from their convent school and sent to a smart non-Catholic one. They spent Sunday touring about in their newly acquired car and sometimes were up so late on Saturday night that they overslept and missed Mass on Sunday.

To which group did the Yates belong?

Cox had no use for religion. He never read anything that made him think of God or reminded him that he had an immortal soul. He switched the wireless off at the first mention of God and never listened to a charitable appeal. His motto was, "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die."

To which group did Cox belong?

Brian was a protestant. One day he chanced to pick up a C.T.S. pamphlet. It explained many of the things that had puzzled him about Catholicism and answered many of his objections. He thought, "Suppose they are right and the Catholic Church was really founded by Jesus." His guardian angel whispered, "Go and find out the truth." The devil said, "You leave it alone my boy. If it *is* true, you may find yourself becoming a Catholic and apart from having to obey the Church, your people will be furious and you girl will probably throw you over." Brian read to the end and then got a Catholic friend to introduce him to a priest. After being instructed he was received into the Church. His girl didn't throw him over but later she too became a Catholic. For the rest of their lives they tried to live up to their faith.

To which group did Brian belong?

Teresa attended a mission. She went to all the services, and was thrilled by the mission sermons and enjoyed singing the mission hymns. She joined half a dozen guilds and confraternities. She was very happy and made lots of rather vague resolutions about being a good Catholic and serving God. But directly the mission was over she lost interest in church-going and attending the guild meetings, and very soon after, became engaged to a non-catholic and agreed to be married in a non-Catholic church. To which group did Teresa belong?

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GOD'S GIFTS

*"If a man is rich, gifts will be made to him; if he is poor, he will lose even what he thinks his own."
Verses 16-18*

READ what Jesus says about God's gifts to man.

Jesus is talking about those spiritual gifts that are called graces. They are God's free gifts to us and when we accept them our spiritual life is enriched. When God sees that we respond, He gives more and more grace.

If we refuse the grace God offers us we are so much the poorer and we are likely to lose the grace we already have. In the spiritual life there is no standing still. Those who respond to grace become spiritually richer and richer and those who do not, become spiritually poorer and poorer.

NINTH CHAPTER

Sending out the Apostles

Verses 1-9

READ how Jesus called the twelve apostles and then sent them out to preach and heal. **READ** of Herod's perplexity.

For You to Answer

1. Over whom did Jesus give the apostles power and authority?

2. What were they told to proclaim?

3. What else were they to do?

4. How many coats were they to take?

5. How much money?

6. What were they to do when hospitality was refused them?

7. What prince was curious to see Jesus?

8. From whence did the apostles derive their power to heal?

9. By whose power did Jesus heal and cast out devils?

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The Raising of Jairus' Daughter

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The Touch of Faith

Verses 40-56

READ how Jairus implored Jesus to cure his sick child and how on the way to Jairus' home a woman touched His clothing and was instantly cured of a longstanding disease.

READ how, when Jesus reached Jairus' house, He was told that the child was already dead and how He brought her back to life. We have already seen that Jesus never refuses to help anyone who approaches Him with humble confidence and faith.

Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue, quite an important man in his way, but he was not too proud to kneel at Jesus' feet and implore His help. The poor woman who touched Jesus' garments was so humble that she kept out of sight and did not even venture to address Jesus.

For You to Answer

1. What did Jesus say to Jairus?
2. What did He say to the woman who touched Him in the crowd?
3. Which of the Apostles did Jesus take with Him into Jairus' house?
4. Who else was present?
5. What did Jesus say when He was told that the child was dead?
6. What words did He say to the little girl?
7. What did Jesus tell the parents to give the child?
8. By whose power did Jesus do this miracle?

Choose the missing words

The _____ and wine are changed into the _____ and Blood of _____ by the _____ of God to whom nothing is _____ or difficult.

The Bread and _____ are changed into the Body and _____ of Christ when the words of _____ ordained by Jesus Christ are _____ by the _____ in Holy Mass.

Christ has given _____ to us in the Holy _____ to be the life and _____ of our _____ "He that _____ my flesh and drinks my blood shall _____ for did a miracle to feed them. IF you were to go to some parts of the world to-day it would sadden you to see the thin, white-faced sickly children. In some places hardly any of them are fat and rosy. Some are so weak and ill that they have to stay in bed. Many of them have no proper homes to live in, or warm clothes to wear; but the chief cause of their ill-health is that they do not get the right food. That is why they do not run about and play like the other children. That is why they get tired so quickly and cannot attend to their lessons at school. That is why so many of them die. We see then what happens to our bodies when they are starved, but what about our souls?

Christ is received _____ and _____ under either _____ alone.

Himself	wine	Christ	eats
pronounced	kind	souls	whole
consecration	food	entire	bread
Eucharist	Body	priest	ever
impossible	live	Blood	power

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NINTH CHAPTER

The Return of the Apostles

Verses 10-11

READ how the apostles came back and told all they had done and then read how Jesus took them apart to a quiet place where they hoped to have Him to themselves for a little while.

The Bread of Life and the Food of our Souls

Verses 12-17

READ of the apostles' disappointment when the crowds followed them there but how Jesus welcomed them, healed and taught them, and finally did a miracle to feed them. IF you were to go to some parts of the world to-day it would sadden you to see the thin, white-faced sickly children. In some places hardly any of them are fat and rosy. Some are so weak and ill that they have to stay in bed. Many of them have no proper homes to live in, or warm clothes to wear; but the chief cause of their ill-health is that they do not get the right food. That is why they do not run about and play like the other children. That is why they get tired so quickly and cannot attend to their lessons at school. That is why so many of them die. We see then what happens to our bodies when they are starved, but what about our souls?

Jesus gives Himself to be the food of our souls when we receive Him in Holy Communion. The souls who do not get this food grow weak and sickly and very easily fall into sin. Sin is the disease that kills the supernatural life of the soul. A soul that is without this supernatural life cannot live with God in Heaven. So you see it is just as necessary for the health of our souls to receive Holy Communion regularly as it is for our bodies to be properly fed.

When Jesus fed the five thousand, it was not only a miracle but a kind of parable. It foreshadowed the miracle that He did nearly a year later, when, at the Last Supper, He changed bread into Himself and gave the apostles their first Holy Communion.

There was no limit to the food that Jesus provided for the multitudes when they sat on the grass on the hillside. There is no limit to the number of people who may receive Holy Communion.

Notice too, that Jesus used the apostles to distribute the food to the hungry people and He ordained that we should receive Holy Communion at the hands of His priests.

For You to Answer

1. For what purpose did Jesus give the apostles power and authority when He sent them out on their first mission?
2. What were they to proclaim?
3. How many coats were they to take?
4. How much food and money?
5. What were they to do when they were denied a welcome?
6. To what part of the country did Jesus withdraw with the apostles?
7. How many loaves had the apostles with them?
8. How many fishes?
9. About how many people were fed?
10. How many baskets of food were collected after the meal?

WHO IS MASTER?

Michael, a young officer in the Indian Army, had often been warned that the lion cubs that he kept as pets were dangerous. He only laughed and thought it funny when the pretty little creatures growled and struck out at him with their small paws. He always boasted that he could control them. As the cubs got bigger and stronger, Michael's friends got more and more alarmed and begged him to have the creatures controlled. The only person who seemed quite unconscious of the danger was Michael himself. Then the fatal evening arrived when the young lions knocked him down and mauled him so badly that he never recovered.

Our passions are rather like Michael's pets. They are all right so long as we control them but many of us do not realise how strong they are until it is too late.

Thoughtless people sometimes laugh when a little child gets into a passion and kicks and screams or when a young man gets a little drunk. But it isn't a joke when anyone grows up and is unable to control his temper or when a home is made miserable by a drunken parent.

How many uncontrolled tempers have led to murder? How often has uncontrolled drinking led to drunkenness? What unhappiness and damage has been done by uncontrolled envy. Any kind of self-indulgence gives the devil his chance to tempt us and destroy us. It is up to us to see if we are masters of our passions or whether any of them threaten to master us. If allowed to grow unchecked they will bring ruin as surely as the lion cubs killed their one-time master.

Keeping close to Jesus and practising self-denial as He tells us is the surest way of gaining self-control and learning to conquer our passions.

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NINTH CHAPTER

St. Peter's Declaration

Verses 18-27

READ how in answer to Jesus' question St. Peter declared his faith.

READ how Jesus foretold His suffering and death.

The Transfiguration

Verses 28-36

READ how Jesus took three of His apostles with him when He went up the mountain to pray, how He was transfigured and how two of the prophets appeared and talked with Jesus.

For You to Answer

1. Who said "You are the Christ of God?"

2. By whom was Jesus to be ill-used and rejected?

3. To whom did Jesus say "If any man has a mind to come my way, let him renounce self and take up his cross daily and follow me?"

4. What did Jesus promise to those who give up their lives for His sake?

Choose the right ending from those given below:

5. How did Jesus warn us about human respect?

6. Name the three apostles who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration.

7. Who was speaking with Jesus?

8. What did they talk about?

9. Who suggested making three arbours? (Shelters)

10. What effect did the scene they witnessed have on the apostles?

11. What words were spoken by the voice from the clouds?

12. When do we keep the Feast of the Transfiguration?

1. Jesus Christ has given us another great rule in these words:

"If any man will come after me, let him

2.

3. We are to deny ourselves by giving up our will, and by going against.....

4.

5. We are bound to deny ourselves because our natural inclinations are prone to evil from our very childhood; and if not corrected by

6.

7. We are to take up our cross daily by submitting daily with patience to the labours and sufferings of this

8.

9. We are to follow Our Blessed Lord by walking in.....

10.

11. The principle virtues we are to learn of Our Blessed Lord are

12.

13. I must take most care of my soul; for Christ has said: "What does it profit a man if he

Endings

(a)Self-denial, they will certainly carry us to hell.

(b)His footsteps and imitating His virtues.

(c)our own humours, inclinations and passions.

(d)gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul.

(e)deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

(f)meekness, humility and obedience.

(g)short life, and by bearing them willingly for the love of God.

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Casting Out an Unclean Spirit

Verses 37-45

READ how the apostles failed to cast an unclean spirit out of a boy and how the boy's father appealed to Jesus.

Jesus teaches the Virtue of Humility

Verses 46-50

READ what Jesus said when His disciples argued as to which of them was greatest.

The Unfriendly Samaritans *Verses 51-56*

READ how Jesus replied to James and John when they suggested punishing the unfriendly Samaritans.

Follow Me *Verses 57-62*

READ how Jesus told a would-be follower that He was more homeless than the birds and foxes and said that those who were called to follow Him must not be held back by any worldly ties.

For You to Answer

1. Who said, "Master, look with favour upon my son, he is my only child?"

2. Did Jesus grant his request?

3. What words of Jesus did his disciples fail to understand?

4. Whom did Jesus place by His side when the disciples argued as to which of them was the greatest?

5. What did Jesus say when John told Him they had forbidden a man to cast out devils in His name?

6. To what place did Jesus turn His eyes?

7. Who refused to receive Jesus' messengers?

8. Which of the disciples wanted to call down fire from Heaven to punish them?

Upon what occasions were the following words spoken by Jesus?

(1) Seeing their faith, He said "Man, your sins are forgiven."

(2) "Believe me, I have not found faith like this, even in Israel."

(3) "Your sins are forgiven..... Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

(4) "Where is your faith?"

(5) "My daughter, your faith has brought you recovery; go in peace."

(6) "Do not be afraid; you have only to believe, and she will recover."

11 Who helped him?

12. Who was a neighbour to him?

13. Why was Martha annoyed with Mary?

14. Where was Mary sitting?

CATECHISM TEST

TWO great principles of Charity

Complete the following by putting in the missing words:

“You shall _____ the Lord your _____ with your whole _____ and with your _____ soul, and with your whole” “You shall love your _____ as yourself.”

Strength heart love
Neighbour God whole

The seven corporal works of mercy

Complete the following by putting in the missing words:

- 1. To feed the
- 2. To give drink to the.....
- 3. To clothe the
- 4. To shelter the.....
- 5. To visit
- 6. To visit the
- 7. To bury the.....

Homeless, naked, the sick Hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, dead

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TENTH CHAPTER

The Mission of the Seventy-two

Verses 1-16

READ how Jesus sent 72 disciples ahead of Him to places he intended to visit later on.

The Return of the Seventy-two

Verses 17-24

READ how the disciples returned and joyfully related their successes and how Jesus checked their elation and warned them against the sin of pride by speaking to them of the fall of Satan from heaven.

The Good Samaritan

Verses 25-37

READ how Jesus taught by means of a parable that a neighbour is anyone to whom we can show kindness.

The Home of Mary and Martha

Verses 38-42

READ how two sisters entertained Jesus and how He answered Martha when she complained of her sister Mary.

What do You Think?

Mrs. Jones had a little baby to look after, so she asked the Smith girls if they would take her six-year-old Kathleen to school with them and see her safely across the roads. Beverly and Janet Smith refused. Beverly said they didn't want to be bothered with other people's kids; it was bad enough to look after their own little brother.

What sort of neighbours were the Smith girls?

Hugh Barnes was disabled. Pat Evans often called for him and took him out in his invalid chair.

What sort of neighbour was Pat?

Granny Dean was all het up because she had lost her pension book and said she must walk to the post-office over a mile away to see if she had left it there. Mollie Lewis went for her and came back with the missing book.

What sort of neighbour was Mollie?

Miss Green scalded herself very badly and Bob Perkins was asked to go for the doctor on his bicycle. Bob made an excuse and wouldn't go.

What sort of a neighbour was Bob?

For You to Answer

1. What were the disciples to say on entering a house?

2. What places did Jesus name that had reason to dread the Day of Judgement?

3. What city did Jesus say would be brought low?

4 Why did Jesus say the disciples should rejoice?

5 How should we love God?

6 How should we love our neighbour?

7 What was the parable that Jesus told?

8 Where was the traveller going?

9 Who attacked him?

10. Who passed him by?
