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John 15:5-11

BOORUM & PEASE "NOTAR" (R)

INT:

- 1960s historically, decade of many sudden, startling changes: viz Travel (jet), Styles (brief), Education (revolution), Morals (New morality) ^{"No"}
- I. Observe: All such are external, superficial, surface
 - A. **Ecc. 1:4-11.*** World remains basically the same.
 - B. **Heb. 13:8:** Jesus, always the same.
 - C. **I Pet. 1:24-25.** Word of God, always the same.
 - D. **Man** and his **needs** have not changed. An observation!

- II. **PREMISE: MAN BASICALLY SAME EVERYWHERE IN EVERY AGE.**
 - A. **III.** News article: Nov. 22 read above clouds on way to L. R. Dr. Jack C. Cooper (eye doctor, Melvin R. Hassell, Ins. broker, around world in 7 weeks. (Me: Just back from N. Y.-Boston.)
 - B. Their **CONCLUSION:** "People are the SAME, regardless of language, race or culture. Agrees with A. 17:26. (A.B.S.)
 1. My conclusion: After talks with men from many states and foreign countries. Man, all same.
 2. Quote: "Everywhere we found a **personal need**. Most men have a **vacuum** in their hearts. **J. 10:10**
 3. Quote: "Everywhere found **personal loneliness** and **spiritual needs** for **inner peace** and **meaning**."

"COME"

- III. **SUGGEST CHRIST AS THE FULFILLMENT OF MAN'S BASIC NEEDS**
 - A. **COME** believe in Me and trust Me! **Matt. 11:28-30.**
 1. Restful to KNOW our sins forgiven. **Rom. 5:8.**
 2. Christian too busy believing to **DOUBT--EVER!!**
 - B. **COME** deny, take, follow. **Luke 9:23.**
 1. Satisfying to have **GREAT MISSION** to life. ^{"BEAR"}
 2. **Matt. 25:34-35.** Too busy working to wonder!!
 - C. **COME** drink water of life, **come** to repentance, come go with me. **Rev. 22:17. II Pet. 3:9. John 14:1-3.** Too busy preparing to ponder!!

Secret of life →

Secret of happiness →

Secret of contentment →

CONCLUSION: JESUS gives each Christian: Spr. Companionship, Meaning and Purpose for Living and a Goal and a Destiny to strive toward. **No wonder happiest!**

Never lonely!

ENV. III. CHRISTIAN HAPPINESS: Based on GIVING not GETTING!

Case: Bradley and his ^{MOTHER'S} lesson on giving.

(over)

(SOURCE: Personal book #57.)

all

THE WORLD OWES BRADLEY A LIVING.

One morning Bradley came down to breakfast early so he could slip a neatly folded piece of paper under his mother's plate.

When mother found it, it read:

MOTHER OWES BRADLEY:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| For running errands | \$.25 |
| For being good | .10 |
| For practicing piano | .15 |
| Extras | .05 |
| Mother owes Bradley | <u>.55¢</u> |

Mother said nothing. Just tucked note in apron pocket.

LUNCH TIME: 55¢ and a note at Bradley's plate. His eyes danced with joy. Proud of his business and bargaining ability. Under the 55¢ was mother's bill:

BRADLEY OWES MOTHER:

| | |
|--|----|
| For being good to him | 0¢ |
| For nursing Bradley thru his Scarlet Fever | 0¢ |
| For Bradley's clothes, shoes & playthings | 0¢ |
| For meals and beautiful room | 0¢ |
| For the joy of being Bradley's mother | 0¢ |

Bradley owes mother & dad: \$0.00

Tears filled Bradley's eyes as he swung his arms around his mother's neck and he put the 55¢ back in his mother's hand. Then Bradley said, "Take all the money back, momma, and let me love you and do good things for you for nothing."

INV. Life is made full, rich and meaningful by GIVING.
 Sinner friend: Given SELF to Christ? B-R-C-B.
 Erring Chr. : Give your ALL to Christ? R-P.
 Identify.