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I read in your hearing this morning a passage of scripture from St. Matthew keeping in mind that our Sunday School lessons for the present are dealing with our relationships one with the other. It is quite interesting to read this passage of scripture that we have and see how Jesus in describing the events of his day describe those that are universal and for all time. He tells these people that John was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He told them that John was the forerunner of the Messiah. John lived strictly according to the law of the Jews and they said he had a devil. Jesus came eating and drinking and they said he was a winebibber.

I am wondering if that does not fit us today. We cast one aside and say he has a devil and another is a winebibber and a glutton. One man comes along and teaches one kind of doctrine and says he believes every word written in this book and some say he is fine and others say he is out of date. Another comes along and teaches what is called modernism and we say he has a devil. They wont dance and they wont mourn. They say one has a devil and the other a glutton and a winebibber.

Now what are we going to do. We want to search the scriptures, we want to find the truth and then we want to follow that truth. We want to recognize the truth and then we want to accept that truth. It is the truth that makes one free. It makes one free in every sense of the word. The truth if we could find it would solve the difficulties in the western part of our state. The truth, if we could find it out, would help us with our government to make it a better government. The truth, if we could find it, will give us spiritual freedom. It will lead us to God. The truth, if we could find it, would enable us to

live as God wants human beings to live. God's truth gives to his people freedom. It is the truth that will solve the perplexing problems of human civilization. You are here in college trying to acquire knowledge and information that will help you in your work. If you knew the truth about every child you taught, if Psychology could show us the way to find the truth in every child, teaching would be much more effective. We would be able to accomplish a great deal more than we can accomplish without the whole truth.

I can see those people today when they saw Jesus going around with people who did not live in accordance with the Jewish law, I can see those people turning up their noses and I can see those people as John the Baptist went about doing only those things set down in the Jewish law. I can see some more of those Jews of that time saying he is off in his head, saying he has a devil. We cannot afford to believe a word that he says and there are the two extremes and they would not follow either. I can find people exactly like that today.

If we could find the truth 100% and give that to the world, they will not all take it, they will not all follow but that would be doing the maximum service. Search the scriptures; find the truth, make it a part of your life and live with it.

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