

## Character – Lesson 28

### Not Hasty

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

#### Lesson

**Verse:** “Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might...” (Ecclesiastes 9:10a).

**Focus:** A hasty person is someone who does or makes things too quickly. Someone who is not hasty will do things at a proper speed with care and thoroughness.

**Scripture:** Luke 15:8-10

**Practical Application:** When you wash your hands, do you just wet it under the sink for a few seconds? A hasty person would do that. Someone who is not hasty would put soap on both hands, rub them well and then rinse thoroughly. Ask the children what it means to do things at a proper speed with care and thoroughness in matters like brushing their teeth, changing their clothes, taking care of their things, etc. For example, after you are done playing with your Legos, your mommy may ask you to put them away. A hasty person will quickly dump whatever is in front of them into a bin and go play with something else. But a person who is not hasty will take his or her time to make sure they collect all the little pieces, even the ones that fell under the bed or in a corner. They will take whatever time is needed to finish putting away every single Lego piece.

**Bible Story Suggestion:** In the Bible, the Lord Jesus told his followers a story about a woman who had ten silver coins. Those ten silver coins were so valuable in the olden times! If you had ten silver coins, and you lost one, what would you do? Would you just forget about the missing coin since you still have nine left? Or would you look for it? What if it's really hard to find the lost coin? Would you just take a quick look and then go do something else? In this story, the woman who lost the one silver coin was not hasty. She did not just look for a quick second and move on. Instead, she took the time to find the coin. She lit a lamp and looked in all the dark corners of the house, maybe even under the bed or in the closet. She swept the house and looked thoroughly and carefully until she found the lost coin. That is a lot of work to find just one coin! That's not all. After she found her coin, she called her friends and her neighbors and asked them to be happy with her! In the same way, instead of being hasty and quick, we should take the time to care for our things properly and to do things properly. Our mommy and daddy will be happy!