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"Once upon a time there entered into the church..." many modern innovations because Bible authority was compromised on the basis of an emotional plea which split churches of Christ asunder!

The social programs which have nothing to do with the salvation of mankind have been introduced with great fanfare as though Jesus died for such things — ball teams, entertainment, gymnasiums, mothers-day-out, day care, etc. — and the Lord weeps over these things because He came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

The lesson for us today? Beware what you *introduce* into the Lord's church today which has no biblical foundation. Claiming that a work does much good in spite of its lack of authority is exactly what the serpent did to Eve in the Garden! Genesis 3:4-5 and Romans 5:8.

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