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Jewish Relief Federation, 1930.

1. Summed up in Rel. consists of 3 things 7177 - 7178
7178.

① Reverence - The beginning of wisdom is ^{to} know -
~~man~~ ~~himself~~

② Why is reverence necessary? Ennobles life.

③ How does man reverence? When we stand in awe -
Particularly when we reverence mankind - The rever-
man regards ~~every~~ ^{every} ~~life~~ ^{life} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~sinners~~ ^{sinners} - If weak -
He will not see the ~~sick~~ ^{sick} who are
poor, untended.

④ You will have an effort this year to show
how much of reverence there is in you -
Hard year! Exposed us all! If we were
first & last - there must not be one
man a coward so without reverence.

⑤ Of course it will involve some pains!
but what is ^{true} charity if it does not involve
some pains? The man who gives free. he
has too much & doesn't know what to do
with it - is not charitably. He is just showing
himself a good time. It is when you
break your ^{own} record of good with the
hungry - It is when you left the
draught & cooling water for your
own parched lips & give it to ^{the} ~~the~~
that you are performing the sacred ritual
of charity -

⑥ 2177 & 2178 -

⑦ But very few of us will actually be called
upon to make such extraordinary effort.
Very few of us will actually feel
the sharp edge of deprivation when

2- 2006 - "Thou shalt love the Lord etc" -

① How do we love God - do you give work -

② what characterizes love? It is spontaneous
it is self-sacrificing. It takes no measure.
It does not ask for rewards. It does not back
or weigh, or haggle. It does not beg off.
It anticipates want. Charity is the
quality of love & be. that charity
like love is stronger & death. - ~~it~~
~~is a force~~

③ 10 formidable things were created -
grain - steel - heat - ~~fire~~ water - clouds -
winds - body - fear - wine - sleep - 11th
yields to nothing - ah but is it not with
11th B2 - 3331

④ When you are asked to give, let love
dictate to you, not self-interest. Who
will ask you what is the best excuse
I can present for giving the best? That
is not the way you act towards your
children - That was the way you
would wish others to act towards them -
if they have perfect, perfect ears
when surrounded by little deafeners,
speak perfect ears?

⑤ The most difficult thing in the world is to
put money in some one else's place.
I try to do that often - and I act
as a potent conductor. It sets me
straight.

7. To which class do you belong? Follow you

8. Porter is too much a J. Comm. to fail.
The repercussions will be bad through the
land. When one runs, fails, others feel
justified in failing — did not even make
the effort to succeed — in any event
next comm. — say to Rabb. Goodenough —
you must succeed.



