LEGALIZED IMMORALITY

1. Give illustrations from your own observation and experience of the truth of the opening statement of this essay.

2. See page 159 for a definition of charity.

3. At this point it would be helpful to you to read "Charity Debased" - pages 159-160.

4. Illustrate the statement that "government cannot make men good; neither can it make them prosperous and happy." Can you give any exceptions to this statement?

5. Explain and illustrate the statement: "The evils in society are directly traceable to the vices of individual human beings."

6. (a) Name some primary manifestations of these vices (b) some secondary manifestations.

7. Name some things which government, in the name of human welfare, does that would be gravely offensive if done by individual citizens.

8. Explain and illustrate the following expressions: (a) "primaries of human weakness" (b) "impersonal outlet." See page 24.

9. Why is the attitude that "government should do for the people what the people are unable to do for themselves" a dangerous definition of the purpose of government?

10. (a) What is the purpose of government as stated in the Declaration of Independence? (b) In what ways is this purpose different from the attitude of mind mentioned in question 9?

11. Read God and Freedom - pages 213-214.

12. "Paul wants some of Peter's property." (a) See Understanding Our Free Economy (page 20) for a definition of property. (b) Of what may this property consist? (c) What are the legal and moral reasons why Paul is unable personally to accomplish his desire?

13. How does Paul get some of Peter's property in spite of these moral and legal barriers?