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Msgr. Sheen speaks
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Dead Sailors And Marines.

Sailors, Marines, die on week end. There are men dead on their feet. Their hearts may beat, but there is no pulse of divine life in their souls. They have committed suicide, killed their own souls by mortal sin. Dead men do tell tales. The public often hears the story of their death. Dead men sometimes cannot resist the temptation to speak. With their bunks as a broadcasting booth, they relate the adventures of the week end, the amazing story of their feats and conquests. Does anyone know why dead men are so proud in having cruised with Skipper Lucifer whose ship sails to one port only: Hell?

Sailors, Marines, die before starting week end. A man dies the moment he plans to take passage with Skipper Lucifer. Sin is committed when it is planned. A sailor at his desk planning intoxication is guilty of the sin the moment he completes his plans. If he plans a petting party, he sins though he never gets the chance to carry his program into action. "But I say to you that anyone who even looks with lust at a woman has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Yes, it's possible: a dead man alive on his feet, in a white uniform, dragging a black soul.

Dead Sailors, Marines, make God their enemy. "He who is not with me is against me." "They that act wickedly are abominable to the king." Skipper Lucifer enjoys the battle.

Dead men are no profit to themselves. At the side of every friend of God there stands the Recording Angel who tallys every good work. Sleep, play, classes are meritorious for the live man. He who has allied himself with hell profits nothing from the effort given to studies, exercises and pain. At night the room of the dead man becomes a morgue, the bed the cold slab.

God's warning to the dead. Flee from the occasion of sin. "And if thy hand or thy foot is an occasion of sin to thee, cut it off and cast it from thee! It is better for thee to enter life maimed or lame, than, having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire."

You will lose your eternal inheritance. "For know this and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean person...has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Love does no evil to a neighbor. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in the day, not in revelry, and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and as for the flesh, take no thought for its lusts."

Be prepared. "Death comes like a thief in the night."

Life Raft. An act of contrition brings life to the dead. A good confession gives assurance that all is well again, that all has been saved. Christ pushes that raft into the hands of every sinner. They must reach out for it. When they reach, Christ helps them to safety. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." "Ask, and you shall receive."