

# WEEKLY UNITY

*"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*

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A FRIEND of mine who was a prisoner of war in Manila for over three years was the marvel of all who knew her, because she emerged from internment frail in body but more beautiful than she had ever been before and a tower of strength spiritually. A woman of superior intelligence and culture, she was forced to endure the hardship of prison life with no privacy whatever, being always under the eyes of the guards. Yet she

was able to commune with God, she said, at any time, whenever and wherever she chose.

She had been a student of Truth for many years previous to her imprisonment and had experienced God's protective and healing power over and over. She knew how to abide in His love, but no one could deny that this was the most powerful test she had ever had to meet. That she was able to meet it and come out serene and

triumphant was the result of her faith and understanding and the years she had spent previously in proving and putting into practice the teachings of Christ. They were her rod and staff in her time of need.

Her knowledge of Truth seemed to be the only consolation of her anxious relatives. "She knows Truth," her sister kept repeating. That gave her the strength to bear with patience the long years of silence between them. During her internment my friend was never at any time the victim of persecution or cruel treatment in the prison camp, because she never recognized the power of the enemy over her. She knew that because she was abiding in God nothing could harm her.

She resolved to obey the laws laid down by her captors, to "render . . . unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." When the American planes began to fly again over the Philippines the prisoners who looked up at them were punished. My friend stood still wherever she happened to be and bowed her head, and lifted up her heart to God in praise and thanksgiving for the help she knew would come.

Wrote John, the beloved disciple, "If ye abide in me, and my words also abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." When we abide in God's love we stand upon holy ground, and nothing can hurt us, for we are always under divine protection. We can be delivered from whatever it is that binds, a prison camp or a prison of our own making, when we stay in God's love. But as we must turn on the faucet if we wish the water to flow, so must we establish conscious contact with God if we are to reap the promised blessings. We have our part to do also.

"Act as if you were a success," an inspirational writer says. To act is to set in motion. When we act as if we are abiding in God we set into motion

## *Abide in His Love*



*By Harriet L. Delmas*



the good we are seeking. We are not fooling ourselves, as the skeptic may surmise; we are not trying to hypnotize our mind into believing something false. We are simply laying hold of a fundamental truth. There never was a great work of any kind that was not first born in the mind of its creator and then acted upon or set into motion, whereupon the manifestation followed. If it had remained in the mind as an unfertile seed remains in the soil, nothing would have come of it, and the world would have been poorer.

Some time during the first decade of the second century John wrote the First Epistle. It is supposed to have been directed to the Ephesians and those Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor. John's theme was love. Walk in love. Be active in love. God is love. Two thousand years ago that was a new idea. The pagans worshiped their gods, but they knew nothing of love as Jesus taught it. The Romans practiced a certain kind of charity, but it was not prompted by love. Rather it was a love of self; for in giving alms they believed that they increased their own fame and stature.

That God is love is not a new thought today; but there are those who have not made this wonderful discovery, for they do not go to God in their need. They have never known the comfort, the blessed security that transcends any of the things in the natural life that can be destroyed overnight and are as the grass in the fields that wither and die under the summer sun. I have seen the tragic, hopeless look in the eyes of one who in her despair confessed that she did not know which way to turn, it never occurring to her that she had only to turn within to God.

I have not always known God as I know Him now. I was not taught that He was interested in me as an individual or that He was at all concerned about my little personal problems. For me the Bible was a closed book. I did not know how to interpret the great Truths written there. When I began the study of Truth, I was amazed; for



## Give Thanks

By Ethel Hawthorne Tewksbury

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah."*

**G**IVE THANKS most humbly for your daily bread;

For by Christ's loaves and fishes we are fed.

Give thanks for shelter and for life and fun,

For simple things so needed by each one.

Give thanks for church and home, for health and friends,

And for the blessings that the good Lord sends.

Be gentle, worthy of God's loving care, And of these good things with your neighbor share.

Give thanks and praise His gracious, holy name,

Who to the earth a little baby came.

Give thanks because of the dear Christ child's birth

That blesses all the nations of the earth!

It claimed that God is not an avenging God but a God of love who blesses and heals and that His power is still alive and active. It opened up for me a whole new philosophy of life. It changed my whole life just as it has changed the lives of millions who have found the abiding love of Christ. I had not the faintest conception of what was in store for me when I began to learn of this new God who had been a stranger to me for so many years.

"God is love," wrote John. He knew the truth of that statement because he was one of the disciples of Christ. He walked and talked with Him and was a witness to those seeming miracles which Jesus performed in the name of love. John knew that in abiding in that love, through Jesus, he was resting in the very essence of Godhood, because Jesus said to him and to the others, "For all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known unto you." Jesus wished to share with them and with those to come, His own realization of the love that God bore for him, for He said, "Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you; abide ye in my love."

According to tradition the apostle

John in his later days, when he no longer went about preaching the word of God, was carried daily into the market place in Ephesus. The people would gather around him to hear his message. It was always the same. "My little children, love one another: for love is of God." When a bolder one asked why he never told them anything else his answer was, in effect, that love is the sum and substance of the gospel, and when this is done all is done.

"There is no fear in love," John said. There cannot be if one trusts God wholly. I know one who was always afraid. She was afraid of the future, which did not belong to her anyway but to God. She could never let go of her worries and fears. She did not dare turn them over to God, much as she longed to be rid of them. So they multiplied and they limited her development and inhibited her life. *Perfect love casteth out all fear.* At first she took that statement without much hope of help, but she was faithful to the silent hour. As she had been tenacious in clinging to her fears, so was she tenacious in this new desire to be free.

I have known strong-willed people who held stubbornly to their wrong beliefs, but when they did turn their faces to the light, they used the same determination to embrace the good. They became wonderful students of Truth when their will had been directed into the right channels.

For a time nothing happened to show her that she was making progress, except in little things, but she was encouraged even by the little things and kept on strengthening her faith day by day. The time came when she experienced a great sorrow in the loss of a loved one and her whole life had to be readjusted. She faced the problem of living alone in a large house or going to a hotel or an apartment. This she did not wish to do, for she loved her home and garden. "Well, then," she said to herself, "I cannot live here and be afraid all the time." So she called upon her faith. *Perfect love casteth out all fear.* Soon she was able to go through the night without being afraid.

Then came another test when she was held up one dark night by two masked men. She stood still, and it seemed to her that a great protective power was all around her. She was



not conscious of praying, but only of a deep quietness within her. Then she saw the hand that held the gun waver and drop, then the sound of feet running away from her. "Of whom shall I be afraid" when I abide in God's love?

When we abide in God we have the right to appropriate all of His good if we believe—and we can—in His promises. They are not just beautiful, meaningless words strung together without reason or purpose. They are for us to use and to live by, as my friend in the prison camp used them to the glory of God. They have been proved time and time again by those who believed.

World War II is over but there seems to be unrest and insecurity throughout the world in spite of the fact that there is an abundance of money and material goods. We need a better understanding of Christ's doctrine of love, and we in turn have our part to play in serving as a channel for that love to flow outward to our fellow men regardless of race, creed, or color. We have found nowhere in the Bible that any distinction was ever made between us. We are all the children of God. Racial hatred and prejudice are apart from God. They are man-made.

There is never any shortage of God's love. We need not be afraid that in giving we shall deplete our resources or have less. Love grows and multiplies like the loaves and fishes. It shines like a candlelight in a dark and windless place, a light to light the world. We can share that love of God with our fellow men and the less fortunate peoples of the world. We need nothing else to live by, for love is truly the sum and substance of the gospel, of everything!

### Essence of Character

Character is not a massive unit; it is a fabric rather. It is a whole made up of the interplay of ten thousand threads. Every faculty is a spinner, spinning each day its threads and almost every day threads of different colors; and character is made up by the weaving together of all these innumerable threads of daily life. Its strength is not merely in the strength of some simple unit but in the strength of numerous elements.—Henry Ward Beecher.

## A Song unto the Lord

By Christine Mabry

"COME on, Mother," called Margie. "It's time for us to sing." I hastily dried my hands and went into the living room where my three daughters were waiting at the piano for their usual evening of "singing songs unto the Lord."

"This one first," said my youngest, as she opened the book to "There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today."

After we had had about half an hour of singing the girls went to bed relaxed, happy, and quiet. But it wasn't always that way. I recall that before we began the song program the children seldom wanted to go to bed. Instead they wanted to play, listen to the radio, or enjoy a noisy game. Usually they became so stimulated it was a big task to quiet them. And sometimes (I dislike to admit it now) I would become irritated and cross, which led to more confusion and occasional tears.

After one such strenuous evening I said to myself, "Bedtime should be a happy time. What can I do to make it that way?" Then I remembered how lustily the youngsters sang in Sunday school, how they hummed or sang around the house while doing chores or getting ready for school. I decided upon a new approach. I sent a dollar to Unity in Kansas City and asked for the *Unity Song Selections*. The day the book arrived I was feeling depressed. The children were at school. Listlessly I opened the songbook and still listlessly began playing a few of my old favorites. In a little while I was having a wonderful time singing all by myself. My depressed feeling had vanished. I was on top of the world, happy, joyous, free from the worries that had assailed me. However it took a few more similar experiences to teach me that it was my "song unto the Lord" that had lifted me from the unhappiness that tried to engulf me.

That night after the dishes were done and the girls ready for some relaxation I remarked casually, "Suppose we do a little singing tonight before you go to bed."

"Let's do it now," eagerly responded my eldest. I brought out the songbook while she opened the piano. I started to play, the girls gathered around, and before we knew it it was bedtime. We had given a thorough workout to such songs as "Truehearted, Wholeheart-

ed." "Keep the Heart Singing," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "Bringing in the Sheaves." They have good ringing tunes and we sang them with gusto.

Beginning that evening, and with few exceptions every evening since, the children "make a joyful noise," and the problem of getting them to bed quickly and quietly has been solved.

That's not all. I have learned that singing is another way to teach children to "come before his presence with thanksgiving." Also they just naturally want to use good words after learning "Wonderful Words of Life." I know that songs such as "More Like the Master" make vivid impressions upon young minds, and the striving to fulfill that ideal is reflected in their behavior. "The Prayer of Faith" is an old stand-by, and when that song is followed by "Sweet Hour of Prayer," prayer time means more and gives the children that secure feeling of being close to God as they cuddle down for sleep.

The singing my children are doing now will help them in later life too. They have already learned that "God Will Take Care of You" is not just a group of pretty words but a living, breathing fact, that "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" means exactly what it says, or that "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is convincing proof they are never alone.

The money spent for the songbook is the best investment I ever made. It has given me as well as the children a firmer foundation in Truth. Now when an annoyance tries to get a foothold in my consciousness, before it has a chance to get any bigger I burst into song. It doesn't make any difference whether I am washing dishes or clothes, ironing, cooking, or cleaning house, when that bugaboo tries to make an appearance, I chase him away with a song while I continue my work. If I can't think of a song that fits my particular need, I sing "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." It never fails to work. After a few minutes of singing my fears vanish, my doubts flee, my heart is lifted, and I have the "Blessed Assurance" there is such a thing as "Wonderful Peace."

Delight thyself also in Jehovah;  
And he will give thee the desires of  
thy heart.

—Psalms 37:4.



# Things to Be Remembered

By Lowell Fillmore

## \* Perfect Relaxation

**R**EMEMBER that tensions and inhibitions in the mind disturb the body functions. They are opposed to good health because they interfere with the normal, free-flowing life of God through the body.

Relaxation of the mind frees the body from tensions and inhibitions and thus promotes good health.

Man is normally relaxed in mind and body because he was created that way. After God had made him He pronounced him good, according to the Bible story of creation, which is an allegory portraying the original creative Mind at work.

It is man himself and not God who disturbs the perfect working of the machinery of a man's mind and body. It is man who causes tenseness and inhibition in his own mind, body, and affairs. When a man's mind functions normally, it is quick, alert, and accurate, and his body enjoys normal health and activity. Normal conditions are in perfect accord with God's wise plan. It is man himself that disrupts the workings of this good plan. It is man who throws the monkey wrench into the divinely built machinery of his body.

A man's own fear and worry thoughts are like sand dropped into the delicate gears of his body machinery, perhaps causing his heart to skip a beat or so, or his eliminative processes to be retarded.

The ideal man is the Christ. Call Him by any name you choose, but He is the perfect man that God created in the beginning. That man is the living pattern back of every individual. To the degree that this perfect-ideal man is permitted to have free expression in and through an individual to this degree will the individual become relaxed and normal in mind and body. To the degree that an individual ignores this ideal man and indulges in his own selfish thoughts and personal, willful practices will he become tense and unnatural.

In the Christ consciousness a man is free and normal. In personal consciousness he is in bondage to his own limited and ignorant devices. To sing correctly a person must learn to relax

his throat, jaws, and other physical parts that affect his vocal organs. This is first a mental process. One's voice must be free from all self-consciousness and tenseness in order to function properly. To write well and rapidly one's fingers and the muscles of one's forearm must be relaxed and free. To play golf the player's muscles and mind must be relaxed so that there can be co-ordination between them.

A person learning to drive an automobile usually clutches the steering wheel so tightly that his fingers become numb. He soon learns to relax however and as he relaxes he becomes a better driver.

The stomach must be relaxed in order to do its work properly. This is true of the heart also. Worry interferes with the digestion of food because it causes the mind and stomach to become tense. To think clearly one's mind must be relaxed. The man whose mind is paralyzed with fear cannot think of the right thing to do to save himself.

If a man were to begin relaxing every part of his mind and body in detail he would have a very great task before him, but when he realizes that there is one key that will unlock the tenseness of every part of his body he will be able to relax with less effort. This key is Christ.

Let Christ, the perfect man, have His perfect way in you. You can easily put all your functions and organs through the freeing process by letting Christ assume the burdens of worry, fear, doubt, anger, and so forth that you have saddled upon your mind and body. Open the way for Christ to come into all the departments of your being and they will be freed from tension.

Jesus, the individual, said, "Not my will, but thine, be done," which is the attitude that each one of us must assume in order to relax thoroughly. For instance, when we meet a tough problem in our business affairs our first reaction is likely to cause us to become excited, angry, fearful, or disturbed. These blinding, weakening emotions can be avoided if we will become quiet and say silently, "The will of Christ is being done in me." Then our mind will

be set free to think clearly and constructively about the situation, and we shall thus be able to think out a way to meet the problem in a satisfactory manner. But if we let the human will have its way we shall run into all kinds of difficulties because our mind will not work clearly enough to see the right solution.

Today Christ in you is your hope of glory in every situation that arises in your life, whether it concerns your health, your happiness, or your association with others. The manifestation of Christ in a man will not make of him a goody-goody or a "holier-than-thou" person but will cause him to be a real natural, lovable, co-operative, neighborly individual who minds his own business and yet is ready to give friendly advice if called upon for it. But above all else he will express by thought, word, and deed the freedom of God's ideal man.

The normal life is the Christ life. One living the free Christ life brings peace and good will into the world about him. Those who are living according to the human, personal standard are adding to the confusion of the world. Christ is the light of the world, and He will help every man who calls upon Him to become also a glowing filament to light the world. When you let Christ have His perfect way in you you are the light of the world.

Let your light shine, and so be wise, happy, healthy, and prosperous.

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## Suggestions for Daily Meditation

*Sunday. I am free from worry, doubt, fear, and hate, because I am letting the will of my heavenly Father guide my will.*

*Monday. The quick, vital mind of Jesus Christ is now freeing me from all human tension and inertia.*

*Tuesday. All the functions of my body are in tune with divine harmony, and health is established in me.*

*Wednesday. I am free to do the will of God.*

*Thursday. There is no confusion in me or in my affairs, for divine order and efficiency are established in my mind and body by Jesus Christ.*

*Friday. Christ in me is my glory and my perfection.*

*Saturday. The peace, good will, and love of Christ have restored health, harmony, and strength to my mind and body.*



# THE SOCIETY OF SILENT UNITY

THE HEALING DEPARTMENT OF UNITY SCHOOL

## \* A Message to You: Spiritual Education

Dear Friends:

We do not cease to give thanks for you and to make mention of you in our prayers, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance . . . what the exceeding greatness of his power."

Well did the founders of Unity School know the value of a spiritual education. They prized it above all else. The idea became the inspiration that under the guidance of Jesus Christ led to the establishment of Unity. The vision, the desire to point all who seek help, all who seek learning to the teachings of Jesus Christ who Himself said, "Learn of me," has never diminished, never changed. Never does Silent Unity offer a prayer for healing unaccompanied by a prayer for spiritual growth and understanding.

Healing is good, prosperity is good, peace, contentment, happiness are all good, but none of these is lasting unless with it has come the purpose to know more of the Truth that heals, prospers, and brings the joy and bliss of Christ to heart and soul. Unity School would feel that its Christ-appointed purpose had been defeated if you received no spiritual education along with the help that comes with prayer.

We pray for you, knowing that "the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things," so that when you are healed you will endeavor to learn the Christ way of healing and to help others; when you are prospered you will study to know the divine law of ever-increasing substance so that you may help to win the world away from greed and lack and inharmony to the all-sufficiency of God; when you find the love and peace and happiness you seek you will devote some time each day to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to the radiation of love and peace and happiness to your fellow men.

Solomon spoke truly when he said: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom . . . Exalt her, and she will promote thee."

A sound, well-grounded spiritual education is the only means of release from the ills, temptations, unrest, and

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Daily at 11 a. m. join us in this thought for spiritual illumination:

**The Spirit of Jehovah is with me, and I see clearly.**

At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this thought for prosperity:

**The prosperity that God planned for me in the beginning is now manifest, and I am bountifully supplied.**

At nine each night let us acknowledge the healing power of Spirit with this prayer:

**The restorative power of God within me is quickened, and I am healed.**

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unhappiness of the world. Daily increase in the knowledge and understanding of Truth is the only way into permanent and abiding wholeness, life, love, joy, and substance.

Every person under the sun can have a spiritual education. It is provided for by the Christ within each seeking heart. If the help of schools and enlightened teachers is needed they will be made available through the guiding power of the indwelling Lord.

John Galsworthy aptly said, "States should spend money and effort on this great all-important matter of spiritual education as they have hitherto spent them on beating and destroying each other." Might not this be the sure way to peace? Seeking how best to use the divine intelligence God planted in man in the beginning, would surely direct the race away from the ignorance, discord, and hatreds that promote wars and rumors of war.

None are too young and none too old to receive a spiritual education.

None are too young and none too old to pass along the light of Truth.

Even the baby in its bassinet may receive the rudiments of a spiritual education in the ways of divine love through the gentleness of its mother's hands, the comfort of its father's strong arms. It may find a wellspring of joy in the playfulness of little sister or brother. It can and does receive the groundwork of divine peace when an invisible altar for daily prayer and meditation is established in the home.

Is there one who does not receive education in many spiritual things from caring for, watching, and learning from little children? Is there a mother who has not learned greater love when she looked into the eyes of her newborn child? Is there a father who has not learned of a sincere devotion that outstripped any he had known before when he first took his infant son in his arms? Is there a person who has not learned something of pure joy when listening to the laughter of children?

God uses every possible means to give each of His children a spiritual education that prepares him step by step for promotion to greater and greater good through all the ages to come.

Educate your children in the teachings of the Bible. Educate them in the flawless love that never fails, the restorative power that always harmonizes, unifies, and makes whole, the understanding of the Jesus Christ faith that makes all things possible, the fullness of the joy that is theirs in Him, and you will have done much to abolish weakness, misery, failure, and unhappiness from their future life. You will have given your children the foundation of a spiritual education beyond price.

Clear and sweet as a silver altar bell ring out the words of the Great Teacher:

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

We do not cease to give thanks for you and to make mention of you in our prayers, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him."

Your friends in  
Silent Unity.



## Someone Prayed

### Received Abundantly

*Dear Unity:* Last August I wrote to you asking for your prayers during the hay-fever season. I came through with scarcely any inconvenience at all, and I am very grateful.

This has been such a busy six months for us, a time of change; but thanks to my increasing faith and understanding, it has been a time of growth and fulfillment when every necessary change has resulted to our benefit.

Personnel at my husband's office were being moved from place to place with little notice, and the general feeling was one of dissatisfaction and resentment and worry. Never for a moment did I let myself become concerned about it. I had perfect confidence that if we were to be moved we should be allowed time to sell our home and buy one in our new location. One afternoon my husband told me that a suggestion of his had been approved at the office and in appreciation we had been granted all the time we needed to make the necessary preparations for our move and that we could move "whenever we were ready." It was hard for many people to understand how such an unprecedented favor could be granted, but I knew joyfully that all things work together for good for those who love the good.

We put our house on the market the day I received my first prosperity bank. In three days it was sold at exactly the price we asked and under satisfactory terms for all concerned.

We were ordered to move to W—. Before we set out we heard on every hand how impossible it would be to locate a house. I assured everyone that I thought it would be lots of fun looking, and I was sure we would have no difficulty in finding one. Every time I thought of the matter at all I thought, "It is in God's hands."

When I tried to picture our new home I could not quite decide what I did want. We knew that we needed four bedrooms and that an extra room on the first floor is a big convenience with three children, but for the amount we had to invest this seemed a great deal to ask.

Finally I wrote a letter to God, following a suggestion in a WEEKLY UNITY article that had greatly appealed to me. I said that we needed a comfortable home with room enough to "spread out," with enough conveniences so that I would have some time each day for meditation, study, and prayer; that we should like a porch and a nice yard with some trees; a house "with possibilities" that would be a real home, convenient to my husband's work. I truly cast the burden on the Lord—and did not take it upon my own shoulders again.

My husband had a very thorough list of the real estate on the market, collected and revised for a month before we were ready to start looking. The situation did not look

promising. I told him that our new house had not been advertised yet; the owners were waiting for us. Though the remark was lightly made, I firmly believed it was true.

We arrived in W— Saturday afternoon and looked at quite a few houses but found nothing we could use. Sunday we looked all day. Had I been in a mood to be discouraged things would have looked black, but I only reminded myself that it was God's responsibility and that He did all things well.

Just at dark we drove up in front of a very attractive house set on a beautifully landscaped, large lot surrounded by lovely trees. As soon as we saw the inside of the house we knew it was our house. It was as though the owner had built it just for us. The living room was large, and beautifully designed, and it was set off to itself at one end of the reception hall. There were a knotty-pine den, and a sun porch just ideal for a playroom, and a veranda that ran clear across the house on one side; yes, and a bath on the first floor.

It was when the owner quoted a price just fifty dollars less than the maximum price we had agreed on that I suddenly realized this was God's answer to my prayers. You can imagine how elated and yet how humble I felt. We drew up a contract that evening, contingent on a loan.

At first it seemed the loan we could procure might not be adequate, but I knew everything would be taken care of; for was it not "our house"? Once my husband remarked, "Well, I just don't see how we are going to get money out of thin air." I did not know through what channels it would come either, but I did know it was not our worry. The next morning we had our choice of three ways in which we might finance it, and consequently were able to choose one highly advantageous to us.

Everyone is enthusiastic about our new home. We are completely content here. After helping friends house-hunt recently my husband remarked that we certainly had almost unbelievable luck in finding this place. I agree with him. But it was not luck. It was a sure thing. God does all things exceeding well!

### UNITY SONG SELECTIONS

Singing is one of the most powerful forms of prayer. It lifts the heart and sets free pent-up emotions.

An inspiring collection of spiritual songs about health, faith, love, prosperity, and other favorite themes is offered in the hymnbook UNITY SONG SELECTIONS.

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Thank you and bless you for the unfailing inspiration and guidance received from WEEKLY UNITY and Daily Word.

There was a side light proving unquestionably that our faith benefits others as well as ourselves that I must tell you about.

We had our choice of two buyers for our house in R—. A young couple with children was anxious to buy it the moment they saw it, but we had promised a woman we would not sell until we had contacted her. I went off and sat down by myself and "knew" that divine intelligence was working matters out for the best interests of all concerned.

The woman we sold to is a fine person, reasonable and pleasant to deal with, and she fits perfectly into the neighborhood. My sympathy went out to the young couple, whose problems were similar to our own, but I felt they were being taken care of. Within a week they called me and said they had found a place they liked even better than ours, as it was a little larger and more convenient for both of them. There were very few such places, and I quietly thanked God for His help.—L. L.

### In His Protecting Care

*Dear Silent Unity:* For your prayers during the past year I thank you. I have received much help and inspiration from WEEKLY UNITY. So many letters telling of prayers answered have helped me.

I want to tell of one demonstration I had just a few weeks ago. I had asked Silent Unity to help me find my right work, and I was downtown looking for work, when I dropped into a store to see what work they might have for me. I wanted to find temporary work before Christmas. I made out an application, and in taking out my pen from my purse I also took out an envelope that contained stock worth five hundred dollars that I was delivering to the bank for a friend. I wrote out my application, and went into the office for an interview. I was given a very good position, which I have enjoyed.

I left the office without the envelope that contained the stock. When I discovered the loss the store was closed for the day, and I could not reach anyone there by phone. So there was nothing to do but wait until morning. I read WEEKLY UNITY and said over and over: "Nothing is lost in spirit. I place all my affairs lovingly in the loving hands of the Father."

The next morning I went up to the office in the store and over to the table where I had filled out my application. The table had been covered with papers when I left the night before, but now not a paper was in sight. There was a telephone directory lying on the table. I lifted it and there lay the envelope with the stock safely inside. God had taken care of it for me, as He always will do if we turn to Him for help and have complete faith.—G. M. W.

No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage ground of Truth.—Bacon.



## Responsive Service

Sunday, September 8, 1946

Unity Subject—*Truth the Way of Life*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Truth and Sincerity in Speech*.—Exod. 20:16; Prov. 26:23-28; Matt. 26:69-75

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16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
23. Fervent lips and a wicked heart  
Are like an earthen vessel overlaid  
with silver dross.
24. He that hateth dissembleth with his  
lips;  
But he layeth up deceit within him:
25. When he speaketh fair, believe him  
not;  
For there are seven abominations  
in his heart:
26. Though his hatred cover itself with  
guile,  
His wickedness shall be openly  
showed before the assembly.
27. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall there-  
in;  
And he that rolleth a stone, it shall  
return upon him.
28. A lying tongue hateth those whom  
it hath wounded;  
And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
69. Now Peter was sitting without in  
the court: and a maid came unto him, say-  
ing, Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilæan.
70. But he denied before them all, say-  
ing, I know not what thou sayest.
71. And when he was gone out into the  
porch, another maid saw him, and saith  
unto them that were there, This man also  
was with Jesus of Nazareth.
72. And again he denied with an oath,  
I know not the man.
73. And after a little while they that  
stood by came and said to Peter, Of a  
truth thou also art one of them; for thy  
speech maketh thee known.
74. Then began he to curse and to swear,  
I know not the man. And straightway the  
cock crew.
75. And Peter remembered the word  
which Jesus had said, Before the cock crew,  
thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out,  
and wept bitterly.

### Lesson Interpretation

*Why are we warned especially against bearing false witness against our neighbor?*

A person may be untrue to himself without realizing that he is so, but he cannot be false to another in his heart without intention. Neither can he be true to himself so long as he does not

speak the truth to others or about others. He learns objective truth first, then subjective truth.

*What besides true words is necessary to the telling of truth?*

Our meaning and intention must match our words and be expressed by them. Otherwise insincerity robs our words of all truth, making them deceptive and hypocritical. "Fervent lips and a wicked heart" must be understood according to the intent of the speaker.

*What reaction is experienced by the one who practices untruth and deception?*

He experiences in himself the results of the falsity that he practices toward others.

"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein;

And he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him."

*How is the impulse to speak falsely overcome?*

By developing love of the truth for its own sake, and such entire loyalty and devotion to the Christ that all fear of the personal consequences of speaking the truth disappears from mind.

*Can truth be divorced from confidence and trust?*

It cannot be, for it inevitably inspires both. Neither can confidence and trust survive falsity.

*What is signified by Peter's denial of Jesus?*

When faith in divine principle or the I AM (Christ) is not firmly grounded or is yet unstable, it may weaken under the pressure of adverse circumstances. Peter's denial of the Nazarene symbolizes immature faith that wavers in the face of human fears.

*What is required to recall faith to its allegiance?*

A word of Truth is sufficient: "Peter

remembered the word which Jesus had said . . . And he went out, and wept bitterly."

*How does active love in the heart prevent such failures of faith?*

Love holds in remembrance the truth that it is the mightiest power in life, and in the presence of such conscious power faith is strengthened to the point of holding firm.

### To Be Held in the Silence

*The Spirit of truth is the mainspring to my thoughts, words, and acts, and through it my life is held true and upright.*

(The lesson for next Sunday is from Exod. 20:17; Prov. 11:23, 24; Luke 12:13-21.)

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## The High Watch

### Recapturing What Was Lost

Dullness may be banished from our relations with members of our family or those with whom we spend a great deal of time. As long as spontaneous interest is maintained it definitely does away with dullness. Robert M. Neal, writing in *Better Homes and Gardens* on "How to Get Along with Those You Love," gives his experience in recapturing the glamour of marriage:

The years can do things to a marriage. After eighteen years, my wife and I hadn't stopped loving each other, but we were mired deep in years of routine. We went to an occasional show, after we'd planned for someone to watch over the children. We shopped for a new chair, after checking the bank balance. In every way, we were precise, orderly, sensible—but a little machine-like.

Quite unintentionally one Wednesday night we began our second courtship. Dinner and the dishes done, we decided to

drop a letter at the postoffice. Why we both went, I don't know; it wasn't usual. Our route carried us by the park and I remarked that quite a few young folks were "having dates tonight."

"We had some wonderful dates when we were their age," said Helen wistfully. For the life of me, I don't remember which of us suggested that we, too, might "have a date tonight." I hope I was the one.

A date! The old, nearly-forgotten word infected us. We weren't quite sure what we were trying to do—it was something about turning back the years—but we were going to fight to do it successfully.

I let the car decide where we'd go. Within half an hour we were lost on some country road that might be in the home county or might not. We neither knew nor cared. We made it a game to find home without consulting map or highway signs.

Then next Wednesday night by mutual but unspoken consent we began our date as soon as the children were in bed. One evening not long after, I answered the telephone: "Sorry, Jack," I said, "but I can't make it tonight. I have a date with my wife."

We do a thing not because it's good for us, or educational, or inspiring, or even sensible, but simply because we wish to do it. Neither of us has to explain *why* we wish to do it. Some of our friends think

we're in our second childhood. They can't draw a bit of excitement from an activity that isn't elaborate and expensive. They can't understand our sense of adventure the night we allowed ourselves just forty minutes to hike to the little station three miles out of town, flag the evening train, and ride back with all the zest of coming home after a cross-country trip.

These friends haven't built up the idea of "a date tonight." We know that our date each week brings a peak—a peak that makes us sweethearts again.

### Realizing the Kingdom of God

Each generation has its way of approaching Truth, its formula of realization. G. Bromley Oxnan, writing in the *World Call* on the question "Is the Kingdom of God Realizable?" makes clear the method to be followed by the present generation. We quote the *World Call*:

The course of the century will be determined by the decisions of this decade. It can be a century of creative co-operation or a century of continuing conflict. Power must be brought under democratic control, and justice must be established. If possessors of power refuse to abide by the decisions of the people and fight to retain special privilege, the possibility of change by consent passes and the day of fratricidal conflict emerges. If, on the contrary, the necessity of controlling power based upon ownership is recognized, patriotic Americans can discover in peace the measures essential to justice. We must retain our liberty, use it to establish equality, and thus create the conditions requisite to fraternity. . . .

Beneath social change lies an inner demand of modern man. He seeks faith as blind men search for light. There is purpose in the universe, and moral law is written into the nature of things. The moral law must be obeyed if man is to realize his potentialities. Religion must make the nature of that law clear, and give to man the ideals for which he is ready to give himself. Thus man turns to revelation for his absolutes, and to research for the tools with which to rear the structure of his ideals. In Christ man finds the way, the truth, the life. In science he finds the means to walk in the way, to realize the truth, and to enrich the life. Ideals are meaningful for most men when beheld incarnate in other men. It was in Jesus that the ultimate became intimate, that perfection came alive in personality, that the eternal Word became flesh. The command "Follow me" becomes, therefore, the most important summons of the century. The good society still awaits good men. Man still realizes himself in the complete gift of self to others.

## Draw Nigh to God and Prosper

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you," we are told in the Scriptures. With God near us, our good is near us, and we prosper. For God in this nearness reveals to us divine ideas that we can demonstrate into visibility as our manifest good.

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A healthy nature may not be great; but there is no great nature that is not healthy.—*Carlyle*.