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

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## SIMPLICITY

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ALL GREAT ideas are simple. An idea that is so complicated that we cannot understand it is not an idea for us; it is merely confusion.

Often our ideas of God are so complicated that we are merely confused.

Did you ever realize that one of the primary purposes of Jesus was to simplify our ideas about God so that we could make our conception of Him clear?

Have you ever listened to a prayer in some public place, when some prayer addressed the Deity in complicated phrases that made your heart ache with a sense that God is far away and inscrutable and unapproachable? Have you ever read some author who plunged you into despair with attempts to prove to you how impossible it is for man's little finite mind to understand the infinite? Do you sometimes get lost in conflicting statements of faith by people you may think more experienced or more scholarly than you are, until your own faith and hope are shaken and you are sick with uncertainty and do not know which way to turn?

Very few people escape some hours of confusion and fear. It was a teacher wise in experience, named Paul, who wrote, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he understandeth take heed lest he fall." He knew that any person who follows the road of faith must keep

his eyes open for the landmarks or he will wander away into the wildernesses and get lost.

Of course it is true that you and I cannot really grasp adequately the ideas of infinity and eternity and omnipresence. We cannot even understand time and space; even the laws of electricity and physics are to many of us simply arbitrary statements of scientific facts that, we have learned, work when applied. Some of us get lost very easily, in city streets, in country lanes, to say nothing of deserts and forests and mountains.

But we do not have to know the whole of the city or of the desert to find our way to where we want to go, or to be sure we are on the right road. We do not have to understand infinity or to define God in order to have faith in Him. We can follow a blazed trail through the big woods or a roadmap across a continent. We can follow a chemical formula or a principle of mechanics and get happy results. At sea we can make sure of our position by the sun or the stars without knowing much of anything about astronomy. So in the midst of turmoil and din and bewilderment in life, we can

find the right way to live by very, very simple means.

What did Jesus say about God? "Our Father."

What did He hold up as the simple principle of life? "Love."

What did He say is the one essential for triumphant living? "Faith."

Whatever else or more God is, He is our Father.

Whatever the rules and formulas of science, the one true, sure principle of the universe is love.

Whatever the appearances of danger and disaster that surround us, the path to security, happiness, and peace is faith; faith in our Father, faith in His principle of love.

Can anything be simpler?

How are we to live safely, securely, successfully, happily? By living simply, with the simple idea of a loving Father in charge of us and of all our affairs; with just one simple purpose and practice: letting love rule our every thought, word, and act—love of our Father and our neighbor; with absolute confidence in our Father and His love—our Father, who *is* love—and steady, unswerving, unflagging, loyalty in His service.

But how can we know that this teaching is true? Suppose we have not been brought up to believe in this Jesus who teaches these things; how can we be sure He is right? By simply putting



the teachings to a simple test. By being simple about it, simply acting as if these ideas were true, and not worrying about results. To paraphrase Dorothea Brande, "Act as if it were impossible for these ideas to fail." The results are sure, not because I say so, or even because Jesus said so, but because, like gravitation, they are God's laws, which work and prove true when acted upon.

But are we not to think about eternity, and omnipresence, and "the mysteries" that we cannot explain? Of course, if we want to we can look up at the stars and realize that we cannot count them or understand how they keep their places. But let us not try to make "the mysteries" our daily guide and worry because we cannot understand them. And let us not argue about them. Confusion comes of not being simple. We can complicate life by complicating our ideas. The mariner does not try to steer by the Milky Way; he steers by the North Star; the sensible human eats only what he can digest; the successful man concentrates and specializes, and does not scatter his energies over all fields or try to cram himself with all learning.

Our primary need is to grasp simple Truth first; grasping Truth seems quite enough of a task for any of us, and if we really do grasp it, it will fill our life full.

Have you ever really tried to be simple about anything? Have you ever tried to write a letter to a friend and to say simply, exactly what you mean, without too many words, without inconsequent or meaningless phrases? Have you ever tried to write a single simple sentence in this way? Did you ever on the witness stand attempt to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Did you find it so easy that you did not have to give it any thought, or take any pains with it, or give it any time? Did you ever read a great book with the purpose of seeing how simply a great writer writes? Did you ever study a great machine to see how it is constructed on simple principles simply applied?



## Prayer for the Lonely

By Margaret Hall Smith

**O** GOD, lover of every living thing,  
Be with the lonely of heart this day.  
Give them the confidence that You can bring:

Teach them to pray.

Fill their whole being with a sense of love.

Show them they are not alone.

Surround them with the everlasting peace  
You give Your own.

Why do you laugh at a Rube Goldberg cartoon, which depicts absurdly complicated inventions for accomplishing simple ends?

Even things we do not understand are simple enough for us to use. Do you understand how fire burns? Do you understand how magnetism attracts? Do you understand how water freezes or corn grows or music charms? Or do you use the simple processes each involves by simply applying them?

Try using simple methods to understand simplicity, and learn why the great idea is always simple, and why simplicity is one of the essentials of greatness. We want to be as great as we can be; let us realize that being simple is the first requisite.

What is simpler than truth? Do you realize that being simply truthful, honest, about everything with everybody and most of all with yourself will lead you straight to God? You cannot realize the truth about anything without very soon coming upon the necessity of believing in the power that we call God. Why does sap rise in a tree? Why does your blood circulate? Why is Truth true? Why does sleep refresh? Why is beauty beautiful? Why do we love an unselfish person? Any question like these will start a train of thought that, faithfully followed, will lead you to a better conception of omnipotence and the Fatherhood of God than any attempt to understand infinite power or infinite love.

What is the purpose of life? What is your purpose in life? If you are young you may think it is to "go places

and do things." To what places do you want to go? Why? What do you want to do? Why? Be simple about it. Be honest about it. If you are simple and honest you will find yourself going to places and doing things that make you happy. If you are old, you are not so different from what you were when young; your ideas of happiness differ a little, that is all.

Ask yourself what it is that makes you happy. Then answer yourself honestly. Is it a feeling of importance? Is it the accumulation of wealth? Is it getting ahead of somebody else? Or is it giving and doing good and loving? Which makes you happier, loving or being loved? Which gives you greater satisfaction, being right or getting applause? Which is more important, ease and pleasure today or achievement and triumph tomorrow? Ask simply, answer honestly.

Do you pray? Do you pray simply to our Father, sure that He is love, and ask Him to give you insight into what is good; and then do you simply listen for His answer in form of great ideas? Or do you pray that He will give you some toy, or privilege, or advantage, or indulgence, because you are in a hurry to get results?

Do you trust Him? Are you willing simply to let go of every aim and purpose and desire, and let Him manage you and your affairs, your fortune and your fate? If you have never attempted this way of living the simple life, you do not know what peace and happiness are.

You cannot pretend and "get away with it"—with God. God will not have a pretender; He will have you. He would not have you on any other terms than simple, honest, utter sincerity, but when you turn to God in utter simplicity and complete honesty He will "open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Simplicity is the key to understanding "the mysteries," just as simple arithmetic is the key to higher mathematics, just as simple sowing is the key to reaping, just as simple learning is the key to knowledge. Simple faith is the key to contact with our Father, and contact is what we want. It is contact that galvanizes us with life, brings out the best in us, and opens great vistas of achievement and joy.

God is my Father; I am His beloved

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# Is It What You Really Want?

By Ruth Wentworth

IS IT really what you want? Is this thing for which you are striving with such earnestness of purpose your real desire? Are you sure you are not driving yourself to attain or accomplish something that is not a part of your own individual plan of life? Stop and treat yourself to a little honest self-examination.

Your intention is right, there is no doubt of that. You are straightforward, honest, and completely sincere in so far as diligent effort is concerned. You have with clear decision and well-considered works, substantiated by an understanding faith, set forth to make the demonstration that seemed indicated. You are determined to experience established results. Think well however before you press a desire that you appear to have to force into manifestation.

"Right things come easily," we are told. The right things are the things that are brought forth with simplicity and joy. Therefore if you have to make yourself observe a discipline time, make yourself "take steps" toward your demonstration, and if you find it impossible to imagine yourself as already experiencing the thing you are trying to bring forth, then perhaps you are attempting to force the wrong pattern. All patterns are a part of the divine pattern, but the one for you may be something far better than the one upon which you are pouring out your thought and your prayer.

Suppose you realize that. Suppose you have to rearrange your entire plan and purpose. Have you the courage to do just that?

Think of someone you know whose life and activity has undergone a complete renovation and renewal, and who is much better off for having accomplished it. Think of someone who perhaps changed to a different way in the face of the opinion of family, friends, and the world. Here is one:

Peggy is the daughter of some people I know. Her eager parents gave her every advantage they could afford, encouraged her cultural and educational growth, and tried to anticipate a gentle and fortunate future for her. Peggy balked. She had no ear for music, no taste for literature, no re-

tentive mind for fundamental education. Her teachers and her parents despaired.

As she grew older she blossomed into a tall, gloriously healthy and completely wholesome creature. She loved the outdoors, yearned for the woods, knew every plant and flower and tree, had a way with animals. She understood the value of her "green thumb" and put it to work in the family garden plot. Moreover she frightened her mother by playing baseball with the boys, running faster than any youngster in the neighborhood and announcing that she intended to become a swimming instructor.

One day she calmly announced further that she had registered for a course in catering. She refused an opportunity to attend the university and instead devoted herself to perfecting her skill in cooking and catering and insisted upon learning it at a vocational school, where it was "practical." The last I heard of her she had followed her career with success and was engaged to marry a fine, upstanding boy, whose chosen career is farming. Peggy's wise parents are proud and happy about the whole thing.

Some friends of mine who lost their money, position, home, and prestige in the city in which they had lived, bought a trailer and went to California, leaving behind them the tattered remnants of a life they had thought pleased them. Looking back now, they are thankful for the circumstances that forced them to leave and seek new means of livelihood. They have found peace and a new compatibility with one another, and they have earned a modest living with a little roadside business. Their life is one of simple fulfillment. Sometimes we are forced to change our plans, and it is well.

I know people who have tried year in and year out to break into pictures or radio or advertising or writing or some other field that they felt was a "must" simply because it was thought to be an enviable one. There the indication as to what we shall demonstrate stems from what someone else has set up as a desirable plan of action. Have the courage to take stock of your own

capabilities. Faced facts may wound your vanity, but honest appraisal will clear the way for a clean-cut charting of new directions.

Are you honing to bring forth greater yield in the rut that you should have left long ago? Perhaps your very conscientiousness is blinding you to the way of real fulfillment. A woman who has worked in the same office thirty years aspires—and greedily—to the desk of the superior next-in-line. She does not realize that her treadmill type of mind will rebel at the "headache" of detail supervision that is involved in the new position.

A sensitive musician, faced with the need of earning money at once, did his praying with childlike flexibility, and said (and meant it), "I'll do anything." "Anything" is exactly what he got. It is a job he dislikes, but he does it with good grace because he "asked for it." Now that he can laugh about it he has set about demonstrating the right thing, the thing he really wants.

Countless similar incidents could be related, but the problem resolves itself into the necessity for clear and specific demonstration. We must be watchful and ask for and undertake to demonstrate only those things which we really deeply and honestly desire to bring forth; not what is imposed on us by other people, by mass thinking, the trend of the chaotic times, but rather that which we have to offer and which we really want to establish as the manifest results.

It takes courage to clear the deck and rearrange everything. Sometimes it is necessary to strip away a great deal of extraneous superficiality and useless impedimenta. There is often a temporary sense of nakedness that is, until you understand it, bewildering; but there is a sense of power too and of clean-cut purpose. Try it. Try a ruthless inspection of all those desires, purposes, plans, and prayers which you are mumbling and muttering and forcing. You may be led to throw away the whole setup and start fresh. Discriminate; be sure you are being wise and discriminating as you joyously select and choose. Take stock. Weed out. Have the courage to ask for what you really want—that or better!

There is no numbering of the avenues through which supply may come to you.—Imelda O. Shanklin.



# THE SOCIETY OF SILENT UNITY

THE HEALING DEPARTMENT OF UNITY SCHOOL

## + A Message to You:

### Paths of Righteousness

*Dear Friend:*

The Lord Jesus Christ leads you in paths of righteousness now. Walk in these paths with Him throughout this glad thanksgiving month, and even though you may feel that you have nothing for which to be especially thankful, by Thanksgiving Day you will have supreme cause for thanksgiving. Your entire being will overflow with the gladness of all that you have to be thankful for.

Righteousness is such a lovely word, such a full-of-God word. Some may associate it with long faces and narrow, critical beliefs, but these things are not righteousness.

Righteousness is the fulfilling of God's law of good. To men, His children, to you, God has intrusted the fulfillment of His law here and now in your heart, your life, your home, your world.

Is there any good you desire? The Lord Jesus Christ has come into your life, an integral part of your life to lead you in the paths of righteousness wherein every good may be brought forth by you.

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

His name is the name of righteousness. It embodies the right use of the divine law, God's law of life, love, light, and substance.

"Righteousness *tendeth* to life." It is the way of wholeness, the way of healing, and in it are found all energy, vitality, power, and joy of living life in its divine fullness. There is no lethargy, no boredom, no weakness, no bondage, no weariness or exhaustion in righteousness. The perfection of God is made manifest in it.

"In the way of righteousness is life;  
And in the pathway thereof there  
is no death."

There is no negation in righteousness. Should you ever feel all down and out, forsaken, or discouraged, even though you are trying to do your best, repeat the valiant words of the Psalmist:

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness."

There is that within you which can lay hold of those words with real joy and true understanding. There is that within you which acclaims the righteousness of God.

The paths of righteousness are peopled with overcomers. In those

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

Steadfastly proclaiming God as the source of my wisdom, I know and understand spiritual things.

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

God speaks to me from within and assures me of prosperity, because I trust Him as the source of my good.

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

I believe that Jesus Christ is yesterday, today, and forever the same and that I am, through Him, restored to health here and now.

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paths you always find the helpful hand, the loving understanding, the strong faith, the satisfying pleasures, the restorative peace for which you yearn. Said Job:

"I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;

My justice was as a robe and a diadem."

Since the day when those words were uttered thousands have been clothed in righteousness. Thousands have been infolded in the justice of the Lord; for righteousness is an adjusting power that sets things right. You too are included in the justice of the divine law. You are infolded in the robe of the most high Judge. Take the path of righteousness to His courts and let every problem be adjusted in divine order and harmony. Then no harm will befall anyone and no hatred

be aroused, but the blessing of good will rest upon all.

"I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Are you not thankful for the assurance that you can walk securely in the paths of righteousness, and know all its benefits, for God Himself will strengthen and help you in the right. He will uphold you with the right hand of His righteousness so that you can fulfill His law of life and health, peace and happiness, freedom and abundance.

Righteousness outruns circumscribed religions. Righteousness in reality is God in manifestation, God made manifest in you as all good, all life, all love, all joy, all peace.

"Blessed are they," said Jesus, "that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Many hunger after righteousness without realizing it. They want to be free from some habit or bondage, they want to be well and strong, they want guidance, success, supply, they want love and peace and happiness, they want wisdom, understanding, and faith. They hunger after the good, and as they turn to God, the source of all good, they will be filled.

"The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

Even as this is true of Jesus Christ, true of every person who fulfills his mission here on earth, so it is true of you. As you walk in the paths of righteousness you say and do good things that make you loved and remembered. You are never forgotten, never lonely, never afraid, for the righteousness of God clothes you, His presence infolds you in security and peace. Every longing of your soul is satisfied. You are confident and unafraid.

Here are a few of the things the Bible has to say about the righteous:

"A man's goings are established of Jehovah;

And he delighteth in his way.  
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;

For Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old;  
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,  
Nor his seed begging."



Is this not a splendid prosperity thought?

"The righteous shall be glad in Jehovah."

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree:

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of Jehovah;

They shall flourish in the courts of our God."

Righteousness leads to peace.

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice."

"Righteousness exalteth a nation."

"The work of righteousness shall be peace."

"Awake to righteousness."

Receive your good!

*Silent Unity.*

### Do You Need Help?

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## The High Watch

### Knowing

Worry is lack of knowledge and fearing the worst because of this lack. The cure for worry is to know definitely that God is in control of the situation and that divine power is adequate to meet all requirements. In this serene knowledge we make our prayer. We hold the object of our regard steadfastly in the thought of safety, and safety becomes his portion. In the Better Home, Esther Brooke puts in the form of a convincing story the answer to her own question, "Why Worry . . . When You Can Pray?" We quote:

"Aren't you worried about Daddy, Mother? It's long past time for him to be home, and it's snowing so hard I can't see across the street!" Donna Gordon turned from the window with an anxious face.

"Your father will be here soon, I'm sure, Donna," Mrs. Gordon answered calmly.

"But, Mother," persisted Donna, "it's been snowing since four o'clock, and Daddy is all by himself. If he happened to drive off the road into a snowdrift, there might not be anybody along until morning!"

Mrs. Gordon put aside her mending and went to stand with her arm around her daughter. "God can take care of Daddy," she said gently. "Didn't you ask God to take care of all of us in your prayers this morning?"

"Yes, Mother, of course I did."

"Daddy knows the road through the hills as well as anyone here in the valley," Mrs. Gordon continued. "He drives carefully,

and I am sure that God will guide him safely through the storm."

"Don't you ever worry, Mother?" Donna asked soberly.

"Yes, Donna, but I know that worry is useless. Most of the misfortunes that we worry about never happen, and God gives us strength for all of the burdens we do have to bear. Would it help Daddy any, in case he did have an accident, for us to worry about him all evening?"

"No, Mother, it would just make things harder."

"We'll wait a reasonable time," Mrs. Gordon told her daughter, "and then, if your father has not come, we'll try to get someone with a snowmobile to look for him. In the meantime, if you will bring your Bible to me, we can read some of the reasons why we need not worry."

Watching the endless whirl of snowflakes at the window had been making me share Donna's anxiety, and I was glad to put down my knitting and listen to the serene voice which read aloud from the Bible.

"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

"The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

"I'm going to stop worrying," Donna declared, as her mother closed the Book. "I know that God can take care of Daddy."

Her words were scarcely spoken when we heard the welcome sound of footsteps on the front porch. Donna rushed to open the door for her father. "Oh, Daddy," she cried, "are we glad you're here!"

"And am I glad to be here!" Mr. Gordon echoed his daughter's words. "It's a good night to be at home. I hope you weren't worried about me."

Donna and her mother smiled at each other. "We didn't worry after Mother read the Bible," Donna replied.

When supper was over, Mr. Gordon told us why he had been so late. "It took me longer than I had planned to finish my errands in Woodbridge today," he said, "and I had to stop once to put chains on my tires. It's a good thing that I did, because it wasn't long until I came across a car stranded in the loneliest part of the hills. Some travelers, a man and his wife, had slipped off the road on a curve. Not being used to mountain roads and having no chains, they couldn't get back on the road. Fortunately there was a tow rope in my trunk, and with chains on my tires, it was the work of only a few minutes to pull them back to the road. I never saw happier people." Mr. Gordon concluded. "They told me my coming was an answer to prayer, and I agreed that God must have sent me along that road just when they needed me."

"And just think, Mother," added Donna, "how foolish it would have been if I had gone on worrying when all the time Daddy's delay was the result of God's using him to help answer a prayer!"

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

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# Things to Be Remembered

By Lowell Fillmore

## + The Master Psychiatrist

REMEMBER that although God's word created your spirit, your own words are creating your soul. You are adding something to your soul every day by your words and thoughts, making it better or worse, stronger or weaker, more courageous or more fearful, wiser or more ignorant, more beautiful or more common, more loving or more hateful, more honest and true or more deceitful.

Your spirit was created in God's own image and likeness by His word, but He has left the job of forming your soul to you. You must mold it according to your own words and thoughts.

The individual I in you speaks and your soul receives its words and thoughts and these become part of it. Your individual I usually speaks in terms of its own human experience, but it has the privilege of inviting its divine spiritual self to speak words of wisdom through it. When the divine I is invited to speak through your individual I the result is inspiration from on high.

Jesus always opened His soul to the Father. He acknowledged freely that the Father working in Him did the mighty works. The individual I, when it speaks in terms of its worldly experience, is not always reliable. Its words then are often negative, and they weaken the character of the soul.

The soul is continually changing and adjusting itself to the thinker's new ideas. By the soul I mean the consciousness of the individual man, which includes all his conscious and subconscious thoughts as well as the stored record of his past thoughts and experiences, which his conscious mind has forgotten.

Psychiatrists tell us that the memory of certain unfortunate past experiences buried deep in the subconsciousness has power to torment the body with sickness. Psychiatrists are able to dig out these hidden troublemakers by various methods of questioning and then to dispel them by throwing the light of reason upon them.

It seems that a large percentage of the people who are suffering from

what they think are physical ailments are really being made ill by certain misunderstood experiences that happened in the forgotten past. It is therefore very important that your individual I be taught to build a strong and healthy soul by wisely selecting its creative words. Since your soul is continually being remolded by your words expressed either in thought or audible form, it is important that you scientifically choose words that will build and

### Suggestions for Daily Meditation

(Beginning Sunday, November 10)

Sunday. *Because I am a spiritual being created in the image and likeness of my Father-God, I am not subject to the ills of the flesh.*

Monday. *"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."*

Tuesday. *Christ's words are Spirit, and they give life to my soul.*

Wednesday. *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*

Thursday. *I take good words with me and return unto Jehovah.*

Friday. *Good is established unto me in all my ways, because I continually decree good in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Saturday. *God is my inner strength. Therefore I am strong and fearless in mind and body.*

produce health and happiness in your mind and body.

Your bodily health is greatly influenced by the character of your soul. In the 107th Psalm we read: "He sendeth his word, and healeth them." When your words are backed up by the Son of God in you the good words you send out will heal your own body and the bodies of others.

Every individual has the potential power to heal by his words when he speaks them in the name of Jesus Christ. The words of the perfect spiritual man, the Son of God within you,

are powerful to save, to heal, and to bless you. "Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee."

The psychiatrist often finds the source of a man's trouble in some past experience, and then heals the physical ill by uncovering and exposing the fallacy of a hidden complex. This method is excellent as far as it goes, but the approach is negative while the method of Jesus Christ is positive and comprehensive. Jesus Christ calls on the power of God's spirit in the individual to come forth and manifest its perfection and glory in the body and soul, clearing out all secret sins. The psychiatrist hunts for a single mistake and roots it out. It seems to me that the method of Jesus is far more effective because it is complete, not partial.

Jesus healed the sick by calling forth into manifestation the glory of the Father in them, not by concentrating upon their weaknesses. After Jesus had healed the man born blind He was asked, you remember, who was the sinner in the case, the man or his parents; and He replied by saying: "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

When the likeness of the Spirit of God becomes manifest in a person it glorifies his soul. Thus Jesus Christ calls out the original perfect man instead of hunting for little imperfections to cast out. The quick, sure way of healing is to let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be made manifest in you.

The affirmative prayers that Unity students speak are words that help the individual I to call out the power of the spiritual I within himself to strengthen his soul. When a man opens his soul toward God's help by affirmations and prayers he accepts God's perfect plan, which heals ills that may have been caused by past mistakes stored up in his soul. If a man lacks health he should affirm God's strength in the name of Jesus Christ. He should rise up in the power of his spiritual nature and speak creative words of strength for his soul and body. Let him say: "God is my strength," which is the truth concerning the real man in him, the one that God created in His own image and likeness. You can bring this true man into his rightful place of dominion in your soul by training it through the use



## Responsive Service

Sunday, November 10, 1946

Unity Subject—*Perfecting the Expression of the Faculties.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*The Church Reaches Out.*—Acts 16:11-15; Phil. 2:5-11

11. Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis;

12. And from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the district, a Roman colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days.

13. And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

5. Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7. But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men;

8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

9. Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name;

10. That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth,

11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Lesson Interpretation

*What is the significance of Paul and*

of affirmations calculated to bring it under the guidance of God's perfect will. Such affirmations help you to renew your soul by renewing your thoughts.

"And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

*Silas's tarrying in Philippi?*

Philippi ("city of the lover of horses") signifies a center of mental power and vigor in consciousness. The will (Paul) and the rugged state of mind that accompanies it (Silas) are normally associated with power and vigor.

*Has faith more than one foundation?*

Yes, it may be rooted in material things or in spiritual reality. When a person's faith is in material things he seeks to enforce his will on others, or else he bows to superior force himself. When his faith is in spiritual reality he puts his trust in the highest conception of life and Being and holds fast to that.

*Has the will a part in keeping our faith steadfast?*

A very important part. When the will acts in harmony with divine law its action is gentle and unobserved, and therefore its importance seems small.

*Who in this text represents this divinely harmonious action of the will?*

The apostle Paul (whose name means "little"). Paul seemed to accomplish little by his missionary efforts, but the centuries have proved the great value of his work.

*What is the significance to us of the conversion of Lydia and her household in Macedonia?*

The name Lydia means "travail," and it signifies one who works at developing spiritual understanding in the soul. The name Macedonia means "burning," "adoration." Zeal and enthusiasm give such power to faith that it accomplishes a complete transformation of the inner life and character (Lydia and her household).

*Is zeal or enthusiasm possible without faith?*

No. Without faith these qualities remain latent or dormant in the soul.

*What is the mind that we are told to have in us?*

The perfection of Divine Mind, which is best expressed and most easily understood in terms of love and service to humanity rather than in abstract terms of the ideal. "Jesus Christ . . . existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped." Selfless service can be grasped, and anyone may engage in it.

*To what must we humble ourselves?*

To the power of divine wisdom and love, in which we live, move, and have

our being. Since we are the expression of a power higher than our conscious self we need humility of mind to help us realize our dependence on the invisible source of our strength and of all that we are.

*To what does complete humility of soul lead?*

To an unmeasured capacity for exaltation. "Wherefore also [because Jesus became "obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross"] God highly exalted him." Exaltation is an inner capacity as well as the esteem of others.

*When are the two phases combined in one person?*

When capacity is perfected through obedience the esteem of others is attracted to the individual as a normal consequence.

### To Be Held in the Silence

*I aspire to think great thoughts, that my deeds also may follow the pattern of greatness.*

(The lesson for next week is from Acts 17:1-7; I Thess. 1:2-8.)

## Field Activities

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Unity Center of White Plains, 123 Court St., announces the following activities: Sunday, 7:30 p. m., healing meditation; 8 p. m., public lecture. Tuesday, 10 a. m., healing meditation; 10:30 a. m., public lecture. Thursday, 2 p. m., class in *Christian Healing*; 8 p. m., study class. Friday, 2 p. m., class in *Mysteries of John*. Daily meditation, 12:10 p. m. Center open Monday through Friday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturday, 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Ocoa M. Moore, leader.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Unity Center, 318 Midwest Bldg., announces the following activities: Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., devotional service; 8 p. m., inspirational service. Tuesday, 2 p. m., class in human-relations pamphlet course. Wednesday, 11 a. m., class in *Lessons in Truth*; 8 p. m., prayer service. Friday, 10:45 a. m., class in Bible interpretation; 6:45 p. m., class in *Lessons in Truth*; 8 p. m., class in *Christian Healing*. Daily prayer silence, 12 m. Center open daily, except Saturday, 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Alice and Schuyler Cronley, leaders.

TULSA, OKLA.—Unity Center of Tulsa, 714 S. Boston Ave., announces the following activities: Sunday, 11 a. m., devotional service and Sunday school. Monday, 8 p. m., class in *Lessons in Truth*. Tuesday, 10:30 a. m., class in *The Twelve Powers of Man*. Wednesday, 8 p. m., healing service. Thursday, 8 p. m., class in *Christian Healing*. Daily, except Saturday, 12 m., *Daily Word* lesson and prosperity prayer service. Center open daily, except Saturday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Grace R. Kehrer, leader.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—Ruth Given, of the Unity Center of Tulsa, is in charge of the study classes held in Room 306 of the McCullough Bldg., as follows: Monday, 10 a. m., class in *Christian Healing*; 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., class in *Lessons in Truth*.

FRANCIS J. GABLE, Unity teacher, lecturer, and writer will speak as follows:

TULSA, OKLA.—November 12, 13, 14, and 15, at 8 p. m., at All Souls Unitarian Church, 1402 S. Boulder, under the auspices of the Unity Center of Tulsa, 714 S. Boston.



## Someone Prayed

### "Little Paradise"

*Dear Unity:* When I was a little girl I lived with my big family in a gloomy house in town.

One day we all played a game called "wishes." "For my wish," I said, "I want a little brown chalet near a great wood. There must be a garden with red roses, mountains all around, and in front an Alpine meadow."

Years passed, but though I placed my wish in the hands of God too much penury existed for it to come true.

My husband was a schoolmaster, and I had two sons who, on growing to manhood, needed a higher education in the Zürcher University.

One day I was taking a walk on the outskirts of our town when I suddenly stood still. The Gönhard Wood was just near, the Jura Mountains glowing red and gold in the setting sun. In front was an Alpine meadow (that nearest approach to Paradise) iridescent with flowers.

"My dream spot," I murmured, and sent a prayer of gratitude to God.

Faith and prayer work wonders. In spite of almost insurmountable difficulties, within six months our little brown chalet stood on that hallowed spot. We named it "Little Paradise." The happiness of fulfillment was complete.

Then my husband was taken from me and I was left alone. I possessed a small pension of fifty dollars a month, totally inadequate for current expenses and keeping in order the large garden.

My sons, both married and with homes of their own, urged me to sell "Little Paradise" and take up my abode with them alternately.

Just at this crucial moment my beloved WEEKLY UNITY came as an inspiration. A widow had visited Doctor Houston with a tale of ingratitude. Being lonely, she had tried alternately to live with her three sons, only to be thrown back roughly on herself. Doctor Houston said: "You made a mistake in giving up your home where you reigned as queen to become, as it were, the fifth wheel of the wagon."

When my sons asked my decision I said, "I can't do it! I can't leave my 'Little Paradise.'"

Somebody suggested my taking in lodgers, but I was too old to surmount all the obstacles involved, and help from outside was practically unobtainable.

A middle-aged couple one day stopped to admire my garden. The man, a retired builder, began talking. He told me he had a passion for gardening and that my garden could produce wonders.

Suddenly his wife said, "Couldn't we live with you? We are willing to pay a good rent if you would let the three downstairs rooms and kitchen."

I showed the two around, and the ex-builder fixed me a kitchen upstairs in the visitors' room. It was all that I required, and as for my big front room, with its glorious view, come and see.—T. T. (Switzerland.)

### "A New Creature"

*Dear Friends in Unity:* I have received so many blessings through your ministry, and I believe with all my heart that except for my introduction to Unity through a friend and my study and conscientious effort to apply its principles to my life and affairs I would not be writing you tonight. I would have passed on.

I was informed by a physician that I would never again be able to work for more than a couple of hours a day, due to what he termed slow deterioration of the heart. After I had digested his remarks I began a diagnosis of my own, and with the help of some friends in Unity I commenced a faithful study of Truth as taught by Unity.

That was about nine years ago, and I can truthfully say tonight that I know and others know also that I am much stronger in health and of course far stronger in spirit than I was for a long time before that day. I have enjoyed life, my work, and my religion far more than I ever did before. I feel that I can say in all truth that I am a new creature. For all of this I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and give God all the praise.—W. J. A.

### Simplicity

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child; love is the principle of the universe, the one great law that transcends all laws; faith is my means of tuning in to reality. Grief and sorrow and disappointment are not my lot and portion. Happiness and security and triumph are for me if I only accept what God offers me. It does not matter whether I can count the stars or understand time and space and almightiness. If I simply accept the simple Truth that is right here within my reach, I shall not be able to count my blessings or grasp all it means to be God's child.

Because you lack a noble and successful past is no reason why you should lack a noble and successful future.—Thomas Dreier.

## Faith Solves Every Problem

Faith is the key to the solution of every problem, even the problem of lack. If you feel that you lack some of the material blessings you desire, perhaps it is because you have not had sufficient faith in God as your one source of supply of these blessings.

You can have more faith by praying for it, because by constant prayer for the desires of your heart you will gain a consciousness of God as the fulfillment of these desires.

As a guide to you in acquiring more faith through prayer Unity suggests the Prosperity Bank drill, a plan of daily prayer and realization of the presence and power of God in one's life. This

plan has proved effective in the life of thousands of persons, who have demonstrated that faith is the key to the solution of the problem of lack.

To help you increase your faith in God as the source of the good you desire, send for a Prosperity Bank. Follow the prayer drill regularly and give faith an opportunity to bring good into your life. Part of the Bank plan is blessing a coin each day and placing it in the Bank as evidence of your increased faith in God's supply. The amount saved in the Bank by the time you complete the prayer drill may be used to send gift subscriptions for WEEKLY UNITY to your friends.

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