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Dear Friends;

When we were children in Sunday School, we were taught that Moses was the meekest man, but now that we have reached the years of discretion, we realize that Moses was a strong man. Consider the great task he accomplished in leading the people of Israel across the desert to the borders of a new country. In this day of easy travel we are apt to overlook the great accomplishments of the past, which have made mankind stronger to meet the tasks of this day.

Moses lead and directed the people, but it is significant that he felt the necessity of keeping in touch with God, that he might have the needed wisdom. We learn from this that we ought never to be too busy to keep in touch with the Source of all good. This gives us fresh life and inspiration in handling affairs.

David, the Psalmist said; "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." To keep in touch with the Father is not a duty and an obligation but a glad experience that we long for more than anything else. The soul longs for God, and as we gladly fulfill this longing we become the man we were created to be. Meekness is teachableness, a yielding to the spirit only, from whence cometh all strength.

All the troubles that come to us have come to cause us to turn our attention to the Spirit. When we turn quickly to God, we are restored if we are meek. Pain is nature's "stop and go" sign to safeguard life. Life is the most precious of our possessions. God is life. Need we say more?

Eternal life is here now and divine energy is flooding the world at all times. May each of you be aware of it with much rejoicing.

Faithfully,

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INSTRUCTION # 153 Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

AMIDST TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS, THE MAN OF MEEKNESS IS "AS THE SHADOW OF A GREAT ROCK IN A WEARY LAND,"---"LIKE A SHELTER IN A STORM." WHEN OTHER MEN WAVER AND ARE FILLED WITH DOUBT AND FEAR, HE MAINTAINS HIS INTEGRITY, HE KEEPS SERENE AND POISED,--KNOWING HIMSELF TO BE AT ONE WITH THE HEART OF THE ETERNAL IN WHICH ABIDES THE UNCHANGING LOVE OF GOD.

From: The Fruit of the Spirit.

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THE MEEK INHERIT THE EARTH

Through agreement of Will and Judgment .

Confucius once said; " A man filled with Truth hath power over heaven and earth, gods and devils. Nothing in the universe can injure him, water and fire cannot cause him to fear." The belief that nothing can harm you is faith and faith is strength. The reason children can apply Truth is that they accept what they have been taught, while older people, including the teacher cannot always seem to do it.

This instruction deals with the experience of proving which is the stronger, your true belief, or that which believes sickness and poverty are real. Former instructions have taught the importance of taking a high claim and holding it, never admitting that evil is more powerful than good. So often people are just "trying" Truth to see "if" it works. This very attitude shows a slight belief in the power of evil. Confidence, or faith is a Life Principle and when faced with doubt, we are to stand firm. We have the help of God to enable us to do this. We have been taught how to take the name of Jesus Christ, which means more than a mental doctrine.

The fourth and the tenth stones of Revelation match, for mind will demonstrate as much Truth as it has the courage to stand by its affirmations. The tenth relates to the environments, for the world will persist in exhibiting before you what you persist in affirming the world to be. Is it in a state of confusion? All the ungluing comes from giving up old affirmations. When there is no great issue at stake we do not have to test our skill. If we prove the Truth once, we are satisfied henceforth and nothing can ever again daunt us. This stone signifies the type of mind that sees land ahead whether anyone else sees it or not. This is the deathless seed for that which we think about surely comes into the surroundings. In other words, our surroundings are often obedient to our suspicions. Your world can be changed if you believe it can. This is the perfect doctrine of prophecy.

We are tempted to say that truth sounds all right, then why not do it? We have accepted the teaching as given by Paul to the Romans, 8:2, " For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death." This will enable us to know what to think and to do in the time of extremity. We will persist in the good as long and as firmly as we need. Persistence is a wonderful manager, so persist, but live only one day at a time. The call is to take the position that life, health, strength, support and defense are from God. God cannot fail. Through your consciousness of health

you see health and through your consciousness of wealth, you see wealth.

In Instruction # 126 there is an axiom that is fitting in this lesson. "Judgment is as great and competent as will and meekness can agree." This state of mind is said to meet all occasions of life. A strong will wants everything to go its way. This is well if you have sufficient meekness of character to yield your point instantly when you see you are wrong. First, your mind will try to protect your will. Secondly, you will be directing your will along the right as far as you can see it. This is a process of hearing instead of closing the will and the ear which is a cause of deafness. If we come to a point when we do not know quickly what to do, it shows we have exercised our will to carry out our notions whether right or wrong. False pride makes one stick to a point after they know they are in the wrong. You will hear a friend say, "I know I ought not to do this....." but continue doing it.

We have named the foregoing unbalanced condition of mind, foolishness or ignorance. It is discouraging to see the results of bad judgment from carrying out our own will. One can bring about disease the same as health. We have been taught, in the ways of the world, that, as we get older we must not overdo. Sometimes we place such thoughts on other members of the family. What causes us to take such a premise in the first place? Who said we ought to feel our years, mortal man or spiritual man? Do we watch for grey hairs or other signs of old age? The agreement with the low or dying side is not meekness, but foolish yielding against your will, which blunts your judgment. The soul tires from the force of the will acting in worldly ways. All disappointment is selfishness, evidencing self will. We can make our judgment perfect by living up to the highest that we know.

We can give birth to the divine decision by compelling meekness to unite with our will as to strength, health and prosperity. Do things look bad in your affairs? Do you will it to be bad? No! Your will is for good but your will is not enough. Meekness means yielding, not to the hard conditions but to the spiritual doctrine, though appearances argue louder than spiritual realities. There was a time when people yielded to poverty as being sent from God. God does not send poverty, therefore the belief is untrue, the result of being tempted to judge against the will on the material side.

All weakness of body comes from yielding to appearances instead of spiritual doctrine. If anyone needs to be healed of weakness, the main spring to touch is the thought of foolishness or ignorance. Make a statement like this: "My will never fell through temptation, the doctrine of the fall of man came from believing in the reality of temptation on the material side."

If the will is set to carry a point, we have crosses to bear, for it is materiality which we, ourselves formulate. We compel what we know to be nothing to seem real, which is foolishness and harder to get rid of than ignorance. It is said that idiot children are the full bloom of the weed in the race mind of the perverted will or foolishness and ignorance. Both names are mentioned in the Bible. Proverbs 19:3, "The foolishness of man perverteth his way; and his heart fretteth against the Lord." If we have a persistent habit of detecting ignorance or stupidity in people, or even in wailing about our own stupidity, we can be sure we have a veil over our wills. Do not think that others do not know as much as you think they should, or fail to be as quick as you expected. This is a subtle accusation of ignorance and again, it is the fall of man. This is yielding to appearances. Spiritually, we have the strong power of discernment that brings the knowledge that we need.

Students can now see that the mental side of Truth is only the beginning. The faculties of the mind have to be joined to the spiritual counterpart, as we build the temple spoken of in Revelation. In the beginning God said; "Let us make man.... and let him have dominion." "The Father hath committed all judgment unto the Son." The perfect merging of the Divine will and meekness brings to light the Jesus Christ man. Jesus, the man of Nazareth, said; "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth," Matt. 5:5. If an unhappy environment persists, we can let the powerful judgment of Jesus Christ speak of the spirit of the universe. This will take down the error that hides your prosperity. Your mind must be this man having dominion. Your Christ judgement must reign supreme, and your affairs will never seem to hang heavy.

Do not let another person's discouragement pervert your judgment. You can touch the chord of his will and he will be free also. Good judgment brings out beauty. The polish of meekness is the angel of beauty "who measures the city." One of good judgment is not bound by traditions and needs not those things that others believe should be done for the sake of beauty. That which good judgment decrees is your charm.

There is one universal mind, which is the perfect intelligence from which all men in all ages have drawn their knowledge. It cannot be exhausted nor decreased. The more one uses it the more one has. The more one speaks according to his perfect judgment, the more he will have and his neighbor also. One may not always be able to explain it, but it will show up.

To refuse to call anyone ignorant or foolish will uncover your dormant chord. It leaves the strings of your soul exposed for the winds of God to blow over them and bring out the beauty of judgment that is yours from the foundation of the universe.

The words of lofty Truth are often so lightly spoken that they bear little fruit, but by the deep thought of the mind, they bear much fruit. The carelessness that binds us in captivity can not be redeemed by money, but by fidelity to the Truth. We do not want any half hearted, timid, unprofound acceptance of Life Science. Living it comes from thinking deeply, speaking sacredly, acting wisely.

When the outward life is in accord, then is judgment risen in her beauty. We are to give up any prejudices in regard to any high or low, for all must be alike when they are names and descriptions of spirit. It is not silly to refine the face by knowing I am a son or daughter of the King. Jesus said; " I am meek and lowly in heart." There are neither high nor low in Christ. To Spirit, all is God. The keys of heaven and earth are given unto perfect judgment.

Scientific statements held along in their order will bring you into spiritual consciousness. The law and the gospel must become one. When judgment is come forth you are not bound to any methods or modes, but to the way of spirit only. Buddha taught that the Self is the Lord over self. If we do not speak from the spiritual Self of us it will not act. We are arbiters of our own destiny. The spirit of Truth takes us at our own word. Spirit supposes nothing, but believeth all things, and brings its fountain of power to all words of I AM and I WILL.

The only true ignorance is the ignorance of evil. Accusations are prejudices against people which keeps the highly efficient judgment from speaking. Prejudice against any religion will act against your business judgment. Therefore, judge not! The strong man says I can and I will, the wise man says, I Know. The perfect man says, I know what to do and I am able to do it, therefore, I will do it.

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With every desire to do good the ignorant and foolish only succeed in doing harm. 'Tis knowledge crowns endeavor with success.

Jataka.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yolk upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yolk is easy and my burden is light. "

Matt.12;28