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Have We the Child Spirit?

By GEORGE C. HUBBS

YOU ARE all familiar with Matthew 18.3 — the condition laid down by the Master for entrance into the Spiritual kingdom:

> "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

What becomes of our spiritual searching — our "understanding" of Truth? *Nothing; it has been, and is, genuinely important.*

Our one fault, if any, has been in assuming, however unintentionally, that our intellects have been responsible for our spiritual gains. It is from such a possible attitude that we must be converted, for the Master thought differently about it. He declared that we must not outgrow a *childish* approach to Truth.

And what is the child approach? Isn't it just this:

> Full-hearted love; and because of it
> A prompt and simple reliance upon the parent;
> A childish confidence that its need will be cared for;
> And obedience.

Unless we consciously have such a *child* relation to our Father we conceivably may become too self-dependent. And the Master doesn't want it that way. He covets — because of his infinite love and wisdom — being a Guiding Parent to us!

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass." "I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand I shall not be moved."

Do we, as grown-ups, always follow Christ's *child* way of entering the kingdom of growth and demonstrations? Surely, we should.

What's Cooking FOR NEXT MONTH

It's A Great Thing Here is what Emerson said about enthusiasm: "Every great and commanding moment in the annals of the world is the triumph of some enthusiasm." So, we are glad to tell you that Angela Morgan has taken the subject of enthusiasm for her latest contribution to Nautilus which you will find in our pages next month. The title, ENTHUSIASM! LIFE'S FABULOUS GIFT TO MAN!

A Method Worth Trying Virginia Ver Valin sends us what she calls a "sure fire, foolproof method for getting one's heart's desire." At any rate, she found this method very effective. She will describe her experience in, MY SUCCESS CAME IN THIS WAY.

Agreement No doubt you have been greatly interested in what has been written from time to time about agreement in prayer. "If two or more agree as touching any one thing, it shall be done unto them." We have been much interested in reading some of the experiences along this line as reported by Hazel Pickett in her latest contribution which will appear in Nautilus next month, entitled, THE WORD OF AGREEMENT.

More On Prayer "Do not be afraid to ask God for both big and little things" says Warren Chandler in his latest piece. In this, he agrees with the practice of Rev. George Mueller who demonstrated five million dollars for his charitable institutions through prayer alone. He did not hesitate to pray for his own material needs from day to day. His personal needs. We found Mr. Chandler's article very interesting and we hope you will like it. The title, PRAYER WILL HELP YOU.

Why Were We Born? T. J. Bourbeau answers this with the statement that man was born to create. If you doubt it, read his little article entitled, BORN TO CREATE.

The Time Is Now This has been repeated over and over but perhaps we have not fully realized it. The latest article by M. L. Sitgreaves will help us to get further light on this one great point. The title of the article, YOUR MOST IMPORTANT MINUTE.

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WE AFFIRM that the basic truth of all religions is one. And that this truth — understood and applied — frees, heals and prospers the individual — HERE AND NOW.

NAUTILUS takes its name from the following verse from Holmes' poem, *The Chambered Nautilus:*

BUILD thee more stately mansions, oh, my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
'Til thou at length art free.
Leaving thine outgrown shell by Life's unresting sea.

Where? We are all looking for our good — usually outside ourselves. But like Judith Burden, we finally come to know that God is the only source of peace and good in whatever form. And the present moment, "the everlasting now," is the only time in which we will realize our desire. Judith Burden makes this very clear in a personal experience which she will describe for us in her forthcoming article, "THIS ONE THING I DO."

The Greatest Thing Professor Drummond said that "Love is the greatest thing in the world." Dortch Campbell agrees with him and he will tell you why in his next contribution, GO SMILING THROUGH WITH LOVE.

Do Something Constructive That is the advice of D. D. Arroyo. This writer will tell us how a spinal trouble was remedied by adding action to prayer. Title of the article, PRAYER FOUND THE WAY.

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VIBRATION AND THE WORLD TOMORROW

By RAYMOND J. ROSS

THE WORD "vibration" represents nothing new. Vibration, like electricity, has been always with us. Little by little, science is unlocking the door into human vibrations, taking a wee look within the secret room and finding amazing things about this wonderful force that is within all.

Science has found that all humans have radiations, vibrations and magnetism that actually and vitally affect their daily life, and the lives of all with whom they come in contact.

It is not so uncommon to hear remarks concerning the "wavelengths" of other people these days. We are awaking to this age old force that has slept within us all for centuries. We learn that to be in complete harmony with vibrations of those we come close to in our daily lives can be either the start of good fortune or failure for us.

Investigation has proven that successful business concerns, stores and offices are those that have harmony of vibration among the workers. Vibrations can instantly attract or repel people. There are some men and women whose negative vibrations may be felt long after one has left their company. There are others whose pleasant, positive vibrations linger for hours and days.

The author has witnessed the homes of children where vibrations were negative. These children were

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ORISON

By EDYTHE C. TONER

I WILL *sing you a song of the morning*
For the dawn is breaking over the hills.

The long, long night of darkness has passed
And joy comes on the pure white wings of
a dove.

As hearts awake, a paean of song springs forth
Like a rare, crystal spring in the desert.

The hungry and thirsty ones who follow the quest
May bring their bowls and fill them with the
waters of life.

Like a dream in the night the phantoms and fears
Will depart and troubled souls will find rest.

All former things will have passed away
As the cloud-mists scatter before the day's dawn.

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I will sing you a song of the morning
For the dawn-light breaks over the hills.

Editorials

By ELIZABETH TOWNE

OUT IN THE FIELDS

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen, —
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

— *Attributed to Louis Imogen Guiney*

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Get Up and Get Out

Here is a splendid letter from a woman who has been teaching children for almost fifty years. What a wonderful record. Surely she has reason to rejoice and be glad. Surely the angels in heaven must be singing their glories for her.

Now is the time for you to let go. Let go and rest and enjoy your record and take things easy for the rest of your life — no matter whether your life is long or short! You have earned PEACE. You have earned a good long rest and enjoyment for your later years.

Rest in the Lord and know that his Word shall accomplish that whereunto it is sent — his Word of peace, health, happiness and prosperity to you.

Every morning you might take a few deep breaths of outdoor air to good advantage and repeat some such affirmation as this: The joy of the Lord is my strength now. I rejoice in him. All things are working together for good to me NOW. I let go of my ambitions and desires and breathe freely. I am the open channel through which the healing currents of life are now flowing. God is my life, my health and my prosperity. Every day I bask in newness of life — God's life in me and through me radiating his Divine Intelligence to all with whom I come in contact.

Remember that *you* cannot tell what is best for yourself from day to day — what you are ready for and what will make you happiest in the long run. But your father in Heaven knows this. Leave it to him.

One more thing for you to remember now that you are leaving your active life behind for the present. Learn to make the right conditions for the spirit of life to live in and through you. Routine of any kind will choke out the life in anybody. So get up and get out — every now and then. Change your routine along all the lines of your life. Walk each day by a different route. Wear a different dress. Eat different things. Change your room around.

Look at those whom you meet with new eyes. Get acquainted with new people and ask new questions of them about their own lives. See if there are not new ways in which you can help other people by advice or

otherwise. Above all things, smile upon them. Be of good cheer to them. You know that it was Emerson who said that there is a solution for every problem and the soul's highest duty is to be of good cheer. So be of good cheer to the people you meet — singly and all together. There is nothing in this world that is so cheering as a smile and a sympathetic word. Let God's sunshine radiate through you to those you meet, no matter whether they are responsive or not. Just do it! See that your body gets a balanced diet every day — simple but well balanced. It is necessary that you give your body the proper elements out of which to keep you feeling well. Don't forget that overeating is not good for people as they grow older.

God be with you for many happy and healthy years of service to mankind.

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Acceptance

HERE IS a woman who complains of chronic nervousness. This might indicate that her thoughts for a long time have been filled with foolish worry and sorrow. Any kind of worry about things that one cannot help is foolish worry. The very first principle of normal living is to accept the world as it is.

Accept the world as it is and make the most of it — as it is. At the same time, give the best service you can to your work, your home, to those around you, in an honest effort to add to the health and happiness and prosperity of other people along your way.

Probably the first thing for you to do is to deny that the past has any power over you — or any power over any member of your family. What is past is PAST. So wipe it out of your consciousness as if it never did exist. Begin your new life of independence — from the past — today. Everything begins in thinking, you know. Do this wiping out the past every day. Refuse to worry over what cannot be helped. Refuse to get too much excited over complete personal freedom for yourself, which has to be worked out in the future.

Life is what it is *now*. That which you are surrounded with is the raw material with which you can make for yourself a beautiful life — if you are to have a beautiful life. Try to see that you use this material so that life becomes better and better each day. Or at least better in as many ways as possible.

To help you do this, you might affirm something like this: — "I do *now* this one thing for the glory of God and the good cheer of those whose lives touch mine. In this way I work out the things of the Spirit within me according to the pattern of what I desire."

Neither you nor I can tell you just what you should do to bring about the realization of your desire for personal independence. The Father in you knows what you desire. He grants it before you ask. He guides you and empowers you, *step by step*, in the right direction for the realization of your deep desire.

Having made your choice as to what you are to do *now*, with the light of the Spirit within you, concentrate upon that way. Subdue yourself and your softenesses and devote

yourself to building up the thing that you really want to accomplish. Go about this in a leisurely fashion, however. Do not undertake too much at one time. Do not look forward with too great an eagerness to the time when you will be able to look back and say that you have reached your goal.

If it is financial independence that you seek, remember that all supply comes from God, the Father, first, last and all the time. It does not matter who is the avenue through which the supply comes, its source is God just the same. To get along a little better every month, to make just a little more money every month, to be a little freer, a little happier, and of a little more service to the world about you — that is a wonderful program for you to get busy on.

And as I said before, remember that you have all the time there is. So do one thing at a time in leisure and love to God and mankind. Remember that *now* is the moment of your salvation from sin, sickness, unhappiness, poverty. NOW you inherit from the Father within you his fullness of peace, joy, wisdom, health, happiness and material success. Acknowledge him in all your ways and he will direct your paths, day by day and hour by hour. So affirm, "Every day in every way I am growing better and better. I let patience have her perfect work in me and through me in the world."

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How to Plant Thoughts

I USED to think that the mind was like a garden wherein the gardener must take infinite pains to keep each plant growing and producing. But along with this idea I always got a sinking sensation! This came because the task ahead seemed so big — perfectly stupendous.

Finally I came to the conclusion that all we need do is to *plant* the seed of right thought and God will give the increase. We plant the seed by *choosing* the right thought as it passes through our mind. It is very easy to choose the right seed when we know that the choice itself constitutes the planting. And when we remember that God is responsible for the growth of that seed.

Instead of going to all the effort of pulling up weeds in one's mental garden, all we have to do is to refuse the evil and to choose the good. God working in and through us does the rest.

When we feel overcome at the thought of all the weeds in our mental garden, we are giving those weeds far too much power over us. So far as we are concerned, power comes from that which we recognize as powerful. If the weeds are more powerful to us than God, then the weeds will pre-

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Affirms the UNITED NATIONS *of the* WORLD

Black Wings Across the Sun

By IRENE M. CLEMONS

On a certain golden day I started out, my spirit gay, my thoughts uplifted. It seemed as if my whole being was at peace. At peace with everything and everybody in the world. I felt as happy and carefree as a soft spring breeze. And then—I met her! She is the type who seems to harbor an amazing antipathy to all peace and harmony. Promptly she moves to squelch it.

Swift as a rocket, right through my bright cerulean walls, she sent a barbed shaft. Unerringly it found its mark, sinking deeply as mine is a mild and sensitive nature.

No scathing word did I hurl back, but my heart sank as low as my shoes. And a moment after she had gone, I wondered how I could ever have found the common daylight so sweet.

All that day my rapturous spirit of the morning refused to return. I deliberately shut it out by clinging to the wound I had received. I hashed it over and over until my harassed mind was filled with bitterness. Yes, I felt utterly miserable. Gone was my peace of mind and for days thereafter I lived in a morass of my own making.

Then, it happened once more! On another morning I ventured forth, meeting once again the same personality. But this time, after she had passed, I chanced to glance up into the sky. There I saw a flock of crows flying against the face of the sun. It came to me then, quite suddenly, that most of the fault was mine. I had been allowing black crows (dark thoughts) to fly between me and my sun. For how closely akin seemed those disquieting, crass, unpolished remarks to the sombre, irritable, irruptive "caw, caw," of the crow.

From that day on, the sudden unkind remarks lost all power to hurt. This was simply because my subconscious knew them at last for what they were. I uttered no self defense, but always I saw the turbulent words clearly—as a momentary flash of black wings without power over me. Swiftly they passed and again I beheld the sun. Because of that moment's hesitation, that sun seemed even brighter, more resplendent, than before. I even found it in my heart to bless the black wings.

You who are extremely sensitive to slights and unkind words, learn to regard them as black crows and never let them come between you and your sun. They are powerless to hurt you if you look steadily to the glorious light beyond. That is all that is real—your light always and forever.

Strangely enough, you will discover that in a short time your very disregard of the things that could cause you so much misery either disappear entirely from your life or actually become a real blessing. Relay the sun to your subconscious persistently, and the black wings will be for you simply shadows of unreality. For as you meet the sun only, so you attract only that which is good and true and beautiful.

Try Praising and Watch the Transformation

By ELIZABETH GREGG

HOW MANY have thought of the miracle which may be wrought by the use of these three simple words, "Thank you, God?" All through the Bible, especially in the Psalms, we are admonished to praise and give thanks to God for his blessings and goodness. Yet how many times we fail to do this, even when some wonderful demonstration has been accomplished.

We remember those first demonstrations in our journey toward understanding. How glad we were the first time we found Truth worked for us! We were thrilled with the knowledge that we possessed that Something which brought forth the health, the supply or the harmony which we had sought for so long. Hope, faith and a heretofore unknown reverence for that power we called God, burst forth into life. We were so sure we could never again feel the helplessness and the despair we had known before.

However, I did experience that old helplessness and despair during my early steps in Truth, and no doubt many of you have too—the descent from that mountain top of high resolve. We were still faithful to our meditation periods in the Silence. We attended lectures; we read new books. But our enthusiasm began to wane. Instead of moments of communion with God being a spiritual feast, they were a sort of "I know I ought to" experience. The faith, the hope, the reverence which we felt when that first big demonstration took place, had grown lukewarm. It was as if we mentally said to God, "Now I can do without you."

Again came the time when we were face to face with dire need. The health and the supply which we thought had come to stay, deserted us. Panic seized us. Frantically we struggled to recapture that Something which we must have known before. Weeks, perhaps months, and even years, may have passed before we found the key to that kingdom of God which had once been ours. We realized then that all those past months, even at the time of living in the kingdom, we had failed to say, "Thank you, God!" Our one thought had been "Give me, God." Well, he did give us—freely and fully. But we had not even accorded to him the courtesy and appreciation we were wont to accord the merest acquaintance for a kindness done or a gift given.

A few months ago I witnessed one of these miracles resulting from a woman's learning to say, and to mean, "Thank you, God!" Years ago Carolyn, through diligent application of Truth, had demonstrated the material possessions as well as the spiritual gifts which are the fruits of understanding and loving obedi-

ence to the law. Then, like others, she became too sure of her own power. She had everything a woman could wish for, so why go on with further spiritual work? She would rest on the oars and lazily enjoy the fruits of, as she expressed it, her well earned harvest. So instead of greeting every new day with a loving "Thank you, God!" and closing the day with a "Thank you, God!", she thanked herself for her achievement.

We know the result. Cause and effect. She started the effect which followed. During the late 30's her husband lost his business and his health failed. Then came the war. The husband died, and her only child, a boy of 20, enlisted in the Air Corps and was shot down over Italy. Alone, almost penniless, her health gone, Carolyn eked out a miserable existence as an unpaid servant in the home of a relative.

It was at this time that a friend of her earlier years found her. This friend quietly tried to lead her back into the kingdom from which she had shut herself out. But self-pity, envy, even hatred for the God whom she had once loved, held her for a while longer in her self-created prison. "What have I to be thankful for?" she would ask over and over.

But that God was close beside her, tapping gently at her heart. Gradually her mind began to open and her eyes again saw a world of life and beauty. "Thank you, God!" were on her lips many times during every day and within a short time life began to change for Carolyn. At first in small ways. But with the slightest demonstration she would say lovingly and reverently, "Thank you, God! Thank you, God!"

The result? The only one that could be; for every Cause brings with it its own effect. A long-buried talent came to life and in less than a year Carolyn was well on her way back to the kingdom of health and happiness.

Each morning and many times during the day, try using these three miracle words, "Thank you, God!" and see the transformation.

LIMITLESS

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

THERE IS nothing, I hold, in the way of work,
That a human being may not achieve
If he does not falter, or shrink or shirk,
And more than all, if he will *believe*.

Believe in himself and the power behind
That stands like an aid on a dual ground,
With hope for the spirit and oil for the wound,
Ready to strengthen the arm or mind.

When the motive is right and the will is strong
There are no limits to human power;
For that great force back of us moves along
And takes us with it, in trial's hour.

Seven Persons Prayed

By ANNIE S. GREENWOOD, Ph.D.

SPECIFIC unified prayer by a group of consecrated persons is powerful in bringing to pass any desired good. Each strengthens all.

In a group of seven, of which I had the privilege of being one, we pooled our mutual prayers. It was during the depression years and each of us needed spiritual inspiration and financial betterment. The seven of us joined in declaring the good for all. Three were insurance salesmen, each with a family to support. They wanted more business; it came. Another was a former salesman, now deeply in debt and wondering how to manage; he secured an especially fine position of a different kind and at a large salary.

We called our group "The Super-Power Cooperatives," because we constantly stressed our reliance on the Infinite Super-Power under whose guidance we worked and prayed. More important than our material supply was the spiritual growth which came as a natural result of our daily self-forgetting while each prayed for the welfare of the other six. We met once a week for study, reports and new assignment plans, and kept our specified daily prayer schedule at home.

On another occasion, this time during the war, five of us women, calling ourselves "The Helping Hearts," met weekly for study and group prayer. One of the projects we undertook was the promotion of the war time waste paper drive in our city. Later, when the official reports were made, showing the almost unbelievable success of the paper drive —outstanding for the entire nation —the whole city must have been gratified. But no one outside of our group knew that five women had made it a matter of special and believing prayer.

Then we spent much time and loving thought on the case of a woman who knew nothing about our interest in her. For weeks she had lain in a hospital, said by attending doctors and nurses to be dying. Most of the time she was in a state of semicoma, only occasionally recognizing her own sister and mother who had come two thousand miles and were, they frankly admitted, "just waiting for her death."

For weeks we five women prayed for her. Then the surgeons decided to take X-Rays once more. The resulting pictures showed no trace of the growth which had sent her to the hospital. After being in the hospital for several months, she was brought home, so emaciated she could hardly stand, but was soon improving. Now for four years she has been working steadily in addition to keeping house and being active in her own church, living happily, wholesomely and usefully.

These are but a few proofs of the power set into operation by group prayer. Similar manifestations take place again and again, when those who pray together are one-pointed, consecrated, faithful and selfless in their efforts.

Check List For Success

By ELIZABETH SEARLE LAMB

"Pile laurel wreaths upon his grave
Who did not gain, but was, success."
—*Joyce Kilmer*

WHY NOT TRY a check list to help you to the success you want? Here is a plan for such a list that I think is foolproof. Try it! It will help you to analyze your present position and spur you on to lasting success.

Constancy of desire. Decide what it is you want out of life—what phase of success you seek. Decide, and then, by treasure map, by list, by a letter to yourself or to God, keep that desire foremost in your heart and mind. "The secret of success is constancy to purpose" wrote Benjamin Disraeli, and certainly that constancy is one important factor. But don't hesitate to change goals if you find you are heading in the wrong direction.

Prayer-perseverance. Every Truth student acknowledges a spiritual foundation as the basis of his life. Spiritual values are the counters in the game of life. It is by prayer, and prayer alone, that a solid foundation is laid. Be faithful, then, in taking time to pray, to state your problems and desires. Then wait on the Lord for guidance, for a replenishment of the spiritual resources of love, strength, wisdom, faith, and joy.

Continual study and practice. Do all you can to learn all there is to know about the field in which you desire to succeed. If it is in living, generally, then learn to do all the things you need to do in an average day in the best, most efficient way that you know how. Be receptive to new ideas. Try them out. Then add your own alterations. Use every available resource to make yourself an expert.

Tithe. Be faithful and conscientious about giving a tenth of incoming money. As you give, a demand is created and more of God's substance comes to you to fill that need. Give also of yourself. Give love and strength and joy and faith, courage and thoughtfulness — give of your spiritual assets. Give of your talents. Give a surplus of service in every job. Give, give, give!

Work now. Do what you can where you are to further your desires. Make yourself the kind of person you want to be. Do your job to the best of your ability even though it may seem far from your desire. Remember, God is your silent partner, so do work that he can be proud of. Don't wait for a future job to bring you success and joy. Every moment of every day is a steppingstone to success.

These five very simple factors added together spell success. Check them with reference to what you actually do, not with what you know you should do! Can you rate your daily performance 100% on every one of the five? If you can, honestly and sincerely, then whether or not you *have* success you *are* a success! If you fall slightly short, as most of us do, begin today to raise your score. Make this *your* check list for success!

Accept Yourself

By LA VERNE BOWLES

REJECTION! That was the thing she had been fighting for years. Rejected ideas and plans. Rejected ideals. The memory of misunderstood motives, opposition, ridicule — all had mounted to tormenting frustration. She had learned to think straight, at least for a good part of the time. Her affairs were running smoothly and she was reasonably contented. Yet a lack of energy, plus emotional unbalance, threatened her happiness, her health and prospects for a successful life work.

And so there grew up within her a deep, strong desire to be free of all this brooding — free from insecurity and physical weakness. Finally, this desire became an all out urge within her. She had already trained her thought to be more affirmative, and this had gone a long way in overcoming negative effects in her experience. Still and all, her emotional reactions were not satisfactory. There were still too many periods of melancholy, too much disheartening fatigue. What was blocking her progress? What was she harboring in her consciousness that stood between her and her unfulfilled desires? A sense of rejection appeared to be the difficulty. But why? What could have caused such a complex?

Slowly she walked about her quiet, moonlit garden. As she walked she probed her inmost thoughts, analyzing, questioning, seeking an answer.

Then, quite suddenly, reassurance came to her with the realization that she had no problem to solve alone. With God helping her she would find her answer. She became calm, confident and determined to dissolve every obstacle to radiant, vibrant health and success. At last she was able to reason constructively about her emotional disturbances. Operating upon the theory that a deep-rooted sense of rejection frequently dates back to earliest childhood, she started to unravel the pattern of her experiences. She reviewed the hurts of many yesterdays, going back and back and still further back. If necessary she would go on back to the very beginning.

And there was her answer! Back to the beginning. That was all she needed. There was no object in finding the initial cause of the complex. She must recognize only one truth and accept it: "IN THE BEGINNING, GOD" — the first four words of the Bible.

In the stillness of that night she meditated upon the relationship of God and his creation and her own right place in the story of life. "God is Life. God is Life and Love, so Life can only be given in Love," she thought. "My life is God's gift to me, and in his eyes that gift is good. I know God would not reject his own. So there is no place anywhere in reality for rejection. For the same God and the same Life are everywhere present. There is nothing, nor is there any person, in the universe that desires to, or can, reject me. Everything, every person, is a manifestation of Life. And Life does not

reject itself. Certainly God does not reject his gift of Life — my life or any other."

These thoughts made her realize that nothing *could*, or *would*, reject her. She recognized herself as a channel through which God expresses life. And so, as she disposed of the old negative attitudes, affirmative ideas crowded into her consciousness. Her meditation continued: "If Life cannot reject me, can I reject Life? No, emphatically no! In the Omniscient Mind of God lie both the gift of Life and the acceptance of every created being. Now is the time for me to consciously, gratefully accept Life; accept it in all its beauty, all its loving kindness and lavish abundance. I accept myself. I accept life, my life. I joyously respond to all the Love that glorious gift represents."

So all sense of rejection vanished from her mind. She had accepted herself as a superior person and as such she was accepted. There was a definite change in her relationships with other people. She was aware of a new attitude of regard, consideration and interest coming to her from her friends. They, too, recognized the Intelligence within her — that Intelligence she had learned to depend upon.

The burden of fatigue was replaced by renewed vitality and enthusiasm for living. Each day she accomplished more. Each day she had increased faith in her ability to reach her goals.

If you feel weary, discouraged or possibly rejected, you should be able to free yourself from the negative effect by a firm conviction that all the life there is, is available to you NOW. It is only waiting to be accepted and lived by you. Open your heart and receive God's great gift of love. Accept yourself as God's perfect being, created after his image and likeness, ready and willing to live his love NOW.

Accept Life. That is the secret of expressing it, joyously, radiantly and abundantly. Accept yourself. That is the secret of *being* accepted by others.

MY PHILOSOPHY makes life — the system of feelings and desires — supreme; and leaves knowledge merely the post of observer. This system of feelings is a fact in our minds about which there can be no dispute, a fact of which we have intuitive knowledge, a knowledge not inferred by arguments, nor generated by reasonings which can be received or neglected as we choose. Only such face-to-face knowledge has reality. It alone can get life in motion, since it springs from life. — *Fichte*

Spiritual Healing

The Third of a Series on Demonstration

By MARIE WINCHELL WALKER, M.D.

SPIRITUAL HEALING is the application of the laws of faith in God, plus right thinking. These laws, when obeyed, connect us with God, who adjusts all things necessary for our health and prosperity.

There are many methods of applying these laws. But there is only One Power that heals. Jesus said, "the Father in me doeth the works." He was speaking of the Father of his spirit, and of the spiritual power within him.

Let us now consider some of the methods Jesus used in applying healing power. He put clay on the eyes of the blind man and restored his sight. Deafness was healed when Jesus placed his fingers in the patient's ears. Jesus cured patients who were not present at the time of the healing. We have an example of this in Matthew 8:5–13. Here is an account of the healing of the centurion's servant by means of absent treatment. Again in Matthew, 15:28, there is a story of a woman who asked Jesus to heal her daughter. This patient was not present, but was healed. The Master Healer used methods which the occasion demanded, but it was God who healed.

In Second Kings there is rather a lengthy and interesting story regarding Naaman's healing. Briefly outlined, the story is this: A pompous Captain of Syria was a leper. He journeyed to Samaria to ask Elisha to heal him. He stood at the door of the house of Elisha, requesting an interview with this prophet. The prophet refused to see him and simply sent a messenger to him saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."

Naaman was angry and went away; but his servant urged him to return and dip himself seven times in Jordan. He did this and was healed. It is evident that Elisha's treatment of Naaman was for the purpose of humbling his pride. The Scriptures tell us that pride is one of the seven deadly sins.

There is a church in Los Angeles which stresses spiritual healing. The members of this church roll on the floor while praying for health. Many are healed during this strange procedure. A woman who had used this method of approach to Spirit and was healed, related her experience to me only a few days ago. A complete surrender to God is of the utmost importance, and any method can be used in spiritual healing that includes surrender. All anxiety as to results must be dropped. The sick man trusts God completely and knows that spiritual power is active in him producing health. The thought of the patient is lifted to the plane of the Absolute. All of this can be done for the patient by another who is praying for him.

Of course, in every case of healing, faith in God is the great essential. It

is not necessary for the patient to have faith, if the one who prays for him is strong in faith. This point is made clear in Matthew 9:2. Here we have an account of a paralytic's healing, which was made "when Jesus saw the faith of the bearers." (Moffatt translation)

The practitioner's work for a patient is to keep his own mental avenues open for the inflow of spiritual power. To recognize God as the only Presence, the only Law and the only reality in the case; and to see the patient as spiritual and perfect. Gradually the vibrations of the sick man are changed. He is aroused out of his passive acceptance of disease, and expects to get well.

A woman once sent a telegram to a practitioner asking for spiritual treatment for her son, whose doctor said there was no hope for the boy. He had passed the crisis in pneumonia and was growing worse. A few hours after the mother and practitioner began to pray, the patient was on the road to recovery. He was out of the hospital within a short time, a well man. "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up." James 5:15.

In my article on prayer I promised to answer the question: Why are the avenues for spiritual inflow sometimes blocked? Ans.: — Perhaps the patient, or the one who prays for him, ignores two important laws which are not often mentioned. I refer to the Law of Acceptance, which says that the thoughts of the one who prays must agree with his affirmations for good *at all times*. Not only when praying, but when he is walking on the street or going about his business, his thoughts must be in accord with his affirmative prayer, otherwise he is double-minded.

The second Law which is often broken is what the psychologists call the Law of Outward Expression. Every thought and feeling tends to express in the body and in the circumstances of the individual. If the dominating idea of a person is negative, the outward manifestation of this idea is bound to be unfavorable. It is the thought that we accept and dwell upon that impresses the subconscious mind and manifests outwardly. We need not worry about our subconscious mind if our conscious thoughts are constructive. The work our subconscious does for us is a reflection of our conscious thought.

It has often been pointed out that gratitude for the good we have, helps to keep our mental avenues clear for the inflow of spiritual power which we use in demonstrating greater blessings.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Never be anxious, but always make your requests known to God in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving." Philippians, 4:6, Moffatt translation.

Many times people treat to cure symptoms of disease instead of handling the wrong condition back of the symptoms. For example: consider defective sight in old people. The cause of this wrong condition in the eyes is a universal belief that man must grow old at the age of seventy and that his sight must begin to fail. Instead of treating only the eyes, the patient should declare: I am a spiritual being, and in Spirit there is no element of time. I do not accept the universal belief that "man's days are three score years and ten." I am living on the plane of Spirit where there is no age. God supplies me with daily

renewal and protects me from all symptoms concerning old age. My eyes, as well as all other parts of my body, are perfect. I give thanks and rejoice that I am the activity of God and eternally young.

God Guides Amid Life's Storms

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

BILL, the Austrian sailor, was proof of the fact that there is a faculty in man called God guidance. The proof was not in what he said. He was a silent man; especially silent regarding his gift. His life was proof of divine guidance.

Bill rode storms high, wide and handsome. He knew when and where to steer his fore-and-aft-rigged oyster schooner adown on the Gulf of Mexico when wind and wave blew out of where they come from. No barometer was required at the approach of Caribbean hurricanes.

"Something is in us, lad," he confided in me. "It's a law like that which makes a ball come down when you toss it up. You know about things that are to be because of that Something."

Newton's discovery of the law of gravitation is insignificant measured by God guidance. Material advancement has come since the age of Newton. But all that is good flows out of the great knowing that the Almighty guides. The ability to look ahead, to reach ahead, is indeed the mother of invention, the mother of progress. Scholars, inventors, men of letters, artists, builders of cities, republics and empires — the great in all branches of civilization — get the vision and are led onward by means of this faculty. Newton, himself, was guided by intuition in his thinking.

"There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Spirit reveals what we need to know; there it was in Bill. He got the direction, he knew what to do, how to do, because he constantly *used* the faculty of God guidance, constantly cultivating the faculty.

The Austrian sailor-man led a charmed life. By land and by sea, he came up, smiling, riding the hurricane. He was happy and rich in his own right. He did nothing of and by himself. He sought to know what was, is and always will be — the Truth as to each thought, act and deed no matter how trivial. He rebuked wind and wave, and always there was a great calm. That was so in his home life and among the cronies with whom he foregathered. Perfection flowed along the ways of life he took.

"I trust that Something to guide me," he said. "I *feel* for that which is within me that knows when I do not."

Passing strange that all important discoveries are mostly made by non-specialists inspired to look into tre-

mendous subjects. Morse, professional painter of portraits, worked out the telegraph. The man who invented the steamboat, Robert Fulton, was an artist. Eli Whitney, a school teacher, devised the cotton gin. Many others have labored serenely and patiently to follow God guidance, but so far as I am concerned an Austrian sailor-man rediscovered the law of God guidance, and through the years that have come and gone, as years do, I have followed as best I may, and the faculty has not proved false in a single hour.

Divine guidance *is* a faculty in you and me and all. It must be reawakened; it must be cultivated and obeyed. It must be made constant in every life by use. When understood for what it is, and actively relied on, it will change this world from despair into the bloom and beauty of happiness. What urged most upon his followers, the Nazarene? Was it not obedience of the law of guidance? That faculty links man with his Creator that he, himself, may create. Creative gifts far outrank academic training.

The world's millions are always *asking* for what they think will make them happy. Are there many who *listen* to know what will make them happy? Is this not only, or mostly, a talking world?

There is an overshadowing direction that comes from divine kinship. Do you use your own *care* to get what you want? Are you of the millions who use worry? Who take anxious thought? Who judge, censure, criticize yourself, your surroundings and individuals who crowd your environment? Are doubt and care your divine guidance? "Is it a small thing for you to weary men," asks Isaiah, "but will you weary my God also?" Something is a beacon light for our footsteps; not prophecy, not foreseeing nor prescience, which at best are only a part of divine guidance but which may be only words to cloak superstition.

God guides amid every storm of life. A stalwart sailor rode the mighty hurricanes. Can you not, then, ride the lesser gales? When there is darkness at noon because skies are gray, think on that. You can be free and untamed like wildflowers, but something shames you and deceives you; you no longer perceive the color-splotched beauty along life's roadsides, nor live near the meadow back of the school where as a child you harvested the untamed flowers.

But even now you can go back to that if you will let God guide you.

Some murmur when their sky is clear,
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue;
And some with thankful love are filled
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's good mercy, gild
The darkness of their night.

— *R. C. Trench*

Still That Mind!

By EDNA TRADEWELL, B.S.

PEACE OF MIND is good for the body. It is a real healing balm that gives continued strength of mind, soul development and spiritual expansion of the individual.

When we let ourselves be victimized by a lot of unhappy thoughts and emotions (feelings aroused within by what we read and by what we see and hear) then our physical, mental and emotional natures get off center and we find ourselves gravely lacking in equilibrium.

We go to the mountains for relief. And while up to the day of the trip we may have been out of tune, or even quite ill, often in just a short time, a few hours or days, we feel completely recreated, renewed.

Why is this? Undoubtedly because in the quiet of the country there is less outer impingement on our mind and body, hence less tendency to weariness and fatigue.

Evenness of mind is a "must" in order to cut down unnecessary mental and physical wear and tear.

Illness is the result of becoming out of balance. Quiet and serenity help restore the balance which manifests as health.

Tranquillity is cooperating with our good. God can express through us much more clearly when we preserve a mirror-like quietude of mind.

Confusion and excitement tend to distort our mind. Our mind in a ruffled condition is no longer a true, clear mirror. Only as we attain evenness again will it become a perfect, undisturbed reflector to mirror forth God in our life and affairs.

And so, in order to maintain an undisturbed mirror-like consciousness at all times, we condition ourselves to react calmly, serenely, tranquilly, with great evenness of mind, to all outer conditions, be they what we call good or otherwise.

For some individuals, denials are effective in order to clear the undesirable state, preparatory to the use of affirmations.

Try the affirmation, "I am at-one with God; nothing in my outer life moves or disturbs me."

Armed with this controlled consciousness, when we read or hear of conditions and circumstances that would otherwise shock or disturb us, we are not touched by them. Thus body and mind are protected from the impact of detrimental emotions. Hence better health, increased finances, clearer thinking and greater spiritual unfoldment.

Evenness of mind is a necessity if we are to maintain a sustained, healthy physical embodiment, if we are to have clarity of mental perception and increase our spiritual stature.

Evenness of mind is living in a sense of relaxed activity; in spiritual repose even while expressing. Life becomes easy and restful when we relax in activity.

Evenness of mind — serenity, tranquillity — makes of us a much more efficient, more powerful, more perfect vehicle for God's expression. We can mirror him forth into the outer ex-

pression with greater ease and grace when our mind is clear and placid rather than ruffled and torn by tempestuous thoughts and emotions.

In the healing of any difficulty, whether it relates to health, finances or personality, serenity is cooperating with the best that you want for yourself. Peace of mind conserves your power, makes possible a clearer mental attitude with which to make wise decisions.

Poise forwards you in matters of social, financial, and spiritual attainment.

Harmony is one-ness with all our good; it is divine adjustment.

Be quiet. Stillness is precious.

Medicine to the body, power to the mind and elasticity to the soul!

It teaches us the meaning of "It is easy because the Father indwelling, he doeth the works."

A New Way to Marriage Harmony

By CLIFFORD W. FITTON

She was a pretty young wife. She said, watching her husband working on the stage of our Little Theater, "How I hate that fellow!"

My eyes did a double take. The day before I had seen them, and they were very much in love. They'd been married only a few months. "Whoa!" I said. "Slow down. What happened?"

She said: "I want to cry, but I'm so mad I can't. He thinks of nothing but his own selfish interests. I want to stay in our new little apartment, fixing it up. But he insists we come down here and work on this old play."

Her eyes looked at her new husband with dark brooding hate. Well, I could see her point. In fact I had seen this coming on for quite a while.

I said to her, "Don't do anything hasty. Let me talk to him."

She agreed to let things slide for the time being . . .

I knew them both pretty well, and liked them. They were both artistic, intelligent people, both strongly individual. Being a professional buttinsky, I couldn't refrain from trying to help them keep their marriage until it at least had had a fair trial.

I talked to the young husband. I asked him if he didn't think his wife might mind his absorption with stage work so soon after their marriage. He was amazed to see that I knew her anger. But he admitted she had been stewing silently for several days. "I don't want her to leave me. I love her, and I think she really loves me."

"Of course she does," I said. "Otherwise she wouldn't care what you did with your evenings."

I asked them both (at separate times) to seek some solution to their problem in prayer. I sought some guidance on the matter myself.

It came to me that their solution

was to find some artistic expression that would include both of their talents, both of their energies. Marriage is a partnership like any business. It requires a working together in all things.

There is no marriage in heaven (the upper consciousness) because there is no need for it there. The higher consciousness naturally works in harmony with all other people. Therefore, the problem of marriage on the earthly plane is best solved by reference to the supermind, the higher consciousness, which sees all material things from a detached viewpoint.

I suggested to my two young friends that they look down at their marriage from this detached viewpoint for a while. See all sides of it at once, as the Father-God sees all things. Look at their marriage from his point of view, through his eyes.

Next time I saw them, in a few weeks, the young wife's eyes were radiantly shining again with love and hope. The husband had given up his theater work. They had instead found a mutual interest in interior decoration, something allied to stage work. They were remodeling their little home. They were joyously in love again.

It is easy to seek the higher consciousness, from which you can look down upon earth plane problems with superior detachment. Down below we see as through a dark glass. In our supermind all things are clear as crystal. We see our problems for what they are, in their proper proportions. And we see the answer to them, too.

WE SHOULD never say to ourselves: "I have no memory; I am losing my memory; I have reached the age when memory begins to fail." We should affirm that our memory in general is excellent, that the special memory we are in search of is just coming back, that we shall always remember what we wish to remember without any trouble. We shall not allow a failure of memory, or two or three failures in brief succession, to disconcert us, and we shall never permit ourselves to regard them as signs that our memory is decaying. The trend of contemporary psychology is to confirm the theory that all our memories are stored up in the subconscious, even those memories which seem to have been utterly lost.

— *Baudouin*

INTUITIONAL KNOWING AND GUIDANCE

THERE IS an inner world of intuition, a secret place of the Most High, by virtue of which man is able to behold the hidden mysteries and to speak of yesterday and tomorrow as things of to-day. In this charmed realm of infinite repose all is finished, perfected, completed. The beholder of the celestial mysteries may speak of a million years hence as though it were to-day, for through the exercise of that faculty known as "the Heart" by Hebrew mystics, man consciously shares the nature and understands the purpose of God. Time and space are abolished, and as it is with God so it is with man, an Eternal Here and an Everlasting Now.

This is the great initiation of the Spirit concerning which Jesus gave very implicit instruction to his disciples under the mystic name of "The Spirit of Truth." He was forever warning them against the counterfeit of this transcendent experience, and urging them to be satisfied with nothing less than the fulness of God. He assured them of a realm of inspiration wherein they need take no anxious thought, a realm of Cosmic power and understanding in which and to which all things are possible.

On his departure from his earthly ministry he told them to do nothing of themselves until they were fully conscious of having attained this great experience. But then, as now, the Way of Truth was so easy it seemed difficult. Instead of waiting, they needs must do something on their own initiative. An apostle was to be elected to take the place of Judas, and we read: "And they put forward two, Joseph called Barabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show of these two the one whom Thou hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place. And they gave lots for them; and the lot fell upon Matthias and he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

How childish it all seems. They even prayed and asked God to show them and then drew lots! Poor Matthias, man chosen and man ordained, is never heard of again in the Bible records. The Spirit chose Saul of Tarsus, ordained and capacitated him to do the work of an illumined ministry. There is no other way. There is no other ordination. What man has done man can undo; but what God doeth shall last forever.

Our experiences must be personal. The experiences of others are helpful only as they lead into direct contact with the spirit of Truth. Even after Pentecost it was hard for the apostles to understand the direct working of the Spirit of God on the mind and heart of man. Paul was to them an enigma. They had not chosen him, and yet all the fruits of the spirit were apparent in his ministry. The whole story should teach us to have a great expectancy of divine guidance and direct knowing of the ways of the Spirit. We should learn to be still. We should cherish the hope of being caught out of our everyday experiences into full realization of the Cosmic will and purpose.

The great experiences of others should make us aware of like capacities within ourselves. We should ponder earnestly on the great statement of the celestially instructed Emerson: "In youth we are mad for persons. Childhood and youth see all the world in them. But the larger experience of man discovers the identical nature appearing through them all. Persons themselves acquaint us with the impersonal." With this password perception doors of unbounded opportunity open at every hand. There are no closed doors to the God-inhabited life. He walks amid miracles, he expects the unexpected. He becomes aware of celestial agencies beyond the capacity of the three dimensionally constituted mind to understand and appreciate until the sense life is illumined by the spirit of God.

The awareness of this intuitional realm of cosmic reality is in our day causing the restoration of miracles of healing and inspiring the child heart of man, so that again the weak things of the world are being used to confound the mighty. A new high note of triumph pervades religious thought, a great expectancy throbs in millions of hearts wherever the healing word is spoken.

— *Henry Victor Morgan in Science of Thought Review*

The Magic Is Within

By MADELINE JOHNSON RIDGWAY

SEARCH DEEPLY in your heart to find the answer to your quest, knowing that your answer will come from within; for faith is first conceived within your heart.

For many years I expected some magic power outside of myself to lay hold of me, and to produce all the wonderful things life had to offer — a tenacious faith in God, radiant health, magnetic personality, abundant wealth, happiness for my children and husband. And secretly I wanted to become a writer! I prayed to God, the source of all power, and he answered my prayers. But not in the way I had dreamed. For in my dreams I had fancied this magical wand transporting me to the land of make-believe. And there I stayed, fancy free, in fairyland for many years, until I learned to search my own soul.

During this period, words of my mother's wisdom used to break through to my consciousness. When mother taught me how to pray, she explained, "If you broke a window and asked God to replace it, expecting the glass to jump right back into the casement, you'd be quite disappointed. For God works logically," she emphasized over and over again. "But if you asked God to *help you* find a way to replace that broken pane, then you could expect him to

show you. But remember, child, *you'd* have to do the work."

I didn't realize that I wasn't doing the necessary work required to get my desires. I thought I was. I worked half-heartedly, all hopefully, but I hadn't learned to seek resources which were hidden within my own heart. I wanted external forces to take a hand. They did, later; but only after the inner resources expanded into the external.

Take one very personal aspect in my aspirations, that of creative writing. I wrote every day, because I wanted to write. I had the desire, the perseverance. But I hadn't yet actually learned the transformation which had to go on within my soul. I wanted to write provided I didn't have to suffer in my labors. I was mentally lazy. I wanted all the glory of a garden without the digging. And that is against God's logical laws. You have to get down to earth and dig. Months went by, and still I was working, planning, praying, yet not achieving the results I desired. And all the while something within me kept urging me to make a phone call to a nearby city where I might be able to get some help on my problem. (God works in a mysterious way.) Finally, one day, I yielded to that impulse and found the answer to my prayer. I found a very marvelous but severe critic who made me search within the inner resources of my soul. This required me to work and struggle as I had never worked nor struggled before. In fact, there were days when I floundered so much I often thought I might have to quit. Still something urged me on. My critic offered me such quantities of assistance, I found it impossible to assimilate everything at once, and at times I grew discouraged. Yet I continued. Little by little I began to absorb some of the fragments of her wisdom and put them to use. As I used them, they seemed to make way for larger pieces of learning. Then one day, like a flashing light in a dark room, I began to visualize some of the lessons I'd learned.

There are many more lessons for me and the road is not an easy one. But I have truly, humbly realized that the key to the magic (if you'd like to call it that) is mine if I'll but unlock some of the things which are hidden in my heart. (God put them there, but he expects us to make use of them and learn HOW to use them.) I've learned that many situations can be remedied providing we search diligently and act accordingly.

We can apply these same ideas or laws, for our children's behavior, to solve home problems, law troubles, money difficulties, or other blessings. Ask God to show the way, then search diligently, not halfheartedly, but very critically. During your darkest hours, don't waver. Your answer will manifest itself in a tangible way if you remember to pray and work.

The old adage, "You never get something for nothing," should be a slogan used freely in our homes. For the sooner we realize that we have to work for what we receive, the more satisfied we'll become.

Everything works together for good for those that love the Lord. The goodness is in your heart, and God wants you to have it. Search diligently until you find it.

Views and Reviews

By WILLIAM E. TOWNE

Faith in Life

THE REWARDS of life go to those who trust life. Without faith in the laws of life we can do nothing. When the farmer plants his corn in the spring, he trusts in the laws of life to bring him a crop. He knows that he must do his part — that he must supply as favorable an environment as possible for the growing plants. But having done this, it would avail him little to fret and worry about whether or not the corn was going to grow. He has to proceed by faith and faith alone.

Many persons complain that they lack faith. So they seek for a guide — for someone to *give* them faith — for someone to *prove* to them that their difficult problem can be solved.

You will recall the rebuke which Jesus gave to those who were seeking after signs and wonders — those who demanded proof in advance of his power to heal.

The assurance that these seekers after faith require, can only come from within themselves. Said Mahatma Gandhi: "Faith cannot be given by anybody. It has to come from within. The greater the difficulty, the greater should be our faith."

When Jesus healed the woman who had had "an issue of blood for twelve years" he said to her: "THY faith hath made thee whole." He knew that her healing took place because of her own faith in the healing power — and that without her faith the healing could not be accomplished.

Of course, our faith is always subject to disappointments. The farmer has poor crops some years and some failures every year. But he goes on sowing and reaping just the same.

And so many times our lack of faith keeps us from getting what would make us happy and prosperous. To put it on a very material basis, how many times we hear of someone who has turned a successful deal or made a useful invention that promises a fortune. And someone else will rise up and affirm that they had precisely the same idea and had it first. But they lacked faith to act upon the idea and so the other fellow reaps the harvest — *his* harvest of faith applied.

It is as true regarding everyday material affairs as it is true in spiritual affairs that "we walk by faith, not by sight," as Paul said.

Reason alone is not always an efficient guide. Faith is necessary if we are to step out on the seeming void and find the solid rock.

Faith enters into all great accomplishments, all healings, all successful creative work. Faith grows with trust — it even flourishes amid disappointments. For as long as we have faith, we are never separated from that Eternal Energy which is creative life.

YOUR GREAT DESIRE

WHAT IS the great desire of your heart? Do you really want it more than any other thing in all the world? If so, it is yours now, providing it doesn't belong to someone else or take from something, or where you cannot ask God to bless your work and give you your one desire. The law of God is One Thing at a Time: So for best and quickest results one should work for one thing at a time.

You must desire the one thing more than all others, whether it be Peace, Prosperity, Success, Love of home, Companion, Love of Sweetheart, Wife, or in fact, any other thing you desire, so long as it complies with God's Law of Love.

Your part is to set your goal, then ask God to bless you and the thing you desire and your work. Then set to work to receive your desire and do not waver, but go forward with the "I HAVE WON" attitude and do your part and you will receive.

Work with God alone — do not tell anyone of your plans or desires, and thereby invite a cross current of doubt to be registered against your perfect idea. Only God needs to know your plans. It is all right to talk over your desires with the Divine Intelligence, but do not do so with others — unless their desire for you is in harmony with your own desire. Remember there never was a true, good, divine desire that cannot be brought into manifestation, if it is within Divine justness, love and wisdom. So place your goal at the top and get to work.

But don't forget to take God with you every step of the way. Be willing to obey the smallest detail, and do your part to bring about your good by opening every possible channel there is. Then praise God for your victory all the way, and nothing can keep your good away from you. So accept it and know it is here NOW. Your gift is waiting to be accepted.

When you do your part to bring about your desire you will receive. Too many lose their grip when they do not demonstrate as soon as others do, or as soon as they think they should. They stop trying. This is a mistake. If everybody did this there would be no workers to help you over the rough places. You positively must stick to your ideal.

Weak effort will bring weak returns. So to accomplish what you have set out to accomplish, you will have to put determination into your work. Of course, you must take God into your every thought and act, for without his loving help you would not accomplish anything worthwhile. THE FATHER DWELLING WITHIN, HE IT IS THAT DOETH THE WORK. We too must do our part by living right and by opening up every channel possible to bring our desires to the surface of materiality. — *Mizanna Wolff in Namasta*

JUST whistle a bit if the day be dark
And the sky be overcast:
If mute be the voice of the piping lark,
Why, pipe your own small blast.

And it's wonderful how o'er the gray sky-track,
The truant warbler comes stealing back.
But why need he come? for your soul's at rest,
And the song in the heart, — ah, that is best.

— *Paul Laurence Dunbar*

Success In Prayer

Edited by W. E. T.

PRAYER MEETS EVERYDAY NEEDS

MANY OF US who are firm believers in God make little or no daily use of our Christianity.

We call upon the goodness and mercy of God only in matters of life and death. The rest of the time, we keep our Christianity put away like a priceless treasure carefully wrapped and stored, brought out to be dusted and admired once a week — possibly every Sunday.

To our sorrow, most of us muddle along through our daily lives and problems almost without God, calling upon him only in the most dire emergencies.

I, myself, still come up every so often out of my mist of personalities to find that I have been struggling for weeks, intent on solving all the problems of a large family *by myself!* To these, I often add a few national and international problems to give flavor to my worrying! And the more I worry and fret *by myself*, the tighter the knots of problems become. At times I get so drowned in worries that I feel quite helpless. But if I stop fretting long enough to heed his admonition, "Be Still and Know that I Am God", God takes over. Often the solution to the most complicated looking problem is then laughably simple. In fact, when we stop nursing our problems, they often just vanish. By just letting go of them, we allow them to solve themselves. Then it often appears that the only reason they were problems was that we held onto them with our mortal minds.

I once knew a sweet old lady who was a very strong character and a devout Christian. The family lived on a farm. One afternoon she was sitting on the porch enjoying the sun, when some noise attracted her attention. Imagine her horror, when glancing up, she saw, some distance down the road, a team of mules — driverless. They were running toward her at a terrific speed. Between her and the mules, oblivious of danger, walked her three small grandchildren. There was absolutely nothing she herself could do. She struggled out of her chair, praying aloud, "Dear God, take care of my babies!" She must have said the same phrase half a dozen times in the one terrifying minute. Just a second before the mules were upon them, the three tots strolled off into the ditch and interestedly watched the mules race by. It appeared as though God had taken their hands and led them to safety. Their grandmother thanked God then, and every time in after years, that she remembered that occasion. Although she was a woman with many troubles in her daily life, yet in her sorrow she neither asked nor expected help from her Heavenly Father in whose strength she so firmly believed.

On a busy summer afternoon, some years ago, a sassy little girl came to my door and handed me a sassy little note. The note stated, in poor English, that our cows had been in a neighbor's cane patch and the neighbor had "put them up". She wanted us to come after them immediately —

if not sooner.

Now, when a neighbor "puts up" your stock and sends you word, it usually means that he or she expects you to pay damages.

There wasn't a soul on the place who could go except myself, and neither was there any money in the house. However, the note had been very peremptory and I knew it would be bad for the cows to be gone overnight and miss being milked. We didn't know this neighbor. We had heard a lot of unpleasant things about her and her children and all the trouble they were continually getting into. So, when I started out I was feeling far from brave. As I walked the mile through the Ozark hills, I kept going over the situation in my mind, wondering what approach I could take. It would really work a hardship on us if we had to pay to get the cows home. When I came to the back pasture gate it was standing open. Evidently someone had taken a short cut through there and neglected to close it. And the cows had walked out. Well, at least no one could justly say that we were at fault. I sat there a few moments in the shade, wondering what I'd say, when quite suddenly it came to me that no matter what might be said about the woman, she was a child of God, just as I was, and there was surely lots of good in her. I thought, "Well, when I get there, if I'm supposed to take the cows home, God will tell me what to say. 'For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, so that all your enemies shall not be able to confound you.'"

When I came in sight of the house it was nothing more than a board lean-to — a hovel sure enough. But it was absolutely surrounded with flowers of every description. The woman had evidently been watching for me, for as I stood there trying to take in all the flowers she appeared on the rickety porch, looking pretty grim. The flowers were so amazing I had forgotten about everything else, and therefore immediately commented on them. Her attitude was chilly, but she couldn't resist showing them to me. Every time she stopped talking I admired something else — truly they were beautiful.

After showing me all her flowers she invited me up on the porch. There we rocked and visited for a long time. Her husband was in the hospital, recovering from mountain fever. I already knew that one of her daughters was in jail. There she sat in her tumble-down shack with an array of flowers that would have thrilled anyone in the world. Her pleasure in them was the same as a queen's would have been. As the afternoon drew to a close, she picked for me a lovely bouquet and helped me start the cows toward home. We parted with the friendliest feeling, and never met again.

I remember that afternoon with pleasure and in my mind's eye she stands in the afternoon sunlight beside her rickety house, surrounded by flowers, living proof that we are all one in God's beauty and love!

When we go about our daily business, full of God's love, seeing God's good in everyone, nothing can stand against us.

"The full armor of God" is nothing more or less than love. God's love filling our being casts an aura around us that is impenetrable to evil. The person who is filled with God's love moves in a glow that

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dominate. If our thought is centered upon the power of God, then that power will enable us to overcome the weeds, no matter how numerous they may be.

You see, it all depends upon what we exalt in our minds. If we exalt right ideas, they become creative and grow according to our desire-pattern. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Put your effort into *choosing* the right thought and in giving it the best possible environment. Do not waste energy in fighting and resisting that which you *do not* desire. Your thought is creative and if your thought is centered upon negative things, those are the things which you will create — or at least help to create and attract to yourself and into your environment.

Vibration and the World Tomorrow

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always ill, always under medical care, while in the homes of those with positive vibrations, the children were healthy, cheerful and natural as the young should be. Atmosphere can be changed by vibrations. The day may not be so far in the future when you will not have your blood pressure checked, but will have your vibrations looked over.

All things in this material globe are in vibration. Minus vibrations there naturally would be no world. Perhaps as this is being written some scientist is making perfect an instrument that will register and place upon record all human vibrations. Then it will be "Let's look at the vibration" instead of the book.

Once the well-known Prof. Williams, writer of scientific data, wrote: "There is no gradation between the most rapid undulations or tremblings that produce our sensations of sound, and the slowest of those which give rise to our sensations of gentle warmth. There is a huge gap between them, wide enough to include another world of motion, all lying between our world of sound and our world of heat and light; and there is no good reason whatever for supposing that matter is incapable of such intermediate activity, or that such activity may not give rise to intermediate sensations, provided there are organs for taking up and sensifying their movements."

Here, then, is a scientific theory of vibrations which grants wide room for scientific explanation in physical science or metaphysics. Vibrations will become more and more investigated in the coming years, and when man realizes that within them rests a power far greater than he has ever known before, and when he gets to control these vibrations for good, then will this world move aside for that long promised new heaven and new earth.

I WOULD not willingly have to do with even a police constable in any other spirit than that of kindness. — *Stevenson*



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