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Beloved of God, Greeting: Love

Love never fails. But the kind of love that has been exercised in the world since Paul expressed his immortal concept has failed to establish the hoped for Utopia. Today the world and the race need love as never before.

Faith seems to be at low ebb. Tongues and words have ceased to mean anything. Prophecies have proven futile. Even the love that has been expressed has been inadequate.

What of this Love that never fails? Where is it to be found? How used? Surely we have loved our neighbor to the best of our ability. We love our family and friends most of the time. Why has this not established peace on earth?

The greatest commandment is not that we love our neighbor, but that we love God; then, we are to love our neighbor. Such love is to be of a newer and higher quality. It must be impersonal, beneficial, freeing.

Adherence to the instructions to "Look up" as given in these Bulletins will reveal how man may polarize his attention in right relation with his inner and higher nature to the exclusion of all personal relationships with the race and his immediate neighbor; and, how from that point he may experience and exercise a degree of Love impossible to conceive in personal relationship.

Being of a higher quality such Love is impervious to personal blemish or shortcoming. Being impersonal it pours itself out upon foe and friend alike. It loves enemies it does not even see. This Love is not stupid, nor is effort required to cultivate it. It loves because it is Love. "We love because He first loved us." This is the Love our neighbor needs. This is the Love that will heal the nations.

Sincerely yours,
AJ Truesdell

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GRATITUDE

By Earl Johnson

Lack of gratitude on the part of others is an oft repeated theme. We give something away and immediately we expect to have our ego inflated by some choice words describing our thoughtfulness and generosity. Should the favored recipient fail to give proper acknowledgment we feel terribly abused and vow never again to give any thing to anybody.

How unfortunate it is that we who claim to be good and righteous miss altogether the great experience of joyous gratitude that should arise within ourselves when we can make some worthwhile gesture. How unfortunate it is that we have become so immersed in our own importance that we have entirely forgotten the Source whence all things come.

The reward of gratitude is due only to the Source, God, the Giver of All. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Dividing our possessions, tangible and intangible, is the purpose of our having them. They are not ours to hoard selfishly. They are to be enjoyed through rightful use and sharing with others. It is the sharing that gives us that inner joy which is prompted by Spirit.

Here we have opportunity to express gratitude not once, but twice. First: when we have received (for we cannot give until we have received); Second: when we have shared. This warm and friendly feeling is to be expressed to no earthly being in particular, but to God for having given of His supply and allowing us to share it with another.

We are channels through which God expresses His Good. It is not our province to look for gratitude. In all ways we should display it as characteristic of our divine nature.

Many persons who fail outwardly to acknowledge a tendered gift, when alone, fall on their knees in sincere expression of grateful thanks to God to whom, after all, gratitude is justly due.

Dear Lord, I trust Thee tonight,
To care for me and keep me safe,
As I have trusted every night
Since birth into this world.
I shall rest; I shall sleep,
The quiet, peaceful sleep of faith
And love in Thee, in Thee.

Nell Truesdell

Millions of people must be reading the Bible every day. Each person receives his own impression and his own instruction. However, it makes a vast difference to the reader what meaning he gleans from the Scriptures.

One who believes himself to be conceived in sin and born in iniquity would immediately feel rebuked any time he expressed a desire for something better than he was able apparently to have. This miserable sinner stands convicted until someone explains to him that a Principle exists which actually can provide all things whatsoever he desires. He then sees that his own attitude determines whether or not he can have all that the Father has and whose pleasure it is to give to them that love Him.

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By Nell Truesdell

To make the statement, Man is without care, is to invite dispute for every person appears to carry a burdensome sense of responsibility. In every day affairs the experience of a disquieting sense of oppression influences every waking hour and it is evident that a number of persons give serious attention of mind to their problems during the night when they should be enjoying complete rest which is the fruit of repose.

Part-statement from Hebrews 13:5, "Be content with such things as ye have," arouses challenge. Sermons and lessons based upon this text have led to many misconceptions. As students of truth we shall do well to investigate the inner meaning of the text rather than attempt to reconcile ourselves to it literally.

Just what do we have? An answer based upon standards of the world includes shelter, food, clothing, social relationships, and work; or, lack of these.

Does any one actually have such things? Does not one rather enjoy them as privileges, as forms of good common to all mankind to share instead of to hold in possession or control? A simple analogy to this proposition is the relation of all mankind to the air. All share it together every instant.

Another side to our question is: Do we actually have that which can be wiped out in a few moments or even a few days? A business man loses his printing establishment valued at \$10,000. An enterprising woman fails to conduct her tea-room successfully and has to close her doors. People lose homes; consume food; purchase, wear, and discard clothing; separate from family and friends; lose or change jobs: or, after a life time of work, fail to realize anything on their investments or for their efforts. All, whether much or little, that man can amass seems to disappear into the realm of nothingness.

Does any one have any thing that fades eventually into the nowhere? Can any one legitimately expect to assume an air of contentment with such will-o-the-wisps? Forcing himself to be has caused poverty, anxiety, distress, and a multitude of maladjustments.

Just what do we have? We have whatever we can retain. Very little insight is necessary to understand that we do not retain the things that appear. Fortunately, we do hold secure something that out pictures as ability to possess for use any good essential to happy living in the world. That something enables us to continue to have, again and again, those mundane things that bear witness to our grasp on Itself. That something is the Foundation Principle of Good which is the Source whence all things come, and to which we can look and receive from.

All of us are aware of the primary essentials of the Principle: life, love, intelligence, substance. These are the things we have, the things we can keep, the things we can possess, and demonstrate as qualities or as material things.

We should be content with such things as these for they can satisfy our pleasure at any time. Understanding this our conversation is without covetousness for we know that all can have and enjoy the fullness of God at the same time.

The only contentment results from an ability to contain and retain all the blessings God has already poured out upon us, all of which demonstrate as unusual care. Man is cared for though he himself is without care. God takes care of man, "for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

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GOD THE ONLY SUBSTANCE

The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor.

Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defense, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten; the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Ref: Deut. 16:15, 28:12, I Chron. 29:12, II Chron. 1:12, Job 22:25, Psm. 9:18, 22:26, 37:3,4.

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For every week-day of the month.

MON. Call thou, and I will ANSWER.
TUE. I am the vine, ye are the BRANCHES.
WED. I will CONTEND with him that CONTENDETH with thee.
THU. We receive the DUE reward of our DEEDS.
FRI. ENTER ye in at the straight gate.
SAT. Then was our mouth FILLED with laughter.

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MON. Every man shall GIVE as he is able.
TUE. I HAVE all, and abound.
WED. Let INTEGRITY and uprightness preserve me.
THU. Keep ye JUDGMENT and do JUSTICE.
FRI. Thine is the KINGDOM.
SAT. The LIVING, he shall praise thee.

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MON. His MERCY endureth for ever.
TUE. We are an holy NATION.
WED. He that OVERCOMETH shall not be hurt.
THU. I will PUBLISH the Name of the Lord.
FRI. QUICKEN thou me according to thy word.
SAT. I will RAISE up a shepherd in the land.

MON. A SOFT answer turneth away wrath.
TUE. TAKE heed therefore how ye hear.
WED. The UNSEARCHABLE riches of Christ.
THU. Obey my VOICE, and I will be your God.
FRI. The place WHEREON thou standest is holy ground.
SAT. Rejoice, O YOUNG man in thy YOUTH.

MON. See my ZEAL for the Lord.

Before we can comprehend the meaning of any word we have to look into it. The element of attention is emphasized in order to perceive the underlying factors that contribute to produce results.

DAILY MEDITATION opens the mind so that it may grasp with the understanding the specific essences of the words involved. Thus is brought into concrete existence that which until then had been only an impression in mind.

You are invited to join with us every day this month as we lift our vision upward to God who is our inspiration.

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Dear Friend: Attention

The direction of your attention determines the objective from which you will reap some experience, either to your sorrow or to your joy. Of course, everybody wants to be joyous, and to have everything that makes for contentment and peace in his environment. In short, everybody craves satisfaction, that quiescent condition resulting from the fulfillment of a need or desire.

The purpose of this Lesson-Bulletin is to help you fill up the measure of your want by inviting you to give your attention to God and His Good. We are with you in Spirit and offer you our hand in loving fellowship with Him who is able above all to bless you with every good and perfect gift.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE performs a daily ministry to be participated in and partaken of by all friends in truth. Join with us in a few minutes of prayer and meditation each day and note the improvement that will take place in mind, body, and affairs.

We suggest that you always keep your ability to look moving upward that you might catch glimpses of Reality above thinking and above being. "Glory and honor are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place."

"And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord."

Your love gift in acknowledgment of this spiritual ministry will be gratefully used to further the work in His Name.

Sincerely yours,
Nell Truesdell