

**Encouragement**

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## Clarity

We all crave attention deep down inside on some level. We've been ousted from our original position, inheriting a bloodline that dies. It's the nature of our earthly father to walk beneath a veil, a closed curtain of darkness, which hides all our talents from our thoughts. This makes us want to shine like diamonds in the night sky, brighter than anyone else upon discovering them.

So until we've realized we've first fallen, we can't get up confidently to share a fulfilling life with anyone. For only tasting dust from the death of our inheritance makes us want to get up and outshine all to change the mood of a dim existence. We should be brighter than anybody else, as the devil did with God, says our pride.

Is this not what we do? Is this not why Cain killed his righteous brother Able, who only did right by God Himself? Don't we all have this tendency to want to take off and be higher than everybody else with the creativity of our statements? Is not our virtuous energy used to try to claim it for ourselves in pride as Satan did? We all long to hear it. I'm proud of you, daughter or son, like the prodigal's older brother who saw his brother get lavished in love for what seemed to be nothing to him at all.

I've worked so hard, and nobody has noticed me. Have we not all heard this voice at one time or another in our lives? Or, I've been noticed as being special by the spirit behind my earthly father. Why can't everybody else see me? Are we not all set up by this spirit to try to excel, shine, and love our creature selves over others that we don't or won't notice God, our heavenly Father? Should we not be with Him in the Holy Spirit so that we'd all shine the same when loving one another by esteeming each other as higher than ourselves.

Are we not all brothers and sisters who seek the light of truth in the darkness from under Satan's cloak? The fruit doesn't fall far from the tree. Is this why we do not all feel we must come up for a breath of fresh air?

We go on vacations, but to no avail, because we seek to escape and find release. Are we all not trying to get away from the spirit behind our murderous earthly fathers who show us love while yet trying to assimilate us into getting abused and used to being in darkness, preferring it rather than God's light and life?

We feel smothered by dwelling under a blanket of darkness and cannot see or know this because we are under it and will be unless we see the light of this truth by the mercy of God's divine grace.

He suffers long, wanting to rip the blanket away, but we would remain in the dark if He did not gradually peel back the veil. We would be like worms retracting under a rock back into the darkness from the sun's light. To seek the comfort of what we are accustomed to is an immediate reaction unless we are gradually introduced to the love of God. It happens to all who encounter and pass through the anointed door of His transforming, regenerative blood, which brings us into the resurrection of His fountain that flows from the circle of living love.

Away from the abuse of darkness, we must fly. Being kept in the dark of the unknown makes one go insane enough to call darkness light and light darkness from preferring the comfort of Satan's veil while drinking demon brew. We hate because we were first trained to hate in this world. Unholy spirits came at us by way of thoughts that sparked forth abusive actions from others to establish evil patterns within us. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities and powers of spiritual wickedness in the

high places,” which try to blot out the kingdom of heaven to prevent us from gaining full access to it.

Our sights are limited in what we can see because we cannot see into eternity while trapped in the breadth of passing through the crests and troughs of the wave of time. Mature Christians have grown beyond time in their visions and are experiencing eternal life in the Spirit. Later on, they will receive a glorified body in heaven when they move on after dwelling in their earthly tents. Reminder: as soldiers in the Lord’s Army, “We can partake of all things, but not all things are profitable.” I prefer the Lord’s kingdom of eternal life now rather than the illusions of this world.

“In this world, you will have tribulation, but fear not for I have overcome it, and I will be with you until the end of the age.” Being in this world and no longer of it, I desire spiritual things to please my Holy Spirit's appetite and no longer desire fleshly things to please my flesh. “God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

“Now is the kingdom of heaven at hand, now is the prince of this world cast out,” and as we “Walk in the light while you have the light that darkness does not overtake you,” I have no desire to invite darkness back in. In an addictive form, there can be a foothold before it becomes a stronghold again in my life if God’s light is not there within my mind. I respect what lives in the dark, and the role demons have to play, for Jesus said, “Fear him who has the power to cast into hell.”

## Be encouraged

If you lack the wisdom and focus to see out of darkness and keep on the path of the vision of light, don't try to figure everything out alone, or you'll drive yourself mad. By maintaining an attitude of pride, we are often blind to the dark voices that try to deceive the mind when it's swarmed with thoughts like a cluster of bees. When walking with God, simplicity is there, for if it does not look like the character of Christ, it is not Him. Peace, love, and joy are the characteristics of a sound mind, as stability has sanity. All else is like shifting sands with no firm foundation upon which to build reality; that is why life remains unmanageable until we indeed find God.

Having a stable or steadfast relationship is like being in an eternal lifeboat in the breadth, riding through the wave of time in its forward progression of aging. Eventually, it catches up with everyone, for we all die. "To much has been given, much is required." Others who see us resting in a relationship with Jesus, at peace while content with sound love and joy, will also want to climb into our lifeboat for security's sake.

Remember, "Lest the Lord build the house, they that labor will labor in vain." When you question yourself in a relationship with God, you might ask, "Where are you? Where did you go?" If you listen very carefully to His quiet and still voice, God's reply, "I am right here. Where did you go?" "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, great is Thy faithfulness, oh Lord, great is Thy faithfulness." God never moves from His position of contentment. That is why "mercy triumphs over judgment," God's faithfulness never wears away. We move away from Him by trying to maintain what we want

in idolatry when His great love is sufficient for us all along as He can meet our every need.

“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, but when I became mature, I put off childish things.” As children, “to the pure, all things are pure,” but after learning of love through the giving of good material things, we realize there is more when full reason comes into play.

Now let me encourage you in “the equipping of the saints.” Discernment of spiritual matters comes from learning that “Godliness with contentment is great gain.” If we try something pleasing to us at first, then afterward, try to return to it again while it has become stale, the truth of logic tells us that we should not seek to return to it again. For, “We will be like a dog returning to its vomit and a sow to its wallowing in the mud.” Things that produce only a temporary relief are a counterfeit joy. Once all of us are left dissatisfied, we move on to try something else to meet a physical need, which was really a spiritual one all the time.

This raises the question, “Where do you find satisfaction in an unsatisfying world?” Perhaps it is because we were made for another realm outside of time, separate from Satan’s domain. For when born again into the kingdom of heaven, we leave the realm of time and enter into the eternal. In Jesus’ words, he says, “Unless you are born again, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.” When we left our mother’s physical womb, we entered into another realm. So when born of the spirit, we enter into another realm by leaving time and entering into eternity; this is not as obvious to us spiritually when this change occurs as the physical one did.

Satan tries to keep this fact well concealed, for if we believe that we can get our spiritual needs met physically, then we will remain in his kingdom. “A double-minded man is unstable in all of

His ways, and let him not believe that he shall receive anything from God." An unstable mind is abusive and causes others harm, God included. Yet a single mind is in agreement with God and, therefore, stable and sound, having fellowship with God.

A double mind is a divided mind that is lukewarm, which, according to the Book of Revelation, gets spewed out of His mouth at the end of a life that has been living outside His kingdom. So, how does one find purpose in this world using a single mind? Serve God with the gift that He has given you.

## **Encouragement is a vocation**

A vocation is a calling and can be considered a lifetime gift, yet what good is a gift or talent if we have no purpose for using it? We would be like a mover on a job without using all our physical strength to get the job done if we just use our fingers due to lacking motivation. As a gifted writer, although I had a talent, I had no purpose and did not write because life had no meaning. However, I got life from His divine inspiration once God entered the equation. I imagine it would be like that for anyone who served God with the enjoyment of their gift. I have learned that when God gives you a gift, serve Him with it, for it will be pointless spiritual death otherwise. I don't care much for monetary gain. Money without love for God is pointless as it destroys a soul by wearing it down in the long run.

Now, when I serve others, it's not the job but the truth of the person I love as I love administering the truth of Christ in me and through me in divine inspiration back to Jesus Himself. "We love because He first loved us," so be encouraged by God's resurrection power within His circle of life as Mother Theresa said, "See Jesus in everyone."

To me, it's no longer the person I serve but what God has created in the way of them being a brother or a sister, a fellow person God has created and loves. It's a truth I can't ignore: love others as I want to be loved.

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