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Did you know that the universe is waiting to pour its abundance into your life? Sometimes when I feel I'm not remembering this principle, I like to think of Jesus reminding me: "All that is mine is yours," and as I repeat this truth to myself, often I

feel a sort of pulling, a denial in the pit of my stomach, and I defensively reply to myself, "Yes, I know, but . . . "

Emmet Fox has said:
"When the devil has
been unmasked a number
of times, his final refuge
seems to be the

harmless-looking word but . . . "

If Jesus were to walk down the aisle of your church in His physical presence today, I imagine He would pass from person to person, hold a hand, search the eyes, and ask each the one question that would respond to the need in his or her own life: "Do you want to be healed?" "Do you want to be financially prosperous?" "Do you want to be happy?" "Do you want to live harmoniously with your spouse? your children? your parents?" "Do you want the unfolding of your true place in life?"

Jesus knew that desire is the first step in the claiming process. But I wonder if to each question we might not reply, "Yes, I do, but . . . " By this one word we have denied the action and power of God working in our lives. By this one word we have surrendered our inheritance. It's as if we had the winning

lottery ticket tucked away in a drawer,

unclaimed. The key to the kingdom is *claiming* it, and we claim it through faith.

But faith in what? The old idea of God doing everything for us? No! We are told in James: "Faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:26). The new idea is of God working through us, and our

faith in ourselves as the living, creative, powerful image of God!

If our "wants" don't match our "haves," perhaps we need to work more on claiming our good, and believing we are worthy to receive it.

For a clarification of purpose, try asking yourself:

- 1. What do I really want out of life?
- 2. Do I want it enough to do something about it?
- 3. Am I able to receive my good? That is, can I visualize myself living as I "want"?
- 4. Can I recognize it when it comes to me?

God's pleasure is in expressing and living through us, and He is ever trying to do so. Our job is to cooperate with His law.





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New Board Officers

At our last meeting we welcomed new members Cathy Zehner, Denise Halbert Raggio,



and Paul Henley to the board and elected officers for this term: Tom Bullock – President, Carol Ellerman – Vice president, Roy Vaisvil – Secretary, and Chuck Seger – Treasurer.



Have you visited our Face Book Page or our Website lately? You can listen to Rev. Randy's lessons and our

music and watch our services on video now!

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This month the Ladies' Night Out Group will be meeting Monday evening, June 17, at The Bean House, 1100 Lemay Ferry. For

more information call Mary Tumminello: Home: 314-843-1807 Cell: 314-814-4530. All are welcome!

June 11: Empty Cradles by Margaret Humphreys July 9: The Midwife of Hope

River by Patricia Hartman **Place**: Bread Company, across

frace: Bread Company, across from St. Anthony's Hospital from 2:00 to 4:00. If you see a book you would like to discuss, please join us for that meeting. There are no requirements to attend all the meetings. Contact: Carol Bullock @ 314-894-2602 or (cell) 314-518-9598 for questions.

Feed My People is associated with a



national group called Ample Harvest which encourages people to donate any excess produce their garden grows to a local food

pantry. They are always thrilled to have fresh fruit and vegetables to give out to their clients and would be glad to receive any extra produce from your home garden.

www.feed-my-people.org

Route 66 Jazz Orchestra Concert

June 12 – 7:30 p.m. Valerie Tichacek, soloist Ron Wilkenson, soloist Dean Christopher, guest soloist \$10, adults – \$5,children

Sunday School



Our Sunday school team would like to invite those interested in caring for our Unity children to come down

for a visit to see the wonderful things happening every Sunday.

"Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about



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peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount."

—General Omar Bradley

Special Dates

- Flag Day, June 14, 2013
- Father's Day, June 16, 2013
- First day of summer, June 21, 2013

June Affirmations



Inner Peace: The peace of God permeates my being.

Guidance: Answers come to me in the Silence.

Healing: I radiate health, harmony, and wholeness.

Prosperity: The blessings of God fill my life, and I am prosperous.

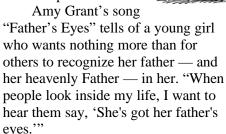
World Peace: Peace on earth begins with

me.



Like Father, Like Child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.



What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

Look for the Helpers

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.

-Fred Rogers

Open the Door

We seem to have lost touch with the God of surprises. We forget that he is always up to something wondrous and unexpected where you and I are concerned. He taps on our heart's door, waiting for us to open up and discover what he holds for us. If we manage to hear his knock, sometimes what we find is almost unbearably precious. It turns out to be the one thing we need most in life, or as my daughter Ann used to say, "the onliest thing," meaning there is nothing more splendid in the universe.

-Sue Monk Kidd, God's Joyful Surprise

Follow Me

When Christ calls us by his grace, we ought not only to remember what we are, but we ought also to think of what he can make us. It is, "Follow me, and *I will make you.*" We should repent of what we have been, but rejoice in what we may be.

It is not "Follow me because of what you are already." It is not ""Follow me because you may make something of yourselves" but "Follow me because of what I will make you."

-Charles Spurgeon

Hymn for a Summer Day

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, a minister in upstate New York at the turn of the 20th century, often walked near Niagara Falls to enjoy the view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding scenery. He'd tell his wife he was "going to see the Father's world."

After Babcock's death in 1901, his wife, Katherine, published a book of his writings, including the 16-verse poem "My Father's World." Franklin Sheppard set it to music in 1915, using two verses of text for each hymn stanza.

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's

world:

he shines in all that's fair;

in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

"Quotable Quotes"

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

-Clarence Kelland

I have mixed emotions when I receive Father's Day gifts. I'm glad my children remember me, but I'm disappointed that they actually think I dress that way.

-Mike Dugan

Attitude is the mind's paintbrush. It can color a situation gloomy and gray, or cheerful and gay. In fact, attitudes are more important than facts.

-Mary C. Crowley

Whether you call on him or don't call on him, God will be present with you.

-Frederick Buechner

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

-Winston Churchill

The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.

-Ralph W. Sockman

A father's words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house.

-Paul Lewis

The world is round, and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning.

-Ivy Baker Priest

Whatever you think, be sure it is what you think; whatever you want, be sure it is what you want; whatever you feel, be sure that it is what you feel."

-T.S. Eliot



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Human Relations

We Are Not Alone

We do not have to be in the category of minister, doctor, counselor to apply these concepts in everyday living. Some of us have wider circles of influence than others; many of us have more influence on other persons than we know or recognize. In person, by telephone, letter, or other means of communication we touch the lives of other people every day, many times a day. Knowingly or otherwise, we exert a certain influence upon the physical, mental, and emotional atmosphere of others, and they upon us. No one lives to himself alone, however it may seem

To human sense we are all separate and apart from one another. We signal across to one another by thought, word, action. We strive to communicate by these more-or-less outward means; but Truth reveals a deeper and more subtle, surer way of communication. When in meditation and prayer we reach toward the center of being-the center of life, light, and love within us-we are coming closer to the center of being in others. We reach past any tendency to dominate, to exert human will or mind power over others, or such possible tendencies in others. Reaching to the Creative Principle, the Christ nature in us greets the Christ nature in others. We salute the innate nature, prophetic of the fulfillment of Jesus' words when He said, "I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one."

Says Charles Fillmore: "The mind of man is like a clear stream that flows from some lofty mountain. It has nothing at its point of origin to disrupt or distort it, but as it flows out into the plain of experience, it meets the obstruction of doubt and fear. It is here that dams are built and its course

is turned in many ways.

"Whoever formulates a creed or writes a book, claiming it to be an infallible guide for mankind; whoever organizes a church in which it is attempted, by rules and tenets, to save men from their evil ways; whoever attempts to offer, in any way, a substitute for the one omnipresent Spirit of God dwelling in each of us, is an obstructer of the soul's progress."

A Man, A Tree, A River

Let us say, and seek to make our words as true in fact as they are in principle: "Father, 1 should like to be like a tree, firmly rooted in the good earth, but reaching always heavenward, facing the smiles of summer and the frowns of winter with boughs that bend with the breezes, but do not break before them; sending my roots ever deeper into the rich moist soil, and my branches higher and higher into the vibrant blue; giving shelter to songbirds and sustenance to the small creatures that live tremulously about my roots; sending forth young green shoots and branches like curious venturesome new thoughts, and not fearing to drop off old branches that have served their purpose; growing with the years-not knotted and gnarled and crooked, but straight and strong and upright.

"Or let me be like a river whose waters find their source in the rains of heaven, and whose destiny is the illimitable ocean; a river beneath whose eddying surface still swift waters run to join their parent sea, unstayed by obstacles, patiently and persistently going over, under, around them, in season calm, in season gay, ever going onward; bringing refreshment and supply to multitudes, carrying cargoes of plenty and pleasure, forceful at flood time yet faithful in drought; remembering always that though my way be devious and winding over rocks and waste places, that my source is God's heavens and my goal His boundless

"But God, I thank Thee that I am

man, embodying the tree and the stream, fixed and deep-rooted in consciousness of my true nature and purpose, immovable in a knowledge of Truth, yet growing into everbroadening understanding of Your boundless sea of wisdom, adapting to flood and drought, the breeze and tempest, yielding to their moods yet ungoverned by them, dropping dead branches of thought like the tree. clearing away debris like the stream, and like both of them fulfilling life's purpose, unthwarted by circumstance, reaching ever upward and forward because - I am a man."

Twelve and One

"In the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first "-Matt. 19:28-30.

Any serious student of spiritual things who is not bound to some dogmatic form of faith must have observed that the story of Jesus conforms to a cosmic pattern. Astrologers relate His life to that of "the enthroned Sun-God and his twelve powers." "All the eastern nations," says Origenes, "the people of India, the Persians, conceal sacred mysteries under their religious myths; the sages and philosophers of all religions penetrate the true meaning, while the ignorant see only the exterior symbol-the bark that covers it." James Morgan Pryse relates the story to the symbolic drama of the Lesser Mysteries of the ancient Greek religion. Charles Fillmore writes. "Jesus was the star actor in the greatest drama ever played on earth. This drama was developed in the celestial realm, its object being to inject new life into perishing man.

The full significance of this great plan of salvation cannot be understood by man until he awakens faculties that relate him to the earth beneath and the heavens above."

What does this do to the faith of the follower of traditional religious faith, Christian, Jew, Buddhist? Must they cry, "They have taken away my Lord," as if Moses and Jacob (whose name was changed to Israel) and Siddhartha Gautauma (who became the Buddha) and Jesus (who became the Christ) never really lived at all, but were only symbolic portrayals of mental and emotional states of consciousness?

Or might the devout believers be justified in pointing to all these parallels as evidence of a grand cosmic design? The ancient followers of the Hermetic philosophy have contributed a saying which is as valid today as it was in the time of Hermes the Thrice-Great, who declared: "As within, so without; as above so below." Or as Emerson put it, "The microcosm and the macrocosm are the same. The world globes itself in a drop of dew."

It might be said that if the cynics could be proved right the world would be the poorer for it, because mankind needs the assurance – at the present time in the world's history more than ever – that there have been those who have not only glimpsed a vision of things transcendent, but have actually lived them, and like fabled Prometheus brought the fire of heaven down to earth to warm the hearts and lives of men.

So do men reason and ponder.

The practical man will take the truth where he finds it, and it to use in his personal life. And this is where the concept of Jesus and His disciples and the mystery of "the twelve thrones" can be of pragmatic value. For the story of Jesus and His calling of the Twelve, Buddha and his twelve faithful ones, Israel and his twelve sons who became the founders of the twelve tribes, all find a parallel in the story of individual man, finding dominion over his own forces of

body, mind, and soul; marshaling his twelve mind powers to unified activity in his personal world.

Twelve seems to represent a pattern of completion. We see it represented on the face of our clocks in the twelve hours of the dial, in the twelve months of the year, the twelve signs of the zodiac, the duo-decimal system of ancient Egypt, the twelve inches to the foot, the twelve labors of Hercules, the twelve foundations and twelve gates of the Holy City, the twelve gems in the breastplates of the Jewish priests.

In the human organism, man is conceived to have basically twelve powers or faculties of mind, which may be related to twelve nerve centers in the human body. Charles Fillmore and certain leaders in other forms of philosophic faith -- notably the socalled biochemists – are quite specific about this. For the average (and even quite above-average) student, experience suggests that it is the part of wisdom to center one's attention on the qualities of mind, and let the innate Creative Principle direct their energies, as in the case of the circulation of the blood, the digestion of food, and other involuntary actions of the mind, rather than upon corresponding parts of the body.

When we recognize these twelve powers and seek to bring them into harmonious coordination, it is like Jesus calling His twelve disciples, according to Charles Fillmore. He relates each of the twelve powers to one of the twelve disciples.

Here, then, is a list of the twelve disciples, the related powers of mind, and the nerve and gland centers in the body:

Peter – Faith – the center of the brain, or pineal gland.

Andrew – Strength – the small of the

James, son of Zebedee – Judgment – pit of the stomach.

John – Love – back of the heart. Philip – Power – the root of the tongue.

Bartholomew – Imagination – between the eyes.

Thomas – Understanding – the front brain

Matthew – Will – the forehead, above the eyes.

James, son of Alphaeus – Order – back of the navel.

Simon, the Cananaeank – Zeal – base of the brain.

Thaddaeus – Elimination – the lower back.

Judas Iscariot – Life Conserver – generative center.

Peter

If Peter were here today he would be known as Simon Johnson. for when he first encountered Jesus he was known as Simon Bar-jona – that is, Simon, son of John. Jesus gave him a new name partly playfully, partly affirmatively, for He said, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it." Peter (from the Greek *Petros*) means rock; and it is significant that this statement came just on the heels of Simon's discernment that Jesus was the very embodiment of the Christ Spirit. This – the embodiment of the Christ Spirit – is the rock on which His church must be built.

For Peter, at this stage of his development, eager and impetuous as he was, lacked the steadfastness on which to build anything enduring. He was far from a rock, but more like a stone in the making. He was to fail time and again, as when he tried to walk on water, when he lopped off the ear of the arresting soldier in Gethsemane, when he vowed never to deny his Lord (and denied Him thrice). But he did not give up trying, so that finally, by the time of the Ascension, he was a veritable rock of Gibraltar. His preaching at Pentecost was so powerful that some three thousand souls were converted by his words and were baptized. He rapidly took the lead over all the other apostles, as recounted in the first twelve chapters of Acts, until the days of Paul's leadership.

There is a magnificent tribute to

the power of faith in the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, which begins, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

It was Jesus who referred to this same endowment when He told Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind {affirm} on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose {deny} on earth shall be loosed in heaven." And in all His teaching, Jesus emphasized that the ruling forces of both heaven and earth are within man.

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."

Because a mustard seed is a very small seed, this passage has often been taken to mean that only a very small faith is required. And truly, even a very small faith will do very much more than no faith at all. But the significance of Jesus' allusion is quite different.

What *is* the faith of the mustard seed?

It has the faith to *become* a mustard plant! In Palestine where Jesus lived, He had no doubt many times marveled at the mustard plant that could spring from so small a seed, a plant tall enough, so one commentator affirms, to shield a horse and rider from the sun.

The faith that moves mountains of difficulty is the faith to become the Christ-filled man that He told us about, and in His person exemplified – the emerging man of the second coming.

Andrew

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace," said Jesus.

Andrew is the strong man among the twelve. The Greek meaning of Andres is "strong man."

"Andrew, his brother." In three out of the four gospels that is the way

Andrew is referred to – as the brother of Peter. That is about the only way anybody thinks of Andrew. And yet if it had not been for Andrew we might never have heard of Peter, and Peter might never have heard of Jesus.

"He first found his brother Simon," and hastened to tell him that he had found the Christ. Through all the days of the journeys with Jesus we know Andrew only as the disciple who helped people to find each other.

It must have been a little hard to take at times, playing the role of the man who seemed always to walk in the shadow of a greater. Yet the same spirit rested upon and dwelt in Andrew as in his brother, and in whatever Peter accomplished – which was much – Andrew perforce had a share.

We have no record that Andrew ever preached a sermon, or healed the sick, or raised the dead, or cast out demons. He worked no miracles, wrote no letters, proclaimed no visions. He simply brought people together, and mostly he brought them to Christ. He began close at hand, with his brother, which is a hard place to begin, but a logical one.

It was Andrew who brought a little boy to Jesus on that day when the five thousand assembled to hear Jesus speaking from the hillside near Capernaum, and they became so enrapt with the magic of His words that they forgot all about mealtime (no mean miracle in its own right). "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?" It was, of course, Andrew, "Simon Peter's brother," who brought the report and the lad to Jesus.

It was Andrew who brought men from other lands to the Master. And if bringing youth to Him makes Andrew a kind of apostle of youth, it might be said that bringing foreigners to Him makes him father of the missionary movement. "Among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see

Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus."

Andrew exemplifies Proverbs 18:10: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." He had a kind of inward strength that always excites our admiration: the ability to let his works go before him, so that you see them rather than him. "I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" is an affirmation for those who seek to manifest more of their own Andrew-nature.

Andrew and Simon Johnson, the finder and the found, the introvert and the extrovert, the assertive leader and the power behind him! May their nature in us today help to lead us, and through us others, out of things that seem to separate us to those that unite us, for the crying need of this time — and of all time — is that we find that which is like Jesus in one another and in ourself.

James, Son of Thunder

Peter, James, and John, these three. How often we find them mentioned in that order! They were the members of the executive committee among the twelve, and as such were called upon to share both privileges and responsibilities unknown to the other nine.

James was to John, his brother, what Andrew was to his brother Peter. But James was included in the inner circle often where Andrew was not. He was with Jesus in the house of Jairus and witnessed the raising of his daughter from the dead. He was present on the Mount of Transfiguration when the face and vesture of the Master seemed to glow with an inner light, a crystalline quality so that His face "shown like the sun, and his garments became white as light."

-- To be continued in July

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM
2 Sunday Service 10:30 AM Youth Ed 10:30 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM	3	4	5 AA Men's Group 10:00 AM CA – 7:00 PM	6 Ukulele Practice 7:00-9:00 PM	7	8 Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM
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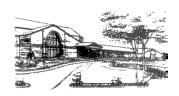
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The light side — A little holy humor

Kids are free

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."

Are You Listening?

A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. "All right," the boy said. "Let's pray."

When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, "Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we're going to eat tonight. Amen."

"Jimmy," his mother said. "I think you should know we're having chicken, not pancakes, tonight."

"I know," Jimmy answered. "I just wanted to see if God was paying attention."

Generation Gap

After crawling into Grandpa's lap, little Freddie asked, "Were you in the ark with Noah, Grandpa?"

The grandfather chuckled, "Why, no, Son, I wasn't."

The youngster persisted, "Then why weren't you drowned?"

Fishing Advice

The topic for the children's message was Matthew 4:19, when Jesus told his disciples to become fishers of men. The woman giving the message asked the children if they'd ever been fishing — and what they used for bait. "Worms!" the children answered.

Then the woman explained that Jesus wants his friends to follow him and tell others about him. "How would you catch men?" she asked.

One little girl piped up, "With cologne!"

-Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa



A Short Quiz

Q: What time of day was Adam created?

A: A little before Eve.