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PATIENCE, PATIENCE

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Rev. Janet Friedline

We have many desires and aspirations concerning life. On a personal basis, we look at what we call “the necessary things,” such as clothing, food, shelter, and transportation. Having these needs met, brings comfort in a particular way. However, life involves more than merely satisfying the needs of the material form. We have goals and ambitions concerning education and our line of work. We would like to have a family, enjoy friendships, and have enough leisure time to do what we want to do. We want fulfillment and satisfaction.

While these things are noble ambitions, we have also noticed that they do not materialize overnight. Life has a process that requires nurture and care to bring things to manifestation. Our problem is that we do not like to wait; when we want something, we want it now. The Bible tells us that everything has its season, and we cannot rush it. Therefore, we talk about patience. The seed, planted in the ground, waits patiently for its time of expression. It welcomes the rain and sunshine, the dirt and light, as necessary to its growth and development. And so it is with us. Let us be patient, all good things come to those who are willing to wait.

TEND TO YOUR GARDEN

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Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

It is from consciousness that every experience that shows up in our daily lives is tailored...good, or of error...our thinking makes it so. The perfect Garden of God consciousness is that Garden of Eden that we strive to return to by constantly realizing and living in the oneness of our Father within...this is indeed the Kingdom of God. However, when we think amiss, when our thoughts are full of human emotion, hate, fear, anger, lack, and a sense of separation from God, we are choking off the good fruit, and thus, love and Truth are not demonstrated as the outer fruit. Likewise, by not realizing our spiritual Truth and living in it, and by not thinking on God alone, the Good of us and in us, destructive weeds and thorns of the material world present us with a sad harvest of human despair. Thus, we are to constantly feed our Gardens with loving, joyous, healthy, and illumined thoughts, always giving thanks for the very nature of our Being in God...and then we shall experience the beauty and abundance of the perfect and joyous fruit that comes forward in demonstration. Remember....as within....so without.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:11

FROM A LITTLE TO A LOT

February 16, 2020

Rev. Donna Gatewood

God, our Father, has already provided perfect everything everywhere. He has provided health, harmony and security. He has provided the laws for happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment. He is far more willing to give us perfect everything in abundance than we are willing to receive. All of our perfect everything is the result of our response to God. We are the ones who must understand how to come into complete communion with the Presence and Power of God that is in and with us all.

Healing, harmony, security, happiness, satisfaction and fulfillment are not special actions on the part of God. Rather it is the action of each of us as we turn to God. As the Master said, "It is within you." "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?" "God reveals Himself in His holy temple, which temple ye are."

God is Divine Mind, Infinite Wisdom and Infinite Intelligence. God, as Spirit is the ever-present Substance that is consistently expressing as our Total Good. There is no limitation in God. It is in the quietness of stillness that we feel and experience the Presence of the Spirit of Total Good.

"Be Still and know..."

SEEKING PEACE OF MIND

February 23, 2020

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

Throughout the ages and up to this very day, Man in his limited mental state all too often seeks peace of mind and a life of tranquility through people, places, and things...those things outside of him. There are those that seek a sense of peace and serenity by amassing great material wealth, positions of so-called power, and ego-born human prestige. However, it comes to pass that the man whose breath is in his nostrils, the son of Man, quickly realizes that the appropriation of the things of the world do not result in any true and lasting peace of mind.

Rather, he finds himself worrying about losing that which he has amassed in the outer, or not getting that thing which he believes he still needs or wants to make him whole. Of course, this thinking and way of living is altogether wrong. True and lasting peace of mind, true tranquility, true serenity, unlimited abundance, perfect health, eternal life, and joy, are of the Kingdom of Heaven...they are of God, and in Truth, they are of us...but we seek amiss in the outer material world of effect. True Peace of Mind..."all cause", is within, it is God consciousness, and it never, ever changes as a result of any so called conditions appearing as real and taking place in the outer. True Peace of Mind is of the Son of God...The Christ.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful." John 14:27