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The Minister's Message

"Judge not according to appearances, but judge righteous judgment." (John 7:24)

April is the month in which we celebrate and strengthen our spiritual gift of wisdom. Our faculty of Divine Wisdom or Judgment as a tool for spiritual development is our ability to draw up Divine Wisdom in order to discern, evaluate and make right decisions.

Jesus warns us, "Judge not that ye may not be judged." (Matt. 7:1) When we judge others negatively, we experience the negative emotions that are already in our own consciousness.

Appearances have the tendency to distract us, but if we stay poised and centered toward spirit in faith, ideas will begin to flow that will guide us in carrying out the instructions of spirit that would lead to a successful completion.

It is our responsibility to see everything as "good and very good" regardless of appearances, for good is always present if we can discern it.

It is good to remember that even if we should make a so-called mistake, we need not despair because even that mistake must be regarded as a sign that we may need to change directions.

Decision making is a process. No matter how unclear or complicated things may appear, as soon as we still our minds towards spirit, an answer will come from God through our feeling nature and we will know without a doubt. This is often referred to as intuition. Intuition is a guidance system that never fails.

Remember, (James 1:5) "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

Namaskar and God bless you.

By: Rev. Joyce Anderson

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

The disciple is: James, Son of Zebedee
The spiritual idea is: Wisdom/Judgment
The color is: Yellow

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Spotlight on Ms. Jean Gardner

Some of the most spectacular people in the world can be found right here at the New York Center of Truth. The beauty of it is that they tread so silently. One such person is none other than Ms. Jean Gardner and I have had the privilege to become friends with her. It happened instantaneously. It was our first day for class and as she sat across the table from me our spirits met and we just gravitated towards each other. Jean always has such a pleasant smile on her face. About four weeks ago when the snow was falling quite hard I was thinking of getting a cup of soup from our neighborhood restaurant. However, because of the weather I shelved the idea. It was at this precise moment that Jean called me at the office and asked if I wanted some home-made "cow-beel" soup. Well, you would not know, but "cow-beel" soup is the only soup that this restaurant serves. Talk about there being "One Mind". Needless to say that she came through the snow and brought me the soup. Last week Monday when it was raining so heavily I received a call again from Jean to let me know she was coming over with some food. Well, this was Easter Monday and you know how people make a big spread for Easter. I had provision, callaloo, stewed chicken, stir-fried vegetables with chicken, rice, pone for dessert, gingerbeer and as if that was not sufficient, she told me that the following day she would not be around so she brought me a piece of home-made bread and a slice of fried fish for the Tuesday. I have listed these two instances to let you know what lengths Jean would go through to let you know you are special, but I am not the only recipient of her love. The Tuesday that she was not going to be around was because she had to get up at 5:00 AM to drive her neighbor to the hospital for an operation and she would be staying the entire day at the hospital until she could bring her neighbor back home. She and her sisters, Cora Sandy and Vicky St. Clair have teamed up with a school in Ghana, Africa. They travel to Africa every other year and take with them school supplies, clothing and other items for the children of the school. Every Christmas they ship toys and other gifts for the children. Jean is retired now but in her own words, she is working more now than when she had a job. She is seldom at home because she is constantly helping someone. **Jean, you are truly the love of God in expression and I am honored to be your friend.**

By: Kai Cousins

April Birthdays

Happy "Earth Day" and Congratulations to:

Pearline A. Blackwood
Maritza Bobb-White
Gaveston Cust
Elizabeth Fungkhee
Jean C. Gardner
Lola A. Phillip

Study to Show Yourselves Approved Unto God

Stumbling into New Thought Teaching has given me a new lease on life. I'd like to think that I stumbled into it, but the truth is that I got here by Divine Appointment. It happened unsuspectingly of course when a friend invited me to hear Les Brown speak at the New York Center of Truth and going there was the best decision I have made in my life.

I am simply amazed how things are being revealed to me. I love attending classes because there is so much information being shared by both teacher and students and it is comforting to know that others are having similar experiences. Attending classes is truly an enlightening and freeing experience. It is so wonderful to know that my outer manifestations are simply a result of my thinking so that in essence if I change my thoughts I would change what is manifested in my life. This is absolutely empowering to me. I encourage all who are reading this message to register immediately for the next set of classes which begins the week of April 18, 2005.

By: Kai Cousins

CLASS SCHEDULE

BASIC TRUTH PRINCIPLES I

Prerequisite: None
Texts: Alternatives (Fisher) and New Thought Christian (Warch)
Day & Times: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Teacher: Rev. Merle Hypolite
Credits: 3 credits (required)

An in-depth study of the basic principles espoused by the Johnnie Coleman Institute and all U.F.B.L. Churches and study groups.

BASIC TRUTH PRINCIPLES II

Prerequisite: Basic Truth I
Text: Lessons in Truth (Emilie Cady)
Day & Times: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Teacher: Rev. Joyce Anderson
Credits: 3 credits (required)

The continuation study of the basic truth principles.

BIBLE I

Prerequisite: Basic Truth I and II
Text: Wisdom for a Lifetime (Studebaker)
Day & Times: Thursday, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Teacher: Rev. Merle Hypolite
Credits: 3 credits (required)

This course is a powerful tool in the unfolding advancement of your spiritual life. It covers the Old and New Testament in its scope.

SELF DISCOVERY

Prerequisite: Basic Truth I and II
Text: What are You (Imelda Octavia Shanklin)
Day & Times: Thursday, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Teacher: Rev. Joyce Anderson
Credits: 3 credits (required)

Through this course you will learn how to let the Mind of God instruct you as to what you truly are.

RESTORING WHOLENESS

Prerequisite: None
Texts: How I Used Truth / God, a Present Help (Emilie Cady)
Day & Time: Saturday, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Teacher: Rev. Joyce Anderson
Credits: 2 credits (required)

If you believe that wholeness is possible, take this class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Better Living Classes will resume the week of April 18, 2005 and run through the week of June 20, 2005.

The Ushers and Greeters will be hosting their annual Luncheon on Sunday, May 1, 2005 from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, immediately following Sunday service at Catherine McAuley H.S. Dining Facilities. Tickets are \$25.00 (adults) and \$12.00 (children twelve and under).

The Spice of Life Group is sponsoring a Luncheon and Show "The Cactus Flower" on Saturday, June 18, 2005 at the fabulous Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ.

Ticket price is \$75.00 which includes transportation to and from New Jersey, show and lunch.

A Tithing Testimony

I have always been a tither, however I decided to stop tithing for a while to get caught up with my bills. No sooner had I done that, that I realized that my money was not going as far as it used to. I wondered, how could that be, since I had always had enough to share and spare. It was then that the answer came to me. I had forgotten the principle behind tithing and thought that I was doing it all on my own. I had forgotten who my true source is. Thank God that I am now back on track. As I reflect on my error in judgment I can truly say that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is the only source of my supply.

By: Olga Peters

A New Awakening

My experience on January 6 and 7, 2005 was a blessing in disguise. I feel God's gentle presence. It has steered me in the right direction. I am more aware of God and the precious light that illumines my way. I now focus on God in the Silence, affirming daily "God's gentle, loving presence uplifts and strengthens me in even the most stressful times". I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, flowers, visits and loving hugs. May God Bless each and every one of you.

By: Pat Fredericks

The Kingdom Within

The kingdom within is a place of Peace and Love,
At its gates stand two armed guards,
The guards of affirmation and denials.
Its streets are not paved with concrete or stone,
But a clear path that leads to the soul,
No loud voices are heard, but the "Still Small Voice",
Which though quiet, resounds loud and clear,
When we take time to hear.
Its table is not laden with fruits that are sold,
But with fruits of the Spirit,
All that is needed to arrive at this place is a moment
Of quiet contemplating upon Christ who is the King.
"Lo the kingdom of Heaven is within you!"

By Rev. Merle Hypolite