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SPIRITUAL ABUNDANCE

Jesus of Nazareth, more than all others, proved God's law of spiritual abundance. He knew this law as an integral element of God's creation, proclaiming man's right to limitless Spiritual Good. Jesus left no doubt that his own true nature was an unlimited expression of God's Spiritual Nature. This Spiritual Nature, this expression of God, is the Christ, Truth, that when understood breaks down all limitations. Christ, Truth could never lack anything – it reflects God's fullness; that is, all of God's ideas.

Jesus came to show us that our individual being is also Christ-like, Spiritual, and whole. We are sons and daughters of God. When we – like Jesus – hold fast to our individualized Christ-likeness, we'll discover the completeness, the abundance inherent in this identity, appearing in our lives.

To help do this, Jesus established spiritual priorities in his life and in ours, if we would follow him. He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." But Jesus was not concerned about material things. He knew that only spiritual treasures abound in an understanding of God and His kingdom. He knew that as our understanding of God grows, limitations of every sort disappear from our lives. Limitation results from seeking a matter-kingdom and a material sense of substance – seeking that which has no truth and no lasting value.

The world generally believes that abundance is something that comes from an outside source – something we get through a job or that's provided by family or is inherited. Jesus knew otherwise. He said, "The kingdom of God is cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here or lo there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17: 20-21). Godliness and its abundance are built into our real identity as God's Christ-like expression. Our true spiritual identity is unrestrictable. Most people believe they live in matter and are subject to matters' conditions. But learning that we really live in Spirit removes matter's restrictions and enriches our lives.

THE SUCCESSFUL GOOD SAMARITAN FOCUS

Expressing care and concern for our fellow man is not a new concept. Throughout all history and especially in Bible experiences, there are constant reminders and lessons told of assistance rendered to those in need. These needs have been addressed in a wide variety of ways – physical healings performed, food and supplies provided, spirits rejuvenated and lives transformed. Each act of meeting needs was the result of a prayer to God, a receptive heart, and high expectation of good results.

The physical settings where these special acts occurred were rarely given more than a passing reference in the literature. The important point in each case was meeting the current need in an appropriately effective and timely fashion. Many times these acts of healing, rejuvenation, and protection were accomplished in remote locations or in harsh environments – from the Lion's Den, the Fiery Furnace, the desert encampment, or prisons. The important part of the story was always the work itself and not the physical environment or circumstances.

The El Dorado Vista Mission and primary focus continue to be the healing work – through Spiritual Rejuvenation. The environment for successful healing is established through correct alignment of individual Spiritual Consciousness and the clear vision of the God-to Man relationship. Physical conditions and human circumstances rarely play a role in this healing process. In the healing ministry and in all Good Samaritan opportunities, the material resources

and appropriate nurturing environment should be expected and will thus naturally provide support for the works of kindness and for wide range healings of mind, spirit, and body. The shape or condition of the physical environment needed to support the good work and healing was often not defined nor deemed particularly important.

Thus, it is at El Dorado Vista, the healing ministry and the spiritual work are ends within themselves. The El Dorado Vista Mission is not dependent on a parcel of real estate or on buildings, equipment and supplies. Spiritual Focus is the exclusive heart of the matter.

While we all pray to clearly see the El Dorado Vista Mission, we should also be open to new and creative ideas about how to meet this Mission, how to appropriately support the work and how to structure the healing environment.

The pathway to best support Christian Science Nursing may take new direction to meet the needs of our community. We should be expectant that appropriate resources will be supplied to support or healing and nursing work, regardless of the physical environment. We place our full trust on God and He will provide both the lighted pathway and the appropriate resources for this vital healing mission.