

*Attitude*

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Paul wrote to the Philippians, "But one thing I do.

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to the things which are before, I press on to the goal unto

the price of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." I will

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before, I press on to the goal unto the price of the high calling  
of God in Christ Jesus."

It occurred to me that just at this period in our  
journey to the promised land which we know is right here now, it  
might be well to consider this attitude of mind which Paul adopted  
and whether it would be beneficial for us. About this time of year

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it is customary for us to take a new attitude. We make up our minds that we are going to turn over a new leaf with the new year,-- we are going to be better and better every day. This attitude of mind is something that we cultivate, and yet we don't cultivate it as successfully as we might because we are not scientific farmers. Now the mind, according to Jesus Christ is the soil in which thoughts

and words are planted, and the good farmer takes advantage of any new knowledge that comes. We have, in recent years, intensified farming. Our state institutions have departments devoted to farming. The latest science of farming is taught to young people there. It is considered one of the courses in the school. Now, if we could once appreciate the fact that our minds are like farms that we are

planting with certain seed thoughts, as Jesus said: "The seed is the word, the word of God." And we are planting these seed thoughts in our minds continually and they are producing a crop. But we are not all right up to date in our farming. We are not intensified farmers. We haven't taken advantage of the advanced ideas of mind culture. We are looking largely to the old ways. We haven't taken

this stand with Paul. We haven't forgotten the things which are behind, and we are not stretching forward to the new to any great extent. Some of us are, but not all. As I say, we need a few lessons in advanced mental culture. Now there is a culture of the mind which we could all adopt and transform ourselves, transform the world about us. It is, well in a few words, the idealism of Jesus Christ. If we would accept the truth as taught

by Jesus Christ, and plant our thoughts in that Truth, our minds would bring about a thousand-fold better than they are bringing forth, and the reason we do not produce this new crop, this new idealism which Jesus taught, is that we are loaded up with old thoughts, and we don't come quickly into the new. But there is a way to drop out of our minds all the old and realize that we are

living right in a new world every day, every moment. It is just a question of changing our minds, getting that realization that now I am in a new world, just to the extent that I believe in that new world. Einstein teaches that if the whole human family were thrown right out into space, where we had no means of counting time, that is the stars and the sun and the moon and

~~everything taken away so we couldn't estimate time, that a~~

million years, as we figure time now might pass, and we

wouldn't know it at all. That is what he said, that it would

seem that not even a moment had passed. That is, that we would

have no way of estimating time, but I think Einstein forgets that

time and all these conditions are in the mind. It wouldn't make

any difference. With our present culture, our present habit of

thought where we were if we got that idea of time we would figure

some way to estimate time. As Balzac said, if there wasn't a God,

man would invent one. So if with our present inventive ideas about

time and the relations of time, and the changes which time brings

to us, to our bodies, etc., it wouldn't make any difference where

we were, we would carry on this thought about the change. So it

brings us right back to the proposition that we must change our

minds about things. In other words, we must forget the old

conditions, forget the old ideas, and come into the new. In other

words, we must get a new concept of God. "But," you say, "I

don't want to change my ideas about God. God is unchangeable."

That is so, but you are changing your ideas about God every day.

You have a new interpretation of God, and if you get a better

understanding of Christ, you get a new Christ. So far as you

are concerned, you get a new Christ just the moment you get a

new idea about Christ. You change your mind, and the light

and the understanding of the Christ mind comes in a new way to

you, and so if you get a new idea about yourself, what you are as

a spiritual being, what you are as creative mind, why you are a changed being from that moment. Everything becomes new to you. So you can see that we have within us this power to make all things new. And we are doing it just to the extent that we spring to the proposition at hand, and that is that I am whatever I think I am. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Now, if

that be true, why shouldn't we have, not only every year, but every day a new God. The old God is all right, but he is a back number. The God I had yesterday isn't the same God I have today. If he is, he isn't serving me, because I ought to be growing; I ought to be getting a new concept of God, and today, so far as I am concerned, he is a new God, and my concept of myself

and my relation to God is new every day. Then I will grow and I will come into a new mind, and a new body. I will get a new lesson. Do you know that a great majority of us think that the old time religion was good enough for my father and my mother. They died under it, and it is good enough for me. Now that will hold you right back in that old time religion, and you will follow just

along the minds of your ancestors. You won't get any farther than they get. Now we know that the human race is doing things in a new way every day. We don't do a single thing hardly that we did twenty-five years ago in exactly the same way. You don't travel the same way; your house isn't heated the same way, you don't take a bath on Saturday night as you did twenty-five



years ago. You don't do a thing like you did. Fifty years

ago, it was considered a sin to have a bath-tub in the house.

That is a fact. I can show you the records for it. The first

bath-tub that was put in the city of Washington was put in

by a relative of mine in the White House. I always felt

proud of that ancestor. It was a good thing. That was in 1852,

Millard Fillmore put the first <sup>bath-</sup>tub in Washington, in the White House. And the first bath-tub that was ever installed in any house was in Cincinnati in the year 1850, I think it was. Before that we all bathed, if we bathed at all in the tub in the kitchen.

And it took place on Saturday night. Now I say, we have changed our ideas about those things, haven't we? We have come into a new

~~state of consciousness. So we are lighting our houses entirely~~

different from what we did a few years ago, and we are conducting ourselves in an entirely different manner in all ways. We don't drink, nor eat as we did. Why, statistics show that in the last eight years there is a falling off of about 40% in the consumption of meat. I say that progressive ideas are getting in our minds.

I can remember, not many years ago, that it was only poor people that couldn't have meat at least once a day, on the table, and we felt quite rich when we could have it three times a day, and it seemed to be essential to us, and as long as we believed that way, we had to have it. For twenty years I haven't taken a taste of meat, and I never expect to again. I have come into a

new state of consciousness about eating, and I used to think it was all right to take a drink now and then, and sometimes more than now and then, but I have changed my mind about that. I remember a story I heard about a temperance lecturer trying to illustrate and show that even the animals knew more than man in the matter of eating and drinking. Why, he said, if I had a

donkey here and had a pail of water and a pail of beer, which would the donkey choose, the water or the beer? And a voice in the audience said, "Why, of course, he would choose the water." He said, "Why would he choose the water?" The man said, "You would beat him to the beer." That was considered legitimate, don't you see before the Volsted Act was put into execution. We thought it was all right to drink, and we all drank. It was all right I suppose,

so long as we believed that way. It didn't always work out

all right.

And so you will find we are doing things in a different way.

Every day we are changing our ideals, and it might be well for us

to think about changing our ideas of our religion. As I say, we

have changed our ideas of everything else, but our religion, and

people think it is a sin really to depart from the traditional

religion, the religion that has been taught to us, and somehow

it is ingrained in our brain cells, and it runs in the same old

rut. We sing the same old hymns, and read the same old scriptures

with the same old meaning, and we never get anywhere. It would

be good for us if we never had any religion if it is going to

bind us to the old concept of religion. I am not going to break away from the fundamentals of religion, because I know they are correct and true, but I want a new concept; I want a new angle. I want to see my religion in a little different light every day. I want to go forward, and I find that the only way to get a move on myself is to let go of the old, just make up my

mind, well now I am <sup>not</sup> going to think about God today as I did yesterday; I am going to think about Christ, because I want a light, I want to go forward with these children of Israel, and I want to get into the kingdom of heaven. It is a new kingdom. Behold I make all things new. The old heaven and the old earth will pass away, and there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

Everything will be made new, but not so long as people hang on to the old ways of thinking, and the old ways of worshipping God. Why, I think every day, I wish I could get a new way of singing, and a new way of preaching and a new way of praying, everything new, new, new. And yet I find myself just automatically almost dropping into the old way of doing things, telling the same old

stories, and going over the same old rigmarole. That is a habit of mind. We must break up the old mental habits, and when we break them up, there comes a new consciousness and all at once things blaze forth in a new color. I can see we are a race of infinite possibility. All is ours. Everything belongs to us. We don't claim it, and the reason we don't claim it is that we

are taught in the old ways of thinking. The old ways of thinking will make us do things in the old way. Well, let us begin today, this moment, to do things in a new way. Believe in the new; practice the new; live in a new world right now. We find that as we drop out of the old ways of healing or of demonstrating happiness, and harmony, and not only health, but in our finances,

and come into the new concept of God as a certain omnipresent substance, and by thinking of that substance and incorporating it in our minds and it gets into our affairs, why it changes the whole aspect of life from the financial viewpoint. So with health. We find that the matter of health, in our minds, we can change the mind until the new health stands. It don't have to

stand upon external things. Nearly everything can be moved

upon by our minds, we find, and how are you looking at things?

How are you viewing the world about you? Through your own mind --

remember that. Everything you see is through your mind, and by

changing your mind you change the appearance of the world without.

Now you have all had these experiences, and you find that just to

the extent that you apply this change of mind do you get results.

Suppose we all resolve now to change our minds and have a

new mind, a completely new mind/<sup>not</sup>during the next year, but right now.

Begin now to make this affirmation that all things are now new.

Like the little girl said to the man who asked, "How old are you?"

And she said, "I aint old at all; I am new." Think about yourself

as being new, new, new. If we think we are old, we are bound to



~~those old things. We carry along with us that old state of mind.~~

Don't let that stop you for a moment. Say, I am new, I am a new creature in Christ Jesus. Jesus was the most progressive man that ever lived. He did away with all the limitations and he said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, and you will do these things and greater." What did that mean? It is

the promise that we could do everything that he did and greater things than he did. "When are we going to get busy in this new and greater realm of things? Why, it was right then, two thousand years ago nearly, and it is right now. It wouldn't be any more in the future than it is right now. Now is the accepted time, but I would like to have all of you people here

~~tell us about your demonstrations of this law that you are~~

learning, that you are letting go of the old way, the old limitations, and coming into the possibilities of yourself in relation to the omnipresent principle of being, God, and what your experiences have been. Now we are going to ask you to tell us in just a few words what you have demonstrated in this new mind, which is the new mind in Christ Jesus.

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I think it would be well for us all to resolve that we will now enter into the consciousness of the new mind in Christ that mind that sees the absolute perfection of man, the mind that realizes that I am now the child of God, that I am even the Son of God. God has given me all possibility, and I can, through my appreciation of the omnipresent Spirit of God arrive instantly

~~now at my highest ideal. Now don't worry about its taking~~

time to work out that which you know to be true of you right now.

People say, well you are getting better aren't you? You say,

"Oh, yes, I hope I am." Don't say that. Say, I am. I am now

that which I desire to be, and that will shorten up the process

immensely. You have no idea how the affirmation and taking the

stand in your mind that all things are now consummated, now fulfilled -- you have no idea how that will quicken the very ethers about you and bring about a quick result. While if you keep putting it off and thinking I am getting a little better -- that is one of the things that I would object to in the system of Couie. He says, "I am growing better." You will keep on growing better, but if

~~you say, I am better, and not only better but well now, that would~~

put the quietus upon all this progressive process. We are not progressive. We are. Let the progressive law take care of itself.

Take your stand in the new perfection of God and man, and as I say, you will shorten up all the processes, you will bring the kingdom of God into action and set up that kingdom right here now in a day, while it might take ten thousand years by the progressive

law.

MRS. PALMER:

I trust that every one here this evening is ready and willing to let go of all limitation, of all ideas of lack, of all sense of death, of all distrust, of all fear and doubt, and enter into a consciousness of abundance, a new consciousness. And as we bless our offering this evening, let us realize that all things

are now new, that I am now one with almightiness, and I open my heart and mind to receive new ideas of abundance from the everywhere present substance of Spirit, and that this abundance is flowing to me and through me as I speak the word of blessing, and that this symbol is no longer just what it seems to be but it is redeemed through the spoken word of the Son of God. It is increased

and multiplied now. Let us speak this word, "Divine Love through me multiplies you."

As we continue to bless this offering, let us sing,

"I am thy child of health;

I am thy heir of wealth;

All thine is mine.

Joy and prosperity

Are ever mine in thee,

Wisdom and harmony

And Love Divine.

Father we thank thee for the consciousness of  
abundance, an increasing abundance to meet every demand now  
manifest through Jesus Christ.

MR. FILLMORE:

Let us now realize that we are in the presence of God,  
the Spirit, and Christ the Son of God, God's idea of man and the

universe. Those are always present; they are right here now.  
We have within us that divine spark which is God. Let us realize  
these fundamental truths and through that realization and the  
statement of this truth we shall come into a new life, a new  
life and perfection. Now this has been formulated in the statement  
that people are holding all over the world at this hour. That

statement is that Jesus Christ is now here restoring me to the purity of the inner life, and the Son of man is lifted up and healed. The Son of Man is my consciousness of man. The Son of God is the Christ or perfect man, but that son is in this consciousness of perfection. Now when we accept this statement of the Christ, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the

world, the end of this old thought of the world that passes away, we come into a new consciousness of man and the world. Let us in concert make that statement for ourselves. "Jesus Christ is now here, restoring me to the purity of the inner life, and the Son of Man is lifted up and healed." Let us repeat it for us all, using "Us". Repeated. Let us repeat it for each other.

The prosperity statement is, "Jesus Christ is now here raising me to his consciousness of the inner life, and I have the more abundant life and prosperity." His promise was that we should have life and more abundant life. Now we find that life and success go hand in hand. If we can realize a larger life and have more energy and more capacity why our prosperity is sure.

So that has been put in this word, that Jesus Christ is now here, raising me to his consciousness of the inner life, and I have more abundant life and prosperity. Let us make that affirmation together. Repeated. Let us speak it for all. Repeated. Now in the silence realize the presence and power and ask the Father in Spirit to make that inner life, that abundant life, that prosperity life manifest in everybody that you want it to be manifest in.



~~Ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you.~~

We thank thee Father for the healing power of the Lord  
Jesus Christ, who is with us now. We have come into a new consciousness  
of thy life, that life within us, that life producing in us a fuller  
measure of health and prosperity.