

December's Theme

The Gifts of Spirit

Today's Lesson:

What's In It For Me?

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What's In It For Me?

People the world over have uttered this question in one form or another as they decided whether or not to get involved with something or someone:

What's in it for me?

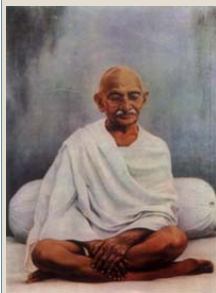
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When we look at the question it seems simple enough on the surface. Yet, when we look at it with spiritual eyes we see that has a tone of fear, fear of the unknown, fear of the "what if", fear of not getting back what we put into the relationship.

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To break the cycle of fear takes a shift in consciousness. One that involves changing how we see the world and our place in it.
Do you live your life as a child of God and heir to the kingdom?
Do you embrace with all your heart, mind and soul the principles that govern the universe and everything in it?

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As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world - that is the myth of the atomic age - as in being able to remake ourselves. Be the change that you want to see in the world. -Gandhi

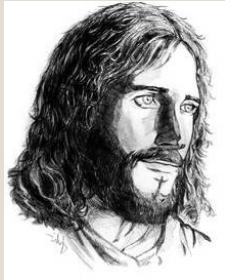
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Having studied the writings and sayings of the master teachers I have come to realize that the answer to the question "*What's in it for me?*" is...

Everything!

Jesus put it this way...

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*Be of good cheer. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. He knows your needs before you even ask.
-Jesus*

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One of the great metaphysical minds of our lifetime is that of Joel Goldsmith. In his book, The Master Speaks, he writes...

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God, being infinite wisdom and divine love, knows our every need, and because the nature of God is to fulfill Itself as our individual unfoldment, God does all things needful without our even being aware of what we need, want, or desire, or where we should be.

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*What's in it for me? Everything, because God in you, as the living Christ Spirit, has given you all that you need so that you may claim your portion of the kingdom.
Affirm daily: Since God and I are one, I am divinely guided to express the kingdom of divine love, perfection, harmony, and good will toward all.*

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St. Paul claimed that it is the Christ in us that is our hope of glory.

Joel writes in his book, Man Was Not Born To Cry, that each human has the divine potential and influence upon the world. In fact, the course of history has often been altered by one person.

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Unity teaches: *The greatest discovery is want we find when we unveil the sacred in our lives. As we learn to go within, to practice the spiritual principles by putting them to work in our daily lives and affairs we soon discover the transformative wonders that take place on our hearts, minds, and lives.*

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The process does not have to be a hard one. Following seven simple steps will help us establish a foundation for our transformation:

Start easy.

Decide how long you're going to commit to the project then stick to it.

Make no exception or excuses.

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Look, learn, re-evaluate.

Be gentle and forgiving.

Start again.

Enjoy the process, you're not alone.

You have everything you need to transcend and transform anything in your life. You stand in the very mist of heaven itself.

When we look the world religions we find:

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From Jesus we have: *The kingdom of heaven is within you;*

From Mohammad: *Those who know themselves know their Lord;*

From Judaism: *He is in all, and all is in Him;*

From Confucianism: *Those who know completely their own nature, know heaven.*

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From Buddhism: *Look within, you are the Buddha.*

Our focus here at Unity of Bakersfield in 2011 will be learning and applying the principles so that we can realize what it's like to

Live A Bit of Heaven In 2011

Happy New Year!