

The Search for Abundance

MUSIC: Liquid Mind - Liquid Mind IV: Unity

Reflection:

So often, we go through our days knowing we need something more, but not knowing what it is. We are hungry and fill ourselves with things that leave us empty. There is hope for us because the spiritual food we need is found within us, in the quiet that allows us to receive what is already ours. Together, we give each other the courage to make the journey inward to find abundance within our hearts.



Our prayer is characterized
by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

Thank You For Joining Us!

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To Ponder: *Testament of Devotion*
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Meister Eckhart wrote, "As thou art in church or cell, that same frame of mind carry out into the world, into its turmoil and its fitfulness." Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-worn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself. Yielding to these persuasions, committing ourselves in body and soul...to the Light Within, is the beginning of true life. It is a dynamic center, a creative Life that presses to birth within us. It is a Light Within which illumines the face of God... Here is the slumbering Christ, stirring to be awakened, to become the soul we clothe in earthly form and action. And He is within us all.



Reading: *Psalm 107, lines 1-9, adapted*

"Give thanks to the Lord, for Love is good,
For Kindness endures with us forever!"

These are the words, whispers and songs
in the tender hearts of those Who have seen this Love
and have been redeemed from the hate of this world.

We are many, from every place, yet of one Source:
the East, the West, the North and the South,
we who have been touched by Love's kind hand.

We went away from our Lover's hand
and were lost in a wilderness of separation,
in the desert of buying and selling,
of consuming without thought of another's suffering.

We went in search of an abundance that we could never find.
In our broken hearts, we were hungry and thirsty for You.

Our lives were wasting away within us,
and you cried in our depths,
so that we could hear the sweetest memory of ourselves as One.
You found us and led us by a direct way to reach our Home,
together.

You satisfied our longing, and filled our hungry souls
with the richness of Your creation:
the Earth and all its beauty
the comfort of friends around a fire in the darkness,
a song in our hearts forever.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...