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ON TEMPTATION

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And what of temptations? Are you finding them more difficult to deal with these days? Do they seem to be coming from strange quarters, attacking you unexpectedly and more persistently than in the past? Of course! Did we not tell you this would be so?

What is temptation? From whence does it come? Why should we pray to our loving heavenly Father to "lead us not into temptation"? Can it be Me who spurs us to ignore the dictates of our conscience? Do His tests for us include deliberately trying to make us stumble? Knowing God as the Father of love and wisdom, one would think that His temptations would be to entice us in the direction of good. Why, then, ask Him not to lead us thus? What is temptation?

Jesus was tempted by Satan. It is reasonable to assume that Satan's temptation would lead to evil consequences and thus be against God's will. It would seem more logical, then, to pray to Satan not to lead us into temptation. But we do not want such communication. We pray only to God, our true Father. Is it that we don't want to be tried, to have our love and obedience tested? On the contrary, how else will we reach God?

Temptation is that which causes us to remove our eye from our objective. There are many such on the path of restoration. Where the eye goes, the will is inclined to follow.

If, in your endeavor to be a good teacher, you dwell overlong on method, will you not tend to forget your goal of establishing God's kingdom on earth?

If, in your zeal to proclaim your joy, you overlook the level of understanding of your audience, are you not being tempted by your God-given joy?

If, in your eagerness to tread the path of righteousness, you fail to help another along that path, are you not being blinded by your own ambition for God?

If, in your earnestness to exhibit love, you allow evil to enter your environment, are you not being tempted away from Love?

A man climbed a very high mountain. One more step and he would be at the summit. He paused -- to wave to friends below, to admire the breathtaking view, to make sure someone was watching his success, to see how far he had come. And he fell into a hole.

Where is your eye?

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I wish you to know the following:

There is no room in the Kingdom for pride. It will be rooted out wherever it hides, and exposed for the evil it is.

It has become commonplace for you to assume that the messages are meant for someone else. You read them and think, "That certainly applies to my brother," or "My sister should hear this." Understand well! It is you we are talking about! Whatever your position or your tenure, you are not exempt!

Do not presume that your position of responsibility places you higher in the perfection stage than one who has not yet assumed such responsibility. You may have totally different missions. We do not pass our medals for goodness, or obedience, or proper use of your talents. You are supposed to be good and obedient and use your talents for God! We do not add stars to your crown for doing what you should do in the first place.

But we will not support one who exalts himself, who fails the tests of love, understanding, helpfulness, sensitivity, or humility, Nor will we support one who cavorts with evil. Evil is anything which separates you from the love and wisdom of our Father.

Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

On Wisdom and the Judgment

Mary Fleming

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Wisdom is the second judgment of the stage of perfection. Without wisdom, the knowledge of the Word is valueless. One can know that give and take action requires a common base for reciprocation, but unless one uses wisdom in the operation of this knowledge, the knowledge itself is of no benefit.

What is wisdom? Is it instinctive knowledge? Partly, but where have your instincts been trained? You have been living all your lives in the satanic world where it is instinctual to be concerned about your survival. This survival may not have been as concerned with the material as with, for instance, the survival of your ego. Nevertheless, it is still survival, and still instinct.

Is wisdom, then intuitive? In part, but intuition depends on the clarity of your conscience. Can you truly say that your conscience is so clear that you can distinguish the level of the spiritual guidance given you on the basis of intuition alone? Not from what we have seen!

Then is wisdom entirely rational and concerned with reason and judgment? No, not entirely, but without the exercise of your reason and judgment, your instinct and intuition will lead you astray.

Man must use both spirit and truth in exercising wisdom. Wisdom is both spirit and truth, as man in the flesh is both spirit and body. The two cannot be separated, and woe comes to the man who tries!

There is a channel through the mouth of San Francisco Bay, It is difficult for a mariner to locate, and difficult to navigate once located. In order for ships to pass through this channel safely, three lights have been set up at some distance apart. The navigator must get his ship in line with all three lights, so that they appear to him as one light. If he can see three separate lights, he will not be in the proper channel, and may go aground. Call these lights, 'instinct, ' 'intuition, ' and 'reason'. All three must appear as one before you can guide yourself -- or anyone else -- safely through the treacherous waters of the Perfection Stage. If, at any time, these lights are separated so that you can see them distinctly as individual lights, know that you are in danger of foundering, of being swept by tides, of hitting hidden reefs, of crashing into another ship, or of finding yourself on the rocks and sand of the shore, there to be torn apart by the waves which once meant your shelter.

You have been warned to be as wise as the serpent in these last days. Yet you fail to guard yourself from the very things we have stressed. This is not wisdom! You know that the weak ones will be in severest jeopardy, and yet you seem to feel that this does not -- cannot -- apply to you. This is pride of the worst kind, and will not be tolerated! You will fall to disaster if you continue, and you will have none to blame but yourself!

Must we speak to you again as infants? Very well. Let us tell you what we see.

Who controls you? Are you in complete control of yourself at all times, or do you allow yourself to be used by any spirit who happens into your atmosphere? How often do you have to be

told you are not yet capable of judging? You must not allow spirit possession! If you cannot control yourself, you are in no position to control anything else, and are not fit to be called 'Lord'. If you do not use reason in conjunction with your spiritual guidance, you are not using wisdom, and you will be swept by the tides of your own emotionalism into the rocks of Satan.

What about the methods used to discourage the intrusion of low spirits? Do you allow time in your busyness to consult with your Father? Do you listen to Him as well as confide your sentiments? If not, how can you expect to maintain a high spiritual atmosphere? Do you heed the voices of His chosen representatives in humbleness? Do you regard yourself as His chosen representative, and weigh carefully your words and actions in the light of His wisdom? If not, you are in danger of leading others astray, and your restitution will be terrible!

Do you keep yourself and your surroundings in purity and cleanliness? Satan abounds in the confusion of a cluttered mind and a cluttered house. The latter is indicative of the former. You stand exposed by your own lack of concern and organization.

Most of all, do you exhibit pride, self-righteousness, lack of humility? If you are guilty of any of the foregoing, you are prideful! There is none so great he cannot learn from others; none so high, he can afford to look down on his brothers and sisters.

The time of your judgment has come! You are being judged on wisdom, and true wisdom is rational and loving. There is no grey in the kingdom of heaven. All must be brought into the light of Love and Truth. Only Satan is subtle! If you cannot be honest, you do not belong. This does not rule out tact, for tact is love. Judgment is separation of good and evil. Are you a sheep or a goat?

If you allow yourself to be presumed upon, you are a goat. If you allow the forces of darkness to enter your house, you are a goat. If you cannot deal honestly with evil, you are a goat. If you cannot admit you have been a goat, you will ever be a goat.

It is our Father who can help you to become a sheep. But the choice is yours. Are you wise?

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Jim Fleming

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Divine Principle teaches that God never forces His will on anyone. He seeks, He asks, He leads, but never, never forces. The Divine Principles were set up as perfect laws by which man could find God, with God's calling and assistance.

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Love. The Love spirit never insists on its own way, is never proud or puffed up, never seeks to set itself above or exalt itself.

It is the old story of the familiar spirit that seeks to insert itself and impose its will on whomever will permit.

The choice is ours -- the familiar spirit or the Spirit of Love.

Shame, Guilt, and Pride

Mary Fleming

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Shame is a satanic quality received from Adam and Eve. It is a mistake to assume that the only shame referred to is concerned with nakedness of the physical body.

Are you not ashamed of other things from time to time -- actions, feelings and thoughts? Are you not ashamed of yourself when you exhibit childishness, give in to temptation, display temper or truculence, possessiveness or indifference? Is this type of shame not nakedness of the spirit? It is this shame which is the more damaging. Your spirit is always in view. Your thought is not hidden to the many spirits around you. It cannot be cloaked in a robe or a smile.

To feel shame is not wholly evil for, without such feeling, repentance is impossible. But true repentance is not an outer performance -- the donning of sackcloth and ashes, the act of the confessional, the verbal apology. True repentance is the firm determination never to repeat an error. It is the objective examination of a situation or reaction with a view to determining its substance and meaning, in order to react properly in the future. Used in this fashion, shame is healthy and wise.

But it should not be dwelt upon, for then it becomes guilt. Guilt is self-accusation, and makes a base for satanic operation. It is virtually an invitation for give and take with Satan. Rid yourself of self-imposed guilt, and you tighten the bonds of Satan.

But be cautious! The reverse of this shame-guilt coin is pride! If you, having truly repented of your errors, feel scorn for one who has not yet learned from his mistakes, you are being prideful. This again is an open invitation for satanic invasion. You may attempt to pass along your hard-earned wisdom, but in the last analysis, each man must walk alone. Better you let him do so, than risk passing along the coin of shame to him.

It is not lack of humility when you view your talents honestly, and consider where best they might be used to the glory of God. But if you deem those talents to be self-endowed, greater than another's; if you feel that only you can accomplish, that your way is the only way; if you view others as not as wise or capable in their fields as you; then this is pride.

Have you noticed that the only things about which you feel shame are those things in which you once had pride? You have simply flipped the coin given you by Satan. The only person who is ashamed of forgetting details is the one who once took pride in his memory. The only one who feels shame at being unable to break a bad habit is one who has taken pride in his strength of will. And the reverse! Pride comes only after the sense of shame has been lost. Only those who have been weak feel pride in their strength. Pride in wealth follows shame at poverty.

This is the coin of Satan's realm. When you are wise, you will refuse to accept it. You will know that all glory belongs to God, and that your way is with Him. You will see your mistakes, and those of others, as stepping stones instead of roadblocks. And you will use them to rise higher, instead of regarding them as wailing walls. Our Father waits only to have you join Him in love. This alone should be your pride.

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News from Eugene, Oregon

Dear Family,

David Bridges

I feel very happy at having an opportunity to speak through this bulletin to the other members of our family. As for myself, I was first led to the Portland family by Vernon Pearson, and Mrs. Eileen Welch lectured the Principles to me. Eater, Mrs. Esther Carroll took over this job and through her guidance, I became one of the family on May 1st of this year.

Recently I have had the privilege to be able to visit the families in San Francisco and Los Angeles. During my stay in San Francisco, it was suggested to me that I write a short summary of the activities here in the Northwest.

During the past few months, there has been quite a wave of expansion. Mrs. Eileen Welch completed her mission in Salt Lake City this summer, where there are now four families dedicated to our Master, and now Eileen has moved to Chicago, Illinois. At the same time Gerald Johnson left his job in Portland and went to Chicago to work and support Eileen. Early this fall, the work was re-established in Eugene, Oregon by myself, with the aid of Mr. Kim, without whom this would not have been possible. Presently, we have a four bedroom house in Eugene in which Mr. Kim and I stay and where lectures on the Principles are held. I might mention that Mrs. Chung-Hi Hall, who was previously in Salem, Oregon, was a great blessing to us as she donated all of her furniture to the Eugene Chapel. Without this assistance, Mr. Kim and I would hardly have chairs to sit in.

About one month ago, Vernon Pearson left his job in Portland and has now established a Chapel in Boise, Idaho. He will also be able to work in Montana where a great deal of witnessing has

already been done so that there is a great need for someone to follow-up on the previous contacts. Finally, just this past week, Mrs. Chung-Hi Hall arrived in Cheyenne, Wyoming to begin witnessing there.

Thus the work is now firmly established in the cities of St. Helens, Portland, and Eugene in Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Salt Lake City, Utah; Chicago, Illinois; Boise, Idaho; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. In addition to this, there has been, since October 1963, regular radio broadcasting on every first and third Sunday of the month.

In conclusion, I wish to send my love to all the members of our family all over the world. I pray that the time will come quickly when we can all be completely united under the leadership of our beloved Master. For now, may God bless and multiply this work. In His Name, David.

News from Washington, D. C.

Dear Family in His Name,

Mr. Myrtle Hurd

Our group has begun to grow and we have some wonderful young people studying. Due to the zealous efforts of Mr. Rhee, we have Joe Badra and Barbara Mikesele. They are two young people with great potential. Mr. Rhee has paid much indemnity in many ways. It has at last begun to return as blessings to his work. Joe Badra is relatively new as a member, but his dedication puts us older ones to shame. Mr. Rhee stops by his store to see him often and always finds him either studying the principles or preaching to one of his customers. Joe and Barbara are moving into the Fellowship House today. That may be only the beginning of a lot of young people to fill that house. Please pray for it. We want some more who will realize it is a blessing, not a sacrifice; a privilege, not a burden and their reward will be returned "manifold in this present time and time to come", Luke 15-29,

In this day of universal religion, all are teachers and missionaries according to their capacities. They will teach for love and joy and not for livelihood. No longer is there room or need for ritual. People will gradually realize that. It may seem slow now, but this is the end of an era and people are tired of a lot of things. God is the only hope for this world.

We are so eager for our Leader's visit, Saturday I made some draperies for the dining room and kitchen at the Fellowship House. It was la', when I finished and my eyes and arms were tired, but I was so happy to be spending my Saturday afternoon doing something for the Kingdom - even in a small material way. It gives me the most complete satisfaction of anything I do. Love, In His Name, Mrs. Hurd.

Burlingame, California

JAMES HOMER FLEMING

On December 6, 1964, Homer Fleming passed from the physical plane into the spiritual realm at Bethany Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. He is the first follower of the Divine Principle to enter the spirit realm from the United States.

For Mary and me this was a very profound experience which I am loath to even attempt to place down on paper because I cannot possibly convey the depth of this experience. In a previous letter, Mary conveyed some of the experiences and discoveries of the first week we spent in Kansas. At the beginning of our second week there, we stepped aside from much of our physical ministering and allowed the spirit realm to "take over" as Mary had received they would do. This physical release came as a particularly 'wrenching' experience for me. In the past year of Divine Principle give and take with my Dad we had been drawn very close, as are brothers of our common Father. Love can have a blinding effect when experienced by an immature child, which I am, and for a short time I was blinded by my love for my brother (my father), and by concern for his physical and spiritual well being.

Once we released him, however, a subtle change took place and he seemed to slip more easily from the physical to the spiritual realm. At the end of the second week my sisters and brother elected to return to their respective homes and jobs. Mary and I took them to their buses and airplanes and returned immediately to the hospital. As soon as we arrived at the bedside (within 15 minutes of the departure of the rest of the family), it became obvious to me that the transition was about to take place. Mary and I stood quietly by, praying. I became aware of a heightening of the spiritual atmosphere to a tremendous level and sensed the presence of the Master and Jesus in an area to my left that was open beside the bed at my dad's right. I quietly asked Mary if anyone was in the room with us and in a moment, she nodded to the area described and said that the Master and Jesus were there. Moments later the transition quietly took place. It was as though the event was held off until the rest of the family had left.

Returning to Bonner Springs in the car, Mary reported that dad was present with a whole host of spirits and they were singing a hymn but the only words she could get were, "He lives! He lives!" When we got home I asked my aunt about the hymn and she found it in an old hymnal and said they often sang it.

I cannot possibly express my gratitude to our Master and Mrs. Kim for our knowledge of the Divine Principle and the privilege of sharing it with my father before his transition. Let us all pray and work for the enlightenment of all souls in this lifetime and hasten the day of Our Father's World. Jim Fleming, Burlingame, 1-16-65.

News from Tampa, Florida

Dear Family,

Rebecca Boyd

Since Tom Robinson of Los Angeles Family joined me here the end of November, we have been very busy witnessing and have at last been able to begin regular Monday meetings. Hence the long silence from the Tampa Center.

We have been intensifying the work on the university campuses and have been receiving some positive response and much curious attention. We find that there are considerable spiritual phenomena occurring among students. I am sure this is very widespread throughout the country. Unfortunately, such things are not understood and are therefore kept very quiet; so we are relying on word of mouth to bring us all together.

Recently Tom also discovered a small local group who have been receiving revelation about a tremendous event due to occur in Tampa in the next few months. For this reason, many people have been spiritually led to Tampa from various parts of the U.S. Applying Principle to their revelations certainly makes Chapter Seven on Resurrection take on a new reality! It also adds several dimensions to our responsibility in unifying lords to their Master. I am impressed more and more with some of Mrs. Kim's words in an old Newsletter: "The truth stands out in all its brightness when it is presented humbly." (I know that's not a direct quotation) We are so much more useful to Father when He can shine through us clearly - without obstructions of pride. Then He can really speak to His lost children through us.

So, as you can see, the spirit world is preparing for coming events even in faraway (physically) Florida - and we are so much with you in love and prayers as we each also prepare for this wonderful, unbelievable time. In His Name, Rebecca and Tom

A Testimony from Boise, Idaho

Vernon Pearson

My Search for God and How I Found Him

I would like to relate some of my experiences which relate to my finding this wonderful message. For me, the Divine Principles are great truths which have opened doors that lead to a better way of life, or perhaps I should say to The more excellent way of life.

I am thirty-four years old and I was born in Portland, Oregon. I have spent most of my life in Warren, Oregon which is a small farming community twenty-five miles north of Portland. I began my search for God and spiritual truth when I was eleven or twelve years old. I was raised in a Lutheran church and was very faithful in attending Sunday school and church until I started high school, at which time I lost interest in church. I was searching for a closer understanding with God which the Lutheran Church could now offer me. During my high school days there was little harmony between my father and mother; consequently I felt a lack of love and security.

My search for God continued, and I shed many tears of frustration and repentance trying to find Him. To really find God became the motivation of my life. The scripture "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you" kept coming to my mind.

In the summer of 1950, during Billy Graham's Portland Crusade, I attended many of his meetings. He spoke with great fervor and a thundering voice, warning of the coming judgment. At his last meeting he spoke of the days of Sodom and Gomorrah in relation to the twentieth century judgment which will come to America if we, as a nation, do not repent and turn to God. In closing the meeting he asked those who needed God to raise their hand for prayer. I raised my hand and I went forward to accept Christ in the best way I knew how. I believe that there must have been at least five hundred who went forward that day. There was a great hush over the audience and God's spirit spoke to many in this crowd of twenty-four or twenty-five thousand people. I believe that this crusade was the peak, spiritually, for the people of Portland. People were talking about God in schools, factories, and on the

streets. Since 1950, the spiritual life of the city has been declining. The only hope for America is through an acceptance of the true message of the Second Advent in the hearts and minds of the people,

In the orthodox teachings, I was told that the earth would be destroyed by fire and that there is a literal hell of fire for those who are outside of Christ. This did not seem logical to me. I wondered how God could destroy such a beautiful creation and I wondered how He could send people who had never heard of Jesus Christ: to a hell of fire. I did not realize that in two or three years I would find the answers to these and many other questions.

About this time I began to learn about the spirit world from a Christian lady who was like a second mother to me. She told me that she sometimes could see the spirits. (Later this helped me to understand the true meaning of resurrection.) This wonderful lady told me that sometimes she would see beautiful angels. A few months before her death she told me she felt that God was keeping her on the earth for some special purpose. I sincerely believe that God used this Christian lady to prepare my heart to receive the Divine Principles. This lady, Mrs. Marie Nelson, died about six months before I found the Principles.

I first came into contact with the Principles through a man named John Schmidli, who is the owner of a motel near St. Helens, Oregon. Later, on the fortieth birthday of our Master, his house became the first officially dedicated chapel in the United States. It is the United Chapel of St. Helens.

One evening I stopped by his motel. He was very much excited about a man he had met in a Portland church. John said that this man was spiritually a very great man, - even greater than Billy Graham. John also said that this man had told him that the Garden of Eden was going to be restored, (I was later to find that God is restoring the original sinless condition of mankind, not the physical restoration of the original Garden of Eden.) I must admit I was very skeptical, but I was also very curious. I decided I would like to meet this man, I was wondering what kind of a man John had found and what strange religion he believed.

The first time I saw Mr. Kim I was surprised. My spirit sensed that he really had something, but I was also somewhat afraid. I had been indoctrinated through the Orthodox Church to beware of false prophets. (Since coming to an understanding of this message I know that most of the religious leaders in the Orthodox churches will be the false prophets because they will be alienating God's chosen saints from following this message.) Mr. Kim told me that God is restoring the number 4 foundation and that God would not accept a single man or woman into the number one Kingdom of Heaven. How strange this seemed to my own way of thinking. I became confused because my mind was clouded with the orthodox teachings. Often I would disagree with what he told me. But although I would sometimes disagree, I was very impressed with his excellent Bible background.

Mr. Kim was patient, sincere, and he always manifested God's love. He was firm and unchangeable. At times it was necessary for him to chastise me because Satan would try to invade my mind with doubt and fear.

I believe that the easiest portion of the Principles for me to accept was the failure of John the Baptist in his mission. This made the mission of Jesus Christ logical for me. I also found the "Fall of Man" to be logical, although it was a revolutionary truth. Mr. Kim urged me to study the Divine Principles at least three times. I had doubts about certain truths, but as I read and studied the Principles, new truths were revealed to me. Sometimes my heart would thrill to this new truth as I could digest it. What a wonderful plan God has for His children.

As I continued studying the Principles, everything began to fall into place. I struggled with some parts of the Principles - especially the fact that Jesus of Nazareth was not coming back to earth and that the fire judgment means word judgment.

As I look back, I thank God for His great mercy in choosing a wretch like myself, and for having the patience to not let me go.

Despite the opposition I have received from many Christians, I still feel compelled to win them. Many Christians are narrow minded, lack a true loving heart, and some are even hypocrites; but still there are God's loving children within the orthodox church who want a closer walk with their Creator.

I was once told how our beloved Master's heart was sad because the words of the New Testament will prevent the Christians from accepting this new truth. This is a remarkable parallel to Jesus' day when the Jewish people held to the literal word of the Old Testament, even when Jesus announced His Messiahship.

I especially remember one dream that I had about our Master, I was in a park with a group of people who were listening to Master. Suddenly He looked at me with compassion. I

will never forget His sacred eyes which shined with understanding and love. Only the true Son of God could manifest Himself in this way. His **look** seemed to go into my very being, and He surely could see what was good and what was bad in my heart.

Before coming to the Principles and the truth of our Master, I felt that my life was destined to be full of struggle and frustration. Now I know that some of life's richest blessings are promised to me.

I am thankful that God has sent Mr. Kim to America, and I am grateful to have found this "jewel" of incalculable price.

In spite of the struggle to keep out of Satan's accusation, I feel God's love. I also feel new confidence and hope. I know that I have the hope of becoming a new creature in Christ in the truest sense of the word. I also have the opportunity of helping others find the way by showing them a loving heart and telling them of the More Excellent Way to life through our Beloved Master and the Heavenly Father. Vernon Pearson, Boise, Idaho.

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