

April 2, 2020 – Thursday Devotion

Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC

Wasting Time Complaining



Social media provides many personalities and situations. I remember when I first signed up with Facebook, I wanted to see pictures of family and friends that lived farther away. It was a good way to keep up with people before the seasonal Christmas letter included in Christmas cards. It was interesting to see who would want to friend me, especially those asking for friending that were friends of friends of friends.... you get the picture. Social media was the new normal.

As the years went by, so did the boldness of views by the people posting. Some people complained about various topics. Each season would bring a new backlash of opinions with weather change they couldn't control. The attacks on politicians, and how elected leaders were not doing the job they were entrusted to do. It appeared when change would happen, it gave way to opportunity to negativity.

Since the virus outbreak, there has been a shift in the social media energy. The energy has shifted to be kinder and gentler, supporting those who may feel the impact of isolation. People have been checking in on others in their friends list with genuine interest. Posts now reveal more about personal interests, learning more about those friends of friends.

Stop wasting your time complaining

“People visit a wise man complaining about the same problems over and over. One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore.

The wise man smiled and said: ‘You can't laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?’”

Moral: When you change your environment, you change your life.

As our air quality has started to change for the better, for the first time in a long time I am inspired that humanity is following suit. Our sixth and seventh principles rings true as I find peoples of all denominations living within God's laws; with genuine concern for one another. How do we keep this energy alive after the virus has subsided?

God is much bigger than this virus and the Infinite Spirit has been around much longer. In *Conversations With God* by Neale Donald Walsch, he writes; “God says that we must understand that humans have many fear based religions whose teachings surround the doctrine of a God who is to be worshipped and feared. It was through fear that the entire Earth society reformed itself from a matriarchy into a patriarchy.”

While this is a scary, uncertain time, I challenge you to find the God love within yourself and reach out to others who may not be able to find that love. You have the power to change things in your life along with the lives of others which keep presenting themselves. You have the power when you have faith.

May God keep you safe and well,

Bonnie.

God of inspiration. Inspire me to find ways to work your ministry to others. Help me find the words of comfort and compassion as some sow the words of fear and hate. Help me to find the strength to walk in God's laws when tempted by thoughts and actions that contradict law. Thank you for shining the light of truth. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be holding a church service on Zoom, Sunday church service time at 5pm.

Topic: Love of Spirit, Spiritualist Church
Time: Apr 5, 2020 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/875262277?pwd=ekZXMjdHKzN0NUgrOGxTMVN5MlVzdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 262 277 Password: 043509

- **If you want to continue to support the church**, we have added a “DONATE” button on the first page of our website. <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/>. Thank you in advance for your continued support.
- **Do you have a story idea that would be suitable to use for the devotions?** To submit your authentic story to for our devotions, send to revbonnie1216@aol.com and type **STORY** in the subject line.
- **A private chat on Messenger was started this week.** If you want to be included in this chat, send an email to: info@yourloveofspirit.com and type **YES** in the subject line. Include your Facebook name in the content.
- **As we go through this time of challenge**, just know, we have people who can keep commination with you. If you want someone to contact you, send an email to: info@yourloveofspirit.com and type **CONTACT** in the subject line. Include your contact information in the content.
- **We are still unsure when we will be able to meet in person again.** It looks as if the Campus Religious Center may extend the stay at home order. Currently, we are planning on May 3, depending upon the restrictions.
- **For updates** visit our website: <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YourLoveOfSpirit/?ref=bookmarks>

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals, and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.