

Advance assignment I

1. Give frequent prayerful attention to the following references, which are basic and important:

Mis. 127:7

One thing I have greatly desired, and again earnestly request, namely, that Christian Scientists, here and elsewhere, pray daily for themselves; not verbally, nor on bended knee, but mentally, meekly, and importunately. When a hungry heart petitions the divine Father-Mother God for bread, it is not given a stone, — but more grace, obedience, and love. If this heart, humble and trustful, faithfully asks divine Love to feed it with the bread of heaven, health, holiness, it will be conformed to a fitness to receive the answer to its desire; then will flow into it the "river of His pleasure," the tributary of divine Love, and great growth in Christian Science will follow, — even that joy which finds one's own in another's good.

S&H 505:16-29

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This understanding is not intellectual, is not the result of scholarly attainments; it is the reality of all things brought to light. God's ideas reflect the immortal, unerring, and infinite.

Pro. 16:1

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

John 6:45

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Luke 17:20,21

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Phil 2:13

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

2. Understanding is spiritual. The qualities of intelligence that enable you to understand Truth clearly are given to you from God. These spiritual qualities include, for example, purity, joy, receptivity, spirituality. Cultivate such qualities by claiming them as divinely bestowed on you; and also by deepening your grasp of them. To do this, look up such words as these in the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings:

- **Purity**
- **Joy**
- **Receptivity**
- **Spirituality**
- **Patience**
- **Humility**
- **Meekness**
- **Unfoldment**
- **Spiritual sense**
- **Spiritual discernment**
- **Clarity of thought (look up clear, clearer)**

Add other related qualities. The teaching itself is of God, and fundamentally, He unfolds it to you. Work from this basis and your capacity to grow will unfold beyond any finite personal limitations.

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3. Your specific metaphysical work in preparing for class is highly important. Be sure that you see the whole experience as resting squarely on the spiritual basis of divine Mind's unfoldment of itself to man. Class instruction affords present evidence of this unfoldment. We can acknowledge that the whole class experience is under the absolute control of harmonious divine law. Divine Love prepares the way and governs each step, enabling you to work out all the necessary arrangements and adjustments harmoniously; nothing can interfere with your orderly preparation and completion of the class work. Seek divine Love's guidance in your daily prayerful work about your forthcoming class instruction; you can rely confidently on Love's sustaining power, intelligent guidance, and protecting care.