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Chapter 8—Security in a Changing World

“It is simply that when we place the emphasis on outer things, we miss the whole meaning of life. Life is for expressing, for growth and expansion,” says Eric Butterworth.

The world of materiality places great emphasis on outer security. There are security systems for homes, businesses, cars, and identity, to name a few. It is not that there is anything wrong with this, but we tend to put the cart before the horse when we put our emphasis on outer security instead of creating a consciousness of inner security.

Where would we be if people did not have the courage to move past the security of the physical world to create something new, something that stretched the boundaries of security and safety? We are human and we are divine and these two natures look at things differently. Our humanness wants to be safe, to keep our stuff locked up, to keep others from getting what is “ours.”

When Jesus called upon his disciples, they immediately left their nets to follow him. They left the familiar to stretch themselves spiritually. This is true throughout history.

Our divinity wants to grow, expand, express and share with the world our gifts and talents. What is it that you were created to be? Does it mean leaving your nets to follow your passion?

Today, do what you need to do to take care of your physical world, but do not allow that to keep you from experiencing the “sunlight of the spirit.” Dare to dream, dare to stretch, dare to be the worthy individual you were created to be.

And know this, true security can only come from within, from knowing that you are a child of God and that God wants for you only the highest and the best.

The Bible says:

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matt 6:33-34

"'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him." Matt 4:19-22

"Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."
Matt 22:21

Unity says:

"...security does not come from without but from within. Security springs from an inner assurance of mind and heart and soul. It is the sustained realization of God's presence and power that lifts one above fear and defeat, unhappiness, or discouragement. Security feeds on the well-spring of faith and joy within and keeps one confident, optimistic, and unafraid." *Fear Not*, Martha Smock

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends; it can be cooperated with by one who believes in things spiritual and he will thereby be made prosperous and happy." *The Essential Charles Fillmore*, Jim Gaither

"Spiritually awakened people...study the law of conservation as it pertains to the spiritual and seek to build up a large reserve consciousness of substance, life, strength and power, rather than laying up material treasures that 'moth and rust consume' and 'thieves break through and steal.'" *Prosperity*, Charles Fillmore

"Those who hold the thought of accumulation so dominate in the world today are inviting trouble and even disaster, because right along with this thought goes a strong affirmation of the fear of loss of riches." *Prosperity*, Charles Fillmore

Practices

- Take time with your journal and write about your nets. What do they look like? A job that is confining your creativity? A relationship that you sacrifice who you are to feel secure? Just being too comfortable where you are or with who you are? Make a list of at least 5 items(nets).
- In your meditation time visualize one of your nets above. Look at how big it is. Is it knotted together? What would it take to let the safety net go? Are you willing? What would you have to give up? Fear? Now ask God to show you how.
- Choose one of your nets and with your prayer triad talk about what it would take to let go of the false security it gives you. Ask them to support you and you support them as each of you finds that inner security.