

Christian Precepts

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit.

—I Thessalonians 5:15-19

The mystic, who follows the path of the unquestioning heart, responds to such lofty precepts as these given by St. Paul simply because of his complete faith in the divine Source from whom he believes the sublime ideals of the New Testament came. To the occultist, who follows the dictates of the reasoning mind, these admonitions appeal only after they have been shown to be based upon scientific law. Each must eventually come to the point where he combines the faculties of the head with those of the heart and subsequently is able to express in a balanced manner all the unfolded powers of the individualized Spirit.

For those primarily on the head path occult philosophy explains the teachings of Christ Jesus and His disciples as spiritual laws which may be used to bring about definite soul growth in the complex human being. Thus the Ego, having satisfied the questionings of the intellect, is able to live the devotional life and unfold the qualities of the heart in an equal measure with those of the head.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good. It is a spiritual law that we attract to ourselves conditions in harmony with the vibratory rate of the thoughts and emotions which make up our aura. Consequently, when we “ever follow that which is good,” we build so strong a positive vibration within ourselves that we do not respond to “evil.” We are then in accord with St. Paul’s further injunction. “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Also, by constant repetition of acts of love and service to others

we attract the two higher ethers which form the soul body, that ethereal garment in which we will function during ages to come.

Rejoice evermore. Joy is a high rate of vibration which causes the vital body to well forth with such power that inharmonies are eliminated and health and well-being are invited. Every true Christian radiates a quiet cheerfulness and optimism. Indeed, how can he do otherwise if he really believes in the actuality of God’s love and wisdom?

Pray without ceasing. Prayer is not only “the most powerful method of soul growth known,” but it is also the surest and quickest way to commune with Divinity and manifest Its blessings upon Earth. Repeated scientific prayer affects the subconscious so that the aspirant comes to “pray without ceasing” in the sense that he may be said to live “in the presence of God” and unconsciously endeavors to do His will in all things.

In everything give thanks. An attitude of thankfulness to our Creator, for ourselves and others, is a vital factor in making soul growth. “When we offer thanksgiving and praise we put ourselves in a favorable position to the Law of Attraction, a receptive state where we may receive a new downpouring of the Spirit of Love and Light.”

Quench not the Spirit. The promptings of the Higher Self, the Spirit, are always unselfish, urging us to love and serve our fellow men. The more we heed those promptings, the more “soul” or food do we garner for nourishing the Ego toward perfection. □