

Teddy Talk with Martin UMC friends and family

See the Light in Everyone and be a Blessing of God's Love and Light

Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

James 2:18 (NLT)

Jesus recruited twelve men to be His disciples. Scripture indicates He mentored many more people during the three years of His ministry. Indirectly, His words and actions recorded in New Testament Scripture as sayings and parables demonstrated the way He lived His life. His compassion, refusal to judge others, connection with God, His constant reliance on prayer, and His exhortation to forgive demonstrated a way of life that touched those around him. Jesus never set himself apart as special but sought to teach each of His Talmidim to recognize and use the God Power within their bodies, souls, and minds.

Each day, you and I will find opportunities to show compassion, to avoid judging others, to offer encouragement, and to bring a peaceful presence to any situation. Christ's light can, and in some ways...will shine through me and each reader. The Christ light shines through each of us and allows others to see a new light in themselves and by each of us demonstrating the possibilities of living a life grounded in faith.

Poet James Dillet Freeman is sometimes referred to as the "poet laureate to the moon" because two of his poems were brought to the moon. "Prayer for Protection" was taken aboard Apollo 11 by Lunar Module pilot Buzz Aldrin, and a microfilm of his 1947 poem "I Am There" was left on the moon by James Irwin on Apollo 15. Freeman's words that are important to me read: "Make me a blessing, Lord. Help me to help those needing help." In Freeman's words, a blessing is to be a beacon that projects hope, faith, and wisdom. When chaos hits us, we can allow the inner light of Spirit to guide us and help us bring light to those around us.

Acting through spiritual enlightenment we can offer words of hope and encouragement to others facing challenges. We accomplish enrichment by offering words of hope and encouragement to others facing challenges. We can be of service to a neighbor in need by listening with compassion. I believe that in all situations we can call on the creative power of the Words of Jesus to affirm health, life, harmony, and abundance. When we all act positively together to benefit others, we are a beacon of God's love and light.

Peace always,

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