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Dear Friends,

I pray that this letter finds each of you embracing all the spiritual gifts God has created for you so that you can manifest your dreams. One such gift I have used over the years is the gift of receptivity. When I allow myself to be receptive to life's experiences I find that I am blessed a hundred fold.

I recall a time I was blessed with renewed insight on what unconditional love was while officiating at a memorial service. As members of the family and their friends came up to share their remembrance of their blessed loved one, one thing was very clear: she lived a life full of love. A love of God, self, and others.

As the stories were being shared I couldn't help but be touched by the amount of love Edith had for those around her. Sure, she had her trials and tribulations, and yet she held to her basic belief that love will conquer all life's problems, and her life was a testament to that faith.

When asked what the greatest of all the commandments was, Jesus responded: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."*

Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity had this to say about the love Jesus spoke of: *In God's Mind love is the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything in it; the great harmonizing principle known to humankind.*

How many of us are receptive to the activity of God's unconditional love? The kind of love that all the great spiritual teaches and poets have talked and written about. We can receive the benefits of this love in our lives if we allow the gift of receptivity to be first and foremost in all we do and say.

Love is one of two intrinsic emotions we are born with, the other is fear (that's a lesson for another time). We get to feel love manifest itself in our minds, hearts, and souls through everything we choose to do or say. Our gift to the world is our ability to share love

wherever we are. What can we do to experience the awesome activity of the love that Jesus talked about—loving God and self while loving our neighbor as self? We can embrace the Law of Compensation that Jesus taught: *As you give so will you receive.*

When the activity of giving is talked about many people close their minds because they think it's always about money. This is not the truth, for giving is really an activity of faith where an exchange of energy is given and received by the individual. What kind of love energy are you giving to God, to others, to yourself? What kind of thought energy do you hold about God, self, and others?

I have often heard people say, *"I love God, but not so and so."* *"I hate myself for the way I look, or feel, or act."* *"I hate my job, or the way my kids act, or the government, or my insurance company."* This is the very thing Jesus was talking about...where we put and give our energy is how we will receive it back! The Law of Compensation is always at work to bring back to us what we are putting out. If we are to have the kind of love in our lives that the spiritual teachers taught and Edith experienced for herself, then we must practice using our gift of receptivity to embrace **all** our experiences with God, self, and others with unconditional love.

No one ever said it was easy to love unconditionally, but it can be done. It takes practice to be open and receptive, to look for the good even when you can't see it—after all, God can! Too often we allow the energy of fear to close down our ability to give from the heart. We allow outside appearances and experiences to keep us from "seeing and accepting" our good. Don't let EGO (Edging God Out) control the blessings that are waiting for you. Edith didn't, so why should you?

During the "Love" month of February let's focus our thought energies on how we can project and draw more love into our lives. Let's give God 10% of our time each day to seeing and feeling the love energy that is already a part of us, then share it with others. Go to God first and then to others as directed while being receptive to your good and watch the blessings of time, talents, skills, friendship, money, peace, and love unfold you.

Abundant Blessings!
Rev. Chuck