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Dear Friends,

Jesus taught that it was the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. So why is it so hard for people to accept it, claim it, and enjoy their rightful share of it? Could it be that we don't trust the promise on some level? That it is easier to go along with ego's conception of lack, that there isn't enough to go around and therefore we must remain alert to those who would take what we already have.

I'd like to share this story with you about Galileo: *In 1632 Galileo published his now famous treatise giving support to the theory that the earth revolves around the sun. This was contrary to the ecclesiastical beliefs of his day, and he was called before the Inquisition and ordered to recant. Under penalty of server punishment he knelt before the great assembly of the church hierarchy and publicly renounced his belief in the movement of the universe and the planets around the sun. But according to legend, he was heard to whisper, as he arose from his knees, "Nevertheless it does move."*

Fact or fiction, the words attributed to Galileo are symbolic expression of the Truth that cannot be denied, the reality that cannot be doubted by those who have experienced it. "Nevertheless it does move," Galileo is said to have murmured, insisting against powerful opposition that the earth does revolve around the sun, and is not the stationary center of the universe. "Nevertheless it works!" free and independent thinkers and sages have said, in effect, when confronted with doubt.

What has this story to do with claiming our rightful share of God's abundance? Everything! **Unity teaches that:** *When we have had personal*

knowledge of the working law of abundance, we marvel that we ever should have doubted. It seems incredible that what we know to be the perfect outworking of God's plans should be considered as coincidence, luck, or accident.

Claiming our rightful share of God's great kingdom of heaven requires action on our part. **Ask, Seek, and Knock** are action steps we take to claim what is ours by divine right of consciousness as given to us by our master teacher, Jesus.

So I would like to share with you three action steps that I have used over the years to help me claim my rightful share of God's abundance:

1) Act of Appreciation – this step allows us the opportunity to look for things to praise, to be thankful for. It gives us the opportunity to open ourselves up to letting our emotional side have a chance to express with words and deeds just how we really feel about someone or something.

2) Act of Involvement – this step gives us the opportunity to use our gifts, talents, and skills to bless others. And in so doing the blessing is returned ten-fold. One to the prayers we said with callers to Silent Unity was: That what you are seeking is now seeking you. **Seek out ways to be a blessing, without thought of return.** As you get involved with others you realize you are not alone, you have something of value to give, and all of a sudden you find yourself focusing on other things, rather than your problems.

3) Act of Faith – putting one foot in front of the other as you go forth to claim that which is unseen, but nevertheless still yours. Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity once wrote: *Having faith is like rain falling upon ready soil, refreshing it and increasing its productiveness.*

May you and your loved ones and friends have a very blessed and abundant Thanksgiving Day!

*Blessings,
Rev. Chuck*