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Dear Friends,

Unity teaches that one of the divine attributes that resides within our essence is the power of will. The disciple Matthew represents this power in humankind.

Charles Fillmore said, *“The chief executive of your mind is the faculty of will. It says go; it gives the order for action. It is up to each individual to make their will God’s will. God’s will is the manifestation of good for all, but it expresses differently for each of us. So when you fulfill your own mission and purpose, you fulfill the will of God.”*

In his book Everyday Enlightenment, Dan Millman reminds us that *“life’s greatest challenge is turning what you know into what you do.”*

He goes on to say that, *“A strong will with nothing to do is like a strong horse with nowhere to go. You need more than willpower to make a journey—you need direction, a task, a goal, a mission—you need a purpose that has meaning for you.”*

“Your mission and goals are shaped by a thousand factors, including environment, parents, genetics, talents, values, circumstances, synchronicity, and opportunity. Throw in free will, expectations, and voila—something appears that you want or need to do this moment, this year, this lifetime.”

“Knowing your purpose and acting in alignment with that purpose unleashes the full force of your will. Whatever your mission, obstacles will appear between you and your goals. Willpower is like an all-terrain vehicle that drives you around the obstacles, past the stumbling blocks, over hurdles, through doubt and uncertainty, sending you onward to your destiny—living a life with no more excuses.”

Someone once said that, *“Willpower is the inner strength that prompts you to make decisions, take action, and handle goals and tasks, regardless of inner resistance, discomfort or difficulties. Willpower manifests as inner firmness, decisiveness,*

determination, resolution, and persistence.”

There are amazing challenges and opportunities taking place here at Unity of Bakersfield. Over the next few months everyone will have an opportunity to be apart of the process of taking them into their personal prayer time so that you may see how you might be able to exercise your willpower to create something new.

Revs. Ray Wallace and Cassandra Sheard sat down with me to look at some of the ideas people have shared with us lately. You can read some of Ray’s ideas in this edition of the August newsletter.

We all have things that we wish to see manifested and demonstrated in our lives. We want more time, more financial stability, better health, a sense of peace and well-being, better relationships, and so on.

Dan reminds us that, *“When you will something—when you act out of duty, commitment, loyalty, or integrity—you depend only upon your will power to act. You don’t need motivation. You persist because it is the right thing to do, or because of the consequences of not doing it, or simply because it needs doing. You call upon the sleeping giant within you, the power of your will.”*

We are looking for individuals that are willing to exercise their willpower and take an active role in meeting some of the needs we have here at Unity. Some of the ideas Rev. Ray came up for liaison positions include working with the Jamison Center to determine their needs and how we may be of assistance. Having a 12 stepper work with our 12 step groups that meet here to see how we better serve them. There is a need to get the Unity message out into the community so we need people willing to hand out Daily Words, Unity Blessing Cards and Unity brochures.

We need volunteers to oversee community events, like the one we are having in September. We need people willing share Unity’s ideas with others when those opportunities present themselves.

Unity is and always will be an educational movement. Rev. Cassandra believes a liaison working with BC and UCB can help us achieve that goal in the areas of spirituality and metaphysics. Unity has always been about teaching and training people on how to have and develop an abundantly blessed life. But it requires willpower to make it happen. Will you share yours with us?