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Dear Friends,

The other day I picked up an old Daily Word and it opened to a page with this affirmation: *God prepares me for great achievements.* As I read it a few times more I couldn't help but think back over my life experiences. Prior to July 10, 1976 (my first time at a Unity church service) I just followed my "gut" when it came to making decisions that would affect my life. And like most of us, some of those decisions caused me say, "What was I thinking?"

Whenever I catch myself getting caught in one of the many traps of my own human condition, I often think back to the days of my childhood and remember how free I really was to do things I wanted to do without my monkey mind committee telling me it was impossible. I had no prescribed limitations except the ones I thought up. Everything was possible!

There are so many ways that we limit ourselves. It never ceases to amaze me how often we forget one of Unity's basic teachings: *GOD NEVER LIMITS YOU!*

The limits we place on ourselves are of our own making. Many of these limits are based upon several factors found within the human condition, and yet we have the potential to break through those limits. I would like to share one of the last letters Myrtle Fillmore wrote before her death on February 4, 1931:

Dear, we are glad that you are taking a firm, positive stand in refusing to admit that there is lack. When you look with your all-seeing, all-discerning eye of faith, you see God's abundance manifesting to meet your every need.

Of course you will know what to do! Affirm and realize that God's wisdom and good judgement were implanted in you from the beginning and are making your way illumined and prosperous. You would not think of closing your eyes and walking around saying that you can't see and don't know where you're going. So why close your eye of omniscience by saying, "I don't know what to do." Instead, repeatedly affirm that you do know.

This is the way to make God-wisdom work for you and guide you in paths of plenty. You have some

talent and some capability that you use to the glory of God. There is something that you can do better than anyone else can do it. Through the loving, efficient service you can render, you will fulfill a need in the world.

As you develop you inner resources and capabilities, the way is found for you to cash in on your talents. Should the way appear dark, pray for spiritual illumination and guidance and bring all your thought-people into the light. You will become a radiating center of light, joy, optimism. People will want to have you serve them.

You will inspire success and others will have confidence in you. Through the understanding of spiritual laws, you have a potential gold mine to develop. God helps those who put forth the effort to use their faculties and abilities righteously. We are God's executives. God needs us to use everything we have for the manifestation of good in the world.

So each one of us is an avenue through which our loving Creator works. We are praying with you and for you. Great is your faith. Be it done for you as you will. God Bless.

Charles Fillmore was not only a co-founder of Unity with his wife, Myrtle; he also owned a mine in Colorado and would often go out there in search of gold and silver? He once remarked that this was a hobby for him. It allowed him to relax and stay focused on the presence of God in the mind shafts.

When I heard this information I thought, "How great that was for him." It got me to thinking that inside of each of us we have our own a potential mine to develop. Sometimes the digging is hard, but as we keep digging we'll get to that vein of gold or silver and find that we are rich with all kinds of possibilities to achieving great blessings.

The ability to manifest great achievements is available to everyone regardless of any limitations one has placed on themselves. That ability is linked to the power of God that comes into your life; the same creative power that made you, lives within you, it is the I of you and you are rich, for Jesus taught that the kingdom of God and everything you desire that is good is within you too.