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Dear Friends,

November has always been a time of the year that my thoughts turn to what I have been thankful for in my life.

Sure, we can give thanks at anytime, but the month of November and the Thanksgiving Holiday helps us to focus on the blessings we have received and continue to receive as we hold to the vision that Jesus gave us: "With God all things are possible." And we can hold that vision for ourselves through the activities of prayer, meditation, and contemplation.

Jesus taught through practical demonstration and UNITY continues to teach that:

The secret of the manifestation of all the good we need and desire, is in the high watch, the lifted vision we hold for ourselves. God does not force. He offers. He holds before us a vision and a desire to fulfill it.

It is the Christ in us continuously prompting us to keep the high vision, and to keep it regardless of appearances, of circumstances. As Paul so proclaimed, "It is the Christ in you, your hope of glory."

Jesus was one of many great spiritual teachers that brought to the human race a way to realize their potential, their gifts, their blessings and then to share these things with others. The idea of giving thanks for having the ability to share our vision, our purpose with the world is paramount as spiritual beings living in process to rise race consciousness to a higher level.

Here are seven steps for helping anyone that wished to engage the process of living their spiritual vision and purpose.

Step 1) Recognize that as a child of God you have a vision. God did not put you here without one, every nagging discontent is God knocking on your door. Jesus had his moment and he did not allow anything to get in his way.

Step 2) Decide to commit to the vision. Can you image what life would have been like if Jesus said, "Not now God, I'm busy here with dad, he's got so much work to do, we have these contracts to fill, I can't be bothered with this right now. Go get someone else, I hear my cousin, John's doing a pretty

good job, have him to it!

How do you know if this vision is for you?

Step 3) Ask God, after all why would God give you this gift and not give you a way to fulfill it? Jesus was constantly going to headquarters to ask what to do next. And remember that asking is not begging.

Begging is: *"What I'm I to do now, help me please!"*

Asking is: *"Into your hands I commit this situation, reveal to me the way I should go."*

Step 4) Remember to love your vision as yourself. The vision is yours and not someone else's. Therefore, as you love your vision remember to love yourself in its process of unfolding. Love fills you with zeal and enthusiasm for life, you can't wait to get up and going when this feeling is moving through you.

Step 5) Step out in faith. Faith is the energy that drives our vision. Faith in God to give you all that you need to manifest our vision and faith in yourselves to bring it to completion. As Paul declared to the Phillippines, *And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion.* If you feel your faith faltering and your vision seems so big you do not know how to handle it God does so go back to step three and ask!

Step 6) Speak the truth through the power of an affirmation. Don't let others or your ego deter your process. Affirm, "It is the Christ within that guides, directs and leads the way." Jesus had to go though this same process before he started out on his vision. He was being tempted by his adversaries and he finally spoke, saying, "Get behind me, Satan!" Speak the truth that will bring you peace of mind knowing God is in charge.

Step 7) Put it all to work. God is principle, God is law, God is good, God is all-knowing, God is everywhere present. So why are you waiting to put our vision into action? Affirm: "I now demonstrate my faith that with God everything is possible as I put my vision into action."

Happy Thanksgiving!