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Dear Friends,

While doing some research for one of my Sunday lessons I came across this quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

I love that quote. And of course history has shown that she and her husband saw many of their dreams for the people of this country come true.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Do you realize that we are all a part of the future that once was a dream held by Myrtle and Charles Fillmore? And to fulfill that dream called Unity, each of the Fillmore's kept an appointment book and in their book was a period marked off just for God. Every day each of them would keep their appointment with God in their own way. Myrtle sat across a chair with a picture of Jesus in it and Charles would sit in front of his fireplace. It didn't matter how they communed with God, it only mattered that they did.

Herein lies the key to their fulfillment of their dreams being realized. As they set their goals and their strategies for the physical part of manifesting their dreams, they set aside time to be with God by putting it in their appointment book every day, so God could do the spiritual part.

Jesus taught the people how important it was for them to focus their attention on God and not the outward appearances that were all around them. In Mark 11:22,24 He instructs them to: "Have faith in God. ...whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Making and keeping your appointment with God every day will help you focus so that you will receive the needed guidance and instructions to follow through on making your dreams a reality, regardless of the obstacles in your way. You can overcome your obstacles and succeed. All you need to do is remember the words from Jesus, "Have faith in God." Developing your faith requires that you spend time with God, to make an appointment to just sit in the presence of pure Being. And then after a while, you begin to get a knowing, a sense of self, of purpose, of clarity.

Louise Hay, noted author and healer, is a very good example of someone who, after keeping her appointments with God, gave the world and thousands of people new hope and renewed faith when dealing with health challenges.

She writes: *When I found out that I had cancer I knew in my heart that I could not allow them to radiate me or put chemicals into me or cut me. I just knew that this could not be my method for dealing with this cancer. My daily appointments with God led me to other alternatives, which I have written about, and ultimately to the eradication of the cancer from my body. Now please keep in mind, I am not disparaging any other form of treatment, I just knew inwardly that I couldn't go in the direction of the traditional methods offered by the medical profession. As I kept my appointments with God, I was constantly and continually getting the clarity I needed to do what was mine to do. That knowing empowered me to move forward with an energetic commitment to the other alternatives, and a renewed faith in the cooperation of Spirit at work in my life. My daily appointments with God helped me to develop my faith in such a way that I was able to eliminate my fears associated with the cancer. Then after a while I was able to move through life with a attitude of trust, for this demonstration of trust became the living evidence of my faith!*

Unity and Jesus's teachings point out that faith is not about developing a theology, dogma, rules, and regulations that one should or must follow. Faith as seen through the "eyes" of all great mystics, like Jesus, knew that faith is akin to knowing God, which is different than believing in God.

Unity teaches that faith is an inner knowing and capacity to see God in everything; of having the direct inner experience of God as part of your higher self; and then demonstrating it in your life through the attitude of trust by keeping your daily appointments with God.

What is it that you want to have more of in your life? What are your goals, your aspirations, your dreams, your deepest desires? Whatever they may be, know that by making and keeping a daily appointment with God, you will find clarity of purpose, a energetic commitment to follow your path, and a knowing that you are not alone in your process of manifesting your dreams.