



Today's Lesson

God's Blueprint

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It has been said that God's plan includes how He answers: He says yes and gives you what you. He says no and gives you something better. He says wait and gives you the best.

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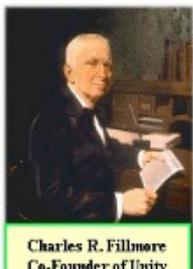


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Charles R. Fillmore
Co-Founder of Unity

Charles Fillmore saw God's blueprint for Unity as, "the link in the great educational movement inaugurated by Jesus Christ" to help and teach humankind to use and prove eternal Truth.

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If someone were to ask you, "What are you?" How would you answer?

Most people respond with something like, "I'm a human being made of flesh, bone, and blood." And to some extent that is true and only part of what we are.

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Unity has always held to the idea Jesus proclaimed to the religious leaders of his day when he said, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods"'? (John 10:34)

And for over 125 years has taught that spiritually we are a soul that has forgotten its divine identity, a soul trying to remember in the mist of time and in confusion of experiences, that we are living children of a living God, made in God's image and likeness – God's blueprint.

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Jesus saw God's blueprint for humankind as truth. "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:32

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And what is that Truth? It is the perfect blueprint that is alive and at work within you. Every one here has a gift, has a talent that is unique to them alone. Every one here in this room is gifted. Every one is filled with the light and the truth that sets you free. You have the Divine spark that will light up your world so that you can be transformers.

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Why do we, as humans, find it so hard to live the blueprint God has given us? Here are some thoughts:

We as humans have been preoccupied with what is going on around us, instead of within us.

We look out into the world and say, "But I want to be like him or her," or "I'd like to do what she does," or "I wish I had his job," or "I'd really like to play that piano like him."

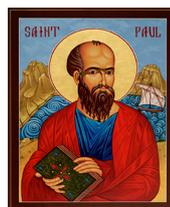
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We forget that we have our own talents. We forget to cherish and honor our own spiritual gifts.

We're so busy looking at all the other gifts everyone else has and thinking, "That one is so much better than mine," that we tend to forget the beauty and power of our own gifts and fail to live our own blueprint God has given us.

This problem is not a new. It's been around for a very long time.

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Paul in his letter to the Corinthians addressed this very thing: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* (1 Corinthians 12:1)

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Emerson spoke of this when he said:
Everything in nature contains all the powers of nature. Everything is made of one hidden stuff.

That stuff is God energy, the divine essence from which all things are made manifest.

You have within you your own personal divine perfect blueprint just waiting to be expressed, so don't let fear hold you back.

Affirm: "I choose to take action in spite of my fears."

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Fear affects us in many different ways. Fear is good when it's for our survival, not so good when its used to hinder or keep God's blueprint for us from being expressed for the common good of all.

Here is a true story of how fear kept one man's blueprint hidden for many years.

Many years ago in a piano bar, the pianist was excellent and the soloist was terrific. Many customers came just for the music.

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One night the soloist did not come; she was sick and unable to perform. The owner of the bar, realizing the importance of not only the piano but the singing to his customers, went to the pianist and said, "Tonight you not only play; you get to sing." He looked at the owner and said, "I can't do that." The owner said "Fine. Then I can't write you a paycheck."