



Today's Lesson

The Fields of Potentiality

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Eric Butterworth would often state as an affirmation of fact that:
We are human in expression, but divine in creation and limitless in potentiality.

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Deepak Chopra often reminds his audience that potentiality is all around us and seeing it requires that we acknowledge that:

Our essential nature is one of pure potentiality.



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I have often used the term "spiritual sleepwalking" to describe someone who is not fully awake or fully alive to his or her potential. Case in point: The Sissy Saga.

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Someone once said, "Potential is like a priceless treasure that is hidden in all of us. We must dig for it in order to let it out."

So what tool can we use to "dig" for that priceless treasure? The tool known as:

- Divine
- Inspirational
- Guidance

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The potential for spiritual growth and awareness is always within our reach. All we have to do is open our eyes to it. As Jesus so proclaimed in John 4:35: *Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.*

What are your fields of potentiality? What are you being asked to lift up your eyes and see?

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What is the meaning within that statement by Jesus that has the potential of awakening every sleeping soul that hears it? Let's take a moment and use the tool of divine inspirational guidance so that we are able to dig up the treasure found within the statement of potentiality by Jesus.

1. *Do not say...* Be positive, be affirmative, look toward the future and you stand in the sent.

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2. *Lift up your eyes...* Look upward, forward, rise your head high, look and see something greater beyond the ground, beyond the appearances.

3. *See how the fields...* See what God has for you. Within you is everything you need, within you everything is already complete, the divine seed of who you are is ready to be seen and accepted!

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From a metaphysical point of view Jesus is stating that our potential is always there, waiting for us to be present and awake to the splendor that is our potentiality in any given moment or circumstance. Such as being present and awake to:

Feeling a real intensification of real life.

Being at home with yourself, others and the world.

Being able to catch a glimpse of the cosmic harmony of the moment; by taking a peak at life as it is surely meant to be.

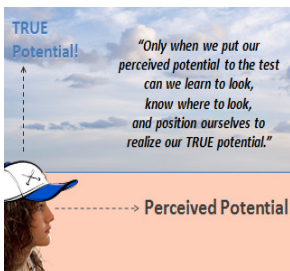
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Being able to bring all of our senses and stand on tip-toes to see, to hear, to feel, to smell and to touch the beauty and wonder all around us.

Being able to be keenly alive; to cry out with joy, "I am here and I am important!"

Being able to fully accept our divine potential so that we do not miss what is most valuable in our lives; and by so doing, we do not fail to recognize the potential given to us for spiritual growth and transformation.

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"Only when we put our perceived potential to the test can we learn to look, know where to look, and position ourselves to realize our TRUE potential."

There seems to be several factors that keep people from not being able to put their divine inspirational guidance to work so that their perceived potential can be realized as their true potential:

Their "baggage" and taking a "risk."

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THE BAGGAGE

Life is a journey, of moving from one place to another, from one phase to another, from one state of consciousness to another, if we are alive there is movement in mind and body. On our journey we take our baggage and it's with us everywhere we go. The key to unlocking our potential can be found in our ability to bless the past, learn from it's lessons, and know that we need not bring the baggage with us anymore. Using our divine inspirational guidance tool we find these gems:

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The past is the raw material of the present, but the past is not a blueprint for the present!

Instead of fearing the past or resisting and resenting it, use all of the raw material of the past, the good as well as the "bad," to design a new blueprint for the present.

Life is progress, and each now moment is a stepping-stone that leads to the next now, so give thanks for the lessons of the past.

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At each now moment there exists an unlimited amount of possibilities, which makes anytime a good time for a new beginning.

Remember, if you keep thinking the same thoughts, saying the same words, doing the same things, going in the same direction the future will be the same.

You can change the direction of your life, but changes can't happen in the past or the future; they can only happen in the now.

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THE RISK

As you allow the potentiality of what and who we are, we learn to be present, to be at the space between the "no longer" and the "not yet" that there will always be a risk.

As Jesus stated: in John 16:33 *I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

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To grow is to risk, to risk is to grow. People are afraid to risk because they may fail. Think about this: If there were not failures in life, would we recognize success when it came along? If there were no downs, would we recognize the ups? If there were no valleys, there would be no mountains to climb.

As someone once said, "Take the risk! If you win, you will be happy. If you lose, you will be wise."

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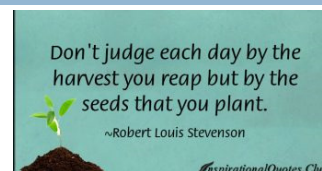
Our goal is to reach within ourselves and draw out the divine potential that waits to be demonstrated in the here and now. To do this we must use affirmative statements that bring us back to center, to the present moment when our past or our future starts calling us away.

Affirm: I am one with God, right here, right now.

Affirm: There is only now and God is in the now.

Affirm: Be still and know that I am God.

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As you practice sowing the seeds of potentiality, you will find within yourself the courage to take the risk and change whatever needs to be changed so that you can look out on the fields of potentiality and see for yourself that they are ripe for harvest.