

FOR REALIZATION OF UNSELFISHNESS

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My own comes to me through divine law.

I do not desire anything but my own.

I do not seek to draw anything to me by selfish thoughts or personal will. All that comes in such ways is transitory and unsatisfactory. All that comes through divine law is abiding and brings fourth it peace and satisfaction. The blessing of Jehovah it maketh rich; And he addeth no sorry therewith."

I easily become discouraged.

"I can of myself do nothing." "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."

Consideration of what discouragement really is will help in overcoming it. It is simply the mortal giving up and admitting its inability to master conditions. The mortal is very good at promising, but it cannot measure up to the divine law. If one depends on it one is sure to be disappointed, and discouragement is likely to follow. Jesus confessed, "I can of myself do nothing," and we are wise to follow his example and make the same confession.

Denial of the power of the personal man has its place, but it does not do all the work of overcoming. The affirmation, "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me," must do its part in establishing the consciousness in confidence and strength and courage. In addition to this, strong, positive, bold declarations of oneness with the faith, and strength and courage of spirit should be made.

"Not by might. nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Nothing is really accomplished by any man's personal might and power, but all power is in Spirit This is a good demonstrating word for every need. This word of Truth will help to free every one who earnestly enters into it from all his personal plans and ambitions It will help to establish him in that movement of mind to which Jesus referred when he said: "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness." The result will be that everything needed will be added.

When a demonstration is not quickly and easily made, it is certain that self is in the way somewhere. "Not by might, nor by power," is a denial of self. If it is made in word, and carried out in act, it will remove the obstruction of self and give opportunity to the spirit to have free course and be glorified. Self sometimes fixes the way in which supply shall come, and sets the mind so firmly in that direction

that there can be no quickening of the consciousness to the universal supply with its unlimited channels

"By my Spirit," means that the power of the spirit shall enter into the mind and affairs; first quickening the mind to the realization of inexhaustible supply, then opening up avenues in every direction for the inflow and outflow of abundance

"Saith Jehovah of hosts." This is the assurance that the unfailing Word of God has been spoken and that it shall be fulfilled. "He spake, and it was done."

"The Jehovah of hosts." Did you ever notice how often that expression occurs in the Scriptures? Did you ever think what it means? When the Syrian army encompassed the Israelites, the servant of Elisha looked upon the hosts of the Syrians with their horses and chariots, and they said to Elisha: "Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not; for they that are with us are more than they that are with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Jehovah, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

The horses and chariots of fire represent the protecting power of Spirit, so mighty that it can be best described by the word "hosts." This mighty "Jehovah of hosts" is protection from all the hosts of error and evil—all the thoughts of lack and fear and distrust that seemingly beset us and besiege us. Not by might nor by power are these overcome, but by the mighty hosts of the Lord; his Spirit brings to our aid a veritable host of helping thoughts and words, which will demonstrate in us and through us the power of him who speaks.