



"Supply and Need: The Perfect Biblical Balance"

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1. Our authority is found in the Bible, as explained in the First Tenet: "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 497).
2. Our focus is the biblical law of Supply and Need with three areas of emphasis:
 - a) What this law of Supply and Need is
 - b) How it provides and blesses, including the work of Christian Science Nursing, and
 - c) How to access this spiritual law to experience its blessings and prove its existence here and now.
3. **"...My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"** (Philippians 4:19). This verse states the Biblical law of "Supply and Need".
4. Point #1 -- "Law means or implies a rule that is established and maintained by power. The efficiency of law rests entirely in the power that enforces it." (Adam H. Dickey, God's Law of Adjustment, Anthology of Classic



Articles, p. 52). All spiritual law is backed by divine Principle (the power that enforces spiritual law).

5. "From the infinite One in Christian Science comes one Principle and its infinite idea, and with this infinitude come spiritual rules, laws, and their demonstration, which, like the great Giver, are "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (SH, p. 112).
6. Principle and law are not synonymous terms as Eddy uses them. Law is grounded in divine Principle ('operative cause, source, ground, foundation, that which supports action' – Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary). Principle is what reinforces law.
7. Gen. 1:1 – In principio creavit Deus – Latin Vulgate: "In the beginning, God."
8. Point #2 - How this law of "Supply and Need" provides and blesses, including the work of Christian Science nursing.
9. "There is a law of God that is applicable to every conceivable phase of human experience, and no situation or condition can present itself to mortal thought which is outside of the direct influence of this infinite law." (God's Law of Adjustment, Dickey).



10. "That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us!'" (Acts 16:9)
11. Philippi a Greek city, then Roman colony. No Jews there. Lydia was a God-fearer (gentile attracted to Judaism) and became the first Christian convert of Europe. Tremendous resistance to Paul in Philippi as he was perceived a threat to Imperial Cult (worship of Caesar). Thrown in prison and released when earthquake opened prison doors. Converted suicidal jailer. Stories in Acts 16 convey breadth and inclusion of all peoples for the Christian Gospel.
12. Paul wrote Philippians from prison to a people needed much encouragement. He had so lived this spiritual law of Supply and Need that he could encourage the young Philippi church in it. They became the only church to contribute to him financially.
13. "His riches" (from **"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**). Paul knew the source of supply (of freedom, hunger, funds, safety, etc.) to be God.
14. The personal pronoun, my, indicates Paul's closeness to God based on years of experiencing God's provision, meeting every need. Like Paul's experience on Damascus Road, Love supplies our need even when we don't know we have one! (Paul didn't know he needed to change direction.)



15. "When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path" (SH, p. 254).

16. Many examples of how Paul relied on and proved this law of Supply and Need:

- Ananias healing the blindness
- Friends helping him escape in a basket over Damascus wall
- Earthquake that released the prison doors
- Friends that helped him escape to Berea from mob in Thessalonica
- Roman tribune who pulled him to safety in Jerusalem
- Centurion who didn't kill him or others after shipwreck in Malta

17. Same law of Supply and Need for Christian Science Nursing:

- Supply of nurses to work
- Supply of funds for those who need the care
- Supply of leaders in key positions

18. Point #3). How to access this spiritual law to experience its blessings and prove its existence here and now.

- Example of husband's dog bite and first acquaintance of CS nursing care; how it evolved to serving on a nearby Facility's Board as well as working with CS Nurses as a Journal-listed practitioner.
- "The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love" (SH, p. 395).



19. "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings."

(SH, p. vii)

- Healing of brother in Trauma Unit, Balboa Naval Hospital
- "Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. " (Ps. 69:1, 2)

20. "Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness"(SH, p. 332).

Benediction: May God supply all YOUR needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.