



Each month a member of the Desert View family selects a prayer topic for the team and shares some thoughts to get our work together off and running. Our united prayer supports not only Desert View, but the wider Christian Science nursing community and our global community, too. We invite you to join our prayer team.

This month Board member, John Cochran CS, shares a message titled,

Ruler over many things

"... Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Gospel of Matthew)

We recognize this New Testament passage as part of a story about a faithful servant who uses his "talents" wisely and is rewarded by his Master. Now we don't know how long the servant had been on the job — doing the hard work of "investing" his resources — for the story doesn't mention this. What the story does tell us is that the servant — ultimately — is successful, is praised by his Master, and is rewarded.

What does this mean for us? Can we expect the same results? Do we believe that our faithful efforts — right motives, words, and deeds — will also be crowned with success? Why not? Isn't the same law of God, good, in operation for each and every one of us, here and now, and doesn't it assure similar results?

Does this mean an "immediate" healing or revealing? Not necessarily, but again we can expect the healing / revealing to happen as the result of our faithful efforts.

Here's an experience that highlights this type of situation. For a couple of years, I seemed to face one significant challenge after another. Each required a greater "investment" of consecration and listening than had been needed before. And along with the greater investment came more profound lessons. It was like being in graduate school after being an undergrad — more demanding as well as more rewarding. Recently I experienced a similar challenge; however, this time, the resolution was easier than expected. With confident, conscientious prayer the discomfort quickly subsided. As I marveled at what had happened, that phrase from Matthew quoted above came to thought, "... Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few

things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” It dawned on me that as I had been attentive and persevering, learning the lessons of each trial, a “test” had been passed. Now I was expressing a greater sense of dominion — “ruling over many things” — and consequently felt blessed by the grace of the healing power of the Christ.

Can we expect our healing efforts to improve as we devote ourselves to this work? There is scriptural authority and concrete testimony to this effect. So let’s be sure we’re claiming this reward and expecting to “enter into the joy of (our) Lord.”

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