

## **Priest 2**

Today we will hear the words of Gold Star, Pearl Frances Dower, the third Guardian in Chief of the Temple. She wrote this powerful expression on the Law of Service in May of 1943. It will be presented in two parts, with a 7-8 minute meditation between each part. Let us now enter the silence as we listen with open hearts and minds.

### **The LAW of SERVICE**

The Law of Service holds a large place in the evolutionary scheme of life affecting each and every one. It consists of use, work, labor. The Master says: "There is nothing in heaven or on earth greater to strive for than an opportunity for usefulness."

All service must be rendered in the spirit of love and willingness to do one's part in all of life's activities, as the sum total of each life cycle elevates or degrades one in their progress according to use and service given.

Throughout all the kingdoms of life, Divinity molds, shapes, and guides human destiny, and as life moves on from the lowest to the highest, cyclic law provides a vehicle whereby form and substance are evolved and through which the Law of Service can manifest. In other words, the law of cycles works with the aid of and in cooperation with the Law of Service in fulfillment of that destiny.

As each one builds in the Higher Forces by unselfish service, sacrifice, love, and devotion, each helps to create atoms of the higher substance for the form used in evolving all the various degrees and grades of life. These higher forms of atoms manifest as spiritual substance. The plan and operation of these laws is little understood by the outer perception. The real glimpse of these results must come from the Soul awakened, whose desire is to be of service and use in all walks of life. True service springs from the heart — that inner desire to help one's fellow man — and thus fulfills this law in myriad ways: to one's country, family, home, or wherever placed in life's pattern. It must be an active part in every person's life for spiritual growth and attainment.

## **Priest 1**

True service is not measured by human beings; it can be measured only on the higher planes where God's scales weigh every atom of life, and the Great Law decrees accordingly. It has no monetary value. The offer to serve must come from the heart filled with love and a desire to help, and duties

must be performed in that spirit. However hard the labor may be, the inner help comes, and a greater foundation of usefulness is built. As one really loves to serve, the more aware he or she becomes of the Inner Light and Understanding, for certain centers become awakened by obedience to this law. Time does not count in this great journey, but effort and devotion are essential and carry a great power for true growth and interior understanding.

When service is not given in the true spirit and is offered in insincerity, it is the result of the broken law and brings a long trail of suffering and pain. The law deals sternly with the insincere who refuse to obey the instructions and directions of the Master. Refusal to follow or accept those directions by rejecting or ignoring them leads inevitably to a severance between the Master and the disciple, and so binds the disciple to the forces of negative service until the Great Law provides another opportunity to retrace those steps and become aligned with the positive forces of service.

All the Orders of the Temple are based on Service, and as one goes deeper into the Inner Orders, more is said about the absolute necessity of Service based on working together as one in obedience to the Law of Centralization. "The slogan is Use and the keynote is Service, which are the working hands and feet of The Temple, and the motive is Self-Sacrifice."

Each life must be ruled by the motive of giving instead of receiving, by renouncing rather than self-seeking or conquest. Wherever placed in life's activities, true Service is Use in its highest sense, and work and use go hand-in-hand for true progression.

— Pearl F. Dower, Gold Star