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| 08/27/2020 | Brother Robert | Praises the Lord for the improved air quality. California has suffered unusual and massive wildfires that have contributed to the terrible air quality due to the smoke and ash in the sky from the flames. The fires are yet to be completely contained, and there is still some haziness in the sky, but the air quality is a lot better. It is not as smoky as it was before. Praise God! Please continue to pray for the individuals, animals, and families affected by the fires and have suffered great loss. Thank you. |
| 08/27/2020 | Sister Victoria | Shares an inspirational quote by an author unknown:  You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone’s entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don’t wait to be kind. Don’t wait for someone else to be kind first. Don’t wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it. |
| 08/27/2020 | Sister Victoria | Shares a word of encouragement from SOP written by Ellen G. White:  “In this probationary time we are forming our characters for the future immortal life; but that is not all, for in this very process of character building we need to be extremely cautious how we build, for others will build after the pattern we give them. {MM 209.4}  We may never know until the judgment the influence of a kind, considerate course of action to the inconsistent, the unreasonable, and unworthy. If, after a course of provocation and injustice on their part, you treat them as you would an innocent person, you even take pains to show them special acts of kindness, then you have acted the part of a Christian; and they become surprised and ashamed, and see their course of action and meanness more clearly than if you plainly stated their aggravated acts to rebuke them. {MM 209.5}  If you had laid their wrong course of action before them, they would have braced themselves in stubbornness and defiance. But to be treated in tenderness and consideration they feel more deeply their own course of action, and contrast it with yours. Then . . . you occupy vantage ground; and when you show a solicitude for their souls, they know that you are no hypocrite, but that you mean every word you say. {MM 210.1}  A few words spoken in a hasty manner, under provocation, and which seemed but a little thing--just what they deserved-- often cut the cords of influence that should have bound the soul to your soul. The very idea of their being in darkness, under the temptation of Satan and blinded by his bewitching power, should make you feel deep sympathy for them, the same that you would feel for a diseased, sick patient who suffers, but on account of his disease is not aware of his danger. {MM 210.2}  Souls who have cost the life of God's only-begotten Son must be estimated in value by the immense ransom paid for them; and, rich or poor, black or white, must be treated in respect to the value Christ has placed upon the human soul. {MM 210.3}  These thoughts are worthy of solemn consideration. Any neglect on our part, any exaltation of self, any hasty, passionate exultations, may set a soul on the paths of destruction where he will never find the narrow path of holiness that leads heavenward. . . . There are grave mistakes made in dealing with unbalanced, diseased minds. They are sick. They need a physician, not to cut them off as a diseased limb, but to heal them. Jesus' course of management is given in the parable of the lost sheep. Should Jesus deal with us as we deal with one another, not one of us would be saved. Oh, how many will be lost because the words that should have been spoken in tender forbearance were left unsaid!”--Letter 20, 1892. {MM 210.4} |
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