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T-6.VII Lessons of the Holy Spirit

A. "To Have, Give All to All"

The process we are going through in our return to God:

- Baseline/Starting Point - ego
 - Life centered in the body - attack, pleasure, pride
 - All about getting
- Holy Spirit's reversal
 - Life centered in giving - the outward expression of full appreciation for each and every Son of God
 - "To have, give all to all" (keep in mind, we've also learned earlier in the Course that having = being)
 - This *"is the beginning step in reversing your perception and turning it right side up."* (6:1) - it's designed to undo the getting concept, so we equate having with giving, rather than getting
- This creates an inner conflict
 - At this point, we have just set out direction toward this lesson - we've set a goal to learn this lesson
 - At the same time, the urges to get still exist within us
- The next step we take is towards the resolution of this conflict

"And many try to accept the conflict rather than to take the next step toward its resolution. But having taken the first step, they will be helped. Having willed what they cannot complete alone, they are no longer alone." (6:4-6)

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B. “To Have Peace, Teach Peace and Therefore Learn It”

This is not simply about conveying a sense of peace to others, and therefore learning or being in a state of peace ourselves - it's designed to get us out of the conflict from taking the first step...

“To Have, Give All to All”

- A. Choosing this places us in a state of conflict between our new mode of giving and former mode of getting
- B. We end up swinging back and forth between both, between choosing the Holy Spirit and the ego, in our relationships with others
- C. Therefore, we pass on this state of conflict in our own minds, and reinforce it in ourselves

“To Have Peace, Teach Peace and Therefore Learn it”

- A. We teach peace by giving full appreciation to all the equal Sons of God consistently
- B. By doing this, we convey the same thing (our decision for God) with all of our behavior - we teach peace by teaching the absence of our inner conflict
- C. Therefore, we pass on a sense of unity and harmony to others, which instills a freedom of conflict - a feeling of peace, which we then also learn ourselves
- D. Peace represents choosing for one side of the conflict - choosing the Holy Spirit's way (which is really the only choice) - and to really have this, we must give it, teach it

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B. "To Have Peace, Teach Peace and Therefore Learn It"

What does it mean to give full appreciation to all the equal Sons of God?

- I look out from the Holy Spirit in my mind, to see the Holy Spirit in the minds of my brothers
- I give miracles - I extend expressions of love to others
- I continue to ask Jesus for guidance in whom to extend miracles to
 - What would you have me do?
 - Where would you have me go?
 - What would you have me say, and to whom?
- No matter whom we are (or are not) guided to give miracles to in the outer form of expression - we continue to 'see' ourselves and all of our brothers in the light of the Holy Spirit - as perfect parts of God, priceless parts of His Kingdom
- We give full appreciation to all, in whatever form is appropriate for that person, at that time

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C. "Be Vigilant Only for God and His Kingdom"

First lesson "To Have, Give All to All": This is a reversal in direction and places us in a state of conflict between giving and getting, between Holy Spirit and ego

Second lesson "To Have Peace, Teach Peace and Therefore Learn It": Identification of the goal we want. We learn we want out of this conflict, we want the thought system based on giving. So we engage in consistent giving - giving our brothers full appreciation at all times. This consistency instills peace in them, thus giving peace to us as well

Third lesson "Be Vigilant Only for God and His Kingdom":

- Eradicate every last bit of conflict from our minds
- By cleansing from our mind every remaining trace of the ego side, the getting side
- "...identify only with the center, where God placed the altar to Himself" (8:3)
- Vigilance is necessary against illusions (11:2)
- Keep the Kingdom of God alone in your mind (11:7)
- Relinquish everything else (14:1)
- Your vigilance is a sign you want the Holy Spirit to guide you (14:4)
- Use your effort *toward* only what is true, and *against* what is not true (15:2-3)
- You will eventually learn that effort itself is unnecessary (15:1)

"...and call upon the being which you both have and are. This recognition is wholly without effort, because it is already true and needs no protection. It is in the perfect safety of God. (15:4-6)

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T-6.VIII The Last Step

By perfecting belief and effort and giving (third step), we go beyond belief to certainty, beyond effort to creation. We realize the equation of having and being. And so we realize our being - who we are. This occurs in the fourth and final step in which God lifts us home. (RP)

The Final Step

- Our efforts are finished, our learning perfect
- We are not yet awake in Heaven, but nothing in our minds presents any barrier to awakening (all of the blocks to the awareness of Love's presence have been removed from our minds)
- God returns us to Heaven
- Not something that happens in time - it is timeless
- *"The 'last step' that God was said to take was therefore true in the beginning, is true now, and will be true forever." (9:1)*
- *"When we pass through this final step and God returns us to Heaven forever, we will simply be experiencing something that has forever been true, but that we are only now tapping into." (RP)*

"To think like God is to share His certainty of what you are. And to create like Him is to share the perfect love He shares with you. To this the Holy Spirit leads you, that your joy may be complete because the Kingdom of God is whole." (6)