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Dear friends! O

"Oh Master! Today I am so miserable and I am so dissatisfied with myself unhappy." a person ^{spoke} called to him from the depth of his heart. The Blessed One smiled, looked into his troubled face and said :-

"The present condition is transitory. It shall pass away. What thou callest 'misery' will be replaced with felicity, and unhappiness shall vanish and overflowing joy take its place. Dissatisfaction with one's self is a sign of progress. The soul who is satisfied with himself is the manifestation of Satan, and the person who is not contented with himself is the manifestation of the Clement One. The self-adoring individual - the egoist - does not advance. If a person has one thousand good qualities he must not look at them; nay rather he must strive to find out his own defects and imperfections. For example a person having a palatial residence furnished with most expensive furnitures and decorated

with the most exquisite arts, unquestionably he will forget all these adornments as soon as he finds out there is a crack in the wall or ceiling, and without losing time will set to repair it. On the other hand 'Absolute Perfection' is unattainable by man. However much a man may advance yet ^{is} he imperfect; because there is always a point ahead of him. No sooner he ^{does} looks up toward that point ^{then} he becomes dissatisfied with his own condition and aspires to attain to that Christ desired to teach us this thing in a concrete manner, when some one ^{said to} told him 'O thou good Master,' he answered: 'Why dost thou call me good, there is but One good and that is God'."

"What can I do to become the real servant of God?" The Blessed one answered: "Live thou in accord with the Teachings of Baha-ollah. Do not only read them. There is a vast difference between the soul who reads the words of the Blessed Perfection and the one who tries to live them. Read thou the Hidden Words. Ponder over their meanings and embody ^{the} its behests

in thy life. All that I might say is only one drop of that
 illimitable sea. My duty is to explain, to elucidate, to
 interpret the Writings of Baha-ollah. For example:
 We must investigate the Reality; we must show real
 love to the world of humanity; we must work for the
 establishment of Universal Peace; we must sacrifice
 our lives in the guidance of mankind; we must be
 kind to all the creatures of God; we must raise the
 Call of the Kingdom; we must characterize ourselves
 with spiritual characteristics, we must show forth
 in our words and deeds the attributes of the Holy
 Ones."

"Will you pray for us?"

The Blessed One said: "You pray for us and we
 shall pray for you; - so that God may assist us in
 the performance of good deeds. I declare by Him beside
 Whom there is naught else, if we live in accord
 with one of the Teachings we will become radiant
 like unto this lamp. If we confess verbally that
 the principles of Baha-ollah are the cause of
 eternal salvation and the means of nearness
 unto the throne of God, and yet do not live

according to their ^{instructions} ~~contents~~ we ~~would not be~~ ^{are not} Bahais. Therefore day and night we must pray for each other - so that we may be assisted to express in our lives the universal spirit of Baha-Ollah. This is Everlasting Glory! This is Divine Bestowal! This is the Honor of the world of humanity! This is never-ending outpouring!"

"May I hold a weekly meeting in my house?" The Master said: "Yes. Whenever the name of God is mentioned in a house that home will become the nest and the shelter for the love-birds of the Paradise of Abha; for therein the light of guidance is enkindled; the rays of the Sun of Truth ^{will} power upon it and the rays of the Confirmation of the Blessed Perfection will environ it." ○

"I am sorry that I have little of this world's good and my room is furnished so simply."

The Blessed One said: - "No matter how small is a room ^{and} how simply it is furnished, yet when a candle is ignited therein we exclaim 'the room is lighted!' Therefore you must

make an effort to enkindle the lamp of guidance in your hearts, otherwise ^{for} an well furnished room without a lamp, a heart without spirituality, ^{and} a meeting ^{with} without the power of the Love of God are anomalies. A room must be lighted up, and a heart must of a necessity be spiritual. A tree must be fruitful; it may be very tall, very verdant, but yielding no fruits. The fruits of the tree of human life are the Love of God, magnetic, spiritual susceptibilities, heavenly illumination, the knowledge of God, praiseworthy attributes, good morals and conduct. A person whose tree of life produces such fruits, is ^a Bahai: otherwise he is of the earth earthy, self-occupied, and following the dictates of his own desire, and is 'man' only by name. It is ^{of} in this instance that his Holiness Christ says 'ye shall know the tree by its fruits.'

Our two Zoroastrian Bahais came again this morning to visit the Beloved and ^{before} tell noon they met him several times and he spoke to them on many a spiritual topics. As he walked in the long corridor of the hotel they

asked their questions and he answered them.

Several baskets of Apricots were brought ^{in from} ~~up~~ Nogaib and Adassyah and the Master divided them amongst the guests in the hotel and the servants.

When about noon the Pilgrims expected to receive permission to return to Haifa he told them to stay another day and leave tomorrow. Mostafa Ramzi Pasha departed right after lunch for Beirut. The Master insisted that he should stay longer but he had to leave.

Concerning the teaching of the Cause he said:-
 "All the believers of God must be teachers, each individual Bahai must know how to deliver the message of the Kingdom. A person is able to devote all his time to teaching, another soul ^{only} ~~one~~ hour during the day. Both are the servants of the Cause. The thoughts of every one must converge toward this center. When a person teaches the Cause he learns more than the pupil. From his heart will flow the fountains of explanations and the springs of marvellous utterances."