

Wisdom Circles Preparation Sheet September 2017



Theme for the year: Living Wisely / Dwelling in Wisdom from Day to Day

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 6:32-33 (New Jerusalem Bible):
If you wish it, my [beloved], you can be taught; apply yourself,
and you will become intelligent. If you love listening,
you will learn, if you pay attention, you will become wise.

September's Focus: Hospitality:

Hospitality is one way for living wisely,
dwelling in Wisdom from day to day

First Reading: 2Kings 4:1-7 (New Jerusalem Bible)

The wife of a member of the prophetic brotherhood appealed to Elisha. "Your servant my husband is dead," she said, "and you know how your servant revered Yahweh. A creditor has now come to take my two children and make them his slaves.

Elisha said, "What can I do for you? Tell me, what have you got in the house?" "Your servant has nothing in the house," she replied, "except a flask of oil."

Then he said, "Go outside and borrow jars from all your neighbors, empty jars and not too few.

"When you come back, shut the door on yourself and your sons, and pour the oil into all these jars, putting each aside when it is full."

So she left him; and she shut the door on herself and her sons; they passed her the jars and she went on pouring.

When the jars were full, she said to her son, "Pass me another jar." "There are no more," he replied. Then the oil stopped flowing.

She went and told the man of God, who said, "Go and sell the oil and redeem your pledge; you and your children can live on the remainder."

Second Reading:

Refuse no kindness to [anyone], if it is in your power to perform it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go away! Come another time! I will give it you tomorrow," if you can do it now. (Proverbs 3:27-28 New Jerusalem Bible)

There is no perfection on Wisdom's path, there is only perfecting. One step is not superior to another other, only more thoughtful, compassionate, just, and wise. With every step there is something to do. Large or small, complex or simple, each moment offers you an opportunity to act. Do what you can with each opportunity. Give when giving is what is required. Take when taking is what is appropriate. (The Divine Feminine by Rabbi Rami Shapiro, p 164)

Focus Question: How/Does hospitality help you live wisely, dwelling in Wisdom from day to day?