



Tomorrow is for... : An Installation Service

February 18, 2011

Preparation:

Have for each officer a picture or magnet with a sunrise scene on it. Be sure to get the name of each officer and the office to which they have been elected.

(Call those to be installed to the front by name and office)

Leader: Life is a gift with every sunrise! Every new dawn, life makes a delivery to you. Each package is new, complete with a series of challenging opportunities. (Give out magnets/pictures)

In Deuteronomy we read (11:26-28) "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; the blessing if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day; and a curse if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you this day..."

What do you think about when you awaken each morning? Does your relationship with God give meaning and direction to your life? You can do something significant with life if you choose. By saying yes to United Women in Faith, you have made a commitment to do something significant.

Depending on how you choose, your highest hopes can be realized, your greatest potential can be stimulated, your finest qualities can be called forth. Often, if we do not choose to share our talents and gifts we find that, over time, they become less and less a part of us until they no longer exist as something we can do or share with others. Time is the same way, once it is past, there is no way for us to go back and recover it. I would urge you to be aware of each decision you make, and how it might effect your life. Seek to make choices that lead to a full and satisfying life in which you use your gifts and talents to bring God's love to all.

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400 and carried no balance, but every evening canceled whatever part of that amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Daily draw out every cent, of course! Well, you do have such a bank and its name is "Time." Every day you are credited with 86,400 seconds; and every night, the Bank of Time rules off that day as spent, it can not be re-lived again.

You have made a commitment to United Women in Faith, but more importantly--to God! Your challenge as officers is to awake to each tomorrow with a sense of expectancy, to live each day fulfilling your responsibility to United Women in Faith and to yourself, to use your time for spiritual growth, bodily health and personal relationships. As our Purpose says, we seek to become "whole persons in Jesus Christ." If you will accept this challenge, respond by saying, "With God's help I will."

Let us pray: Most Holy God, we celebrate the days you have given us, and know that you are with us in all we do. Send your inspiration upon all those present here as they work out the Purpose of this organization, seeking to spread your love and justice to all the world. In the name of the Christ, who came to show us how to live. Amen. As you leave this place, may you realize that every morning is Easter morning. Be excited about and share the story of God's love.

Hymn: I Want Jesus To Walk With Me #521

(Can be sung by congregation or soloist as the officers return to their seats.)

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