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-- President Wright

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I hope you are reading the daily papers. You may be like one of the funny characters who said over the radio last night that all he knew was what "he heard in the papers." Significant events are taking place in the world at this time, especially in Europe. Yesterday rioting broke out again in Spain. We are not quite sure just what is taking place in France, for there is a certain amount of censoring. The French government has failed. The president of the Republic of France is trying to form another government. France has one decided advantage over us in America. When a difficulty arises like the one that has arisen in France in the last few months if the people are not satisfied with the Legislature and what they do they can cause the legislators to resign from time to time and the president can call for a new election, and the election can be held almost immediately. This has been done time after time and probably has saved France. France is faced with a situation such as we know nothing about in America. There is a large element in France, the Royalists, who want France to become a Monarchy. They were engaged in this rebellion, along with the socialists. This is a very unusual situation. A strike on all kinds of work has been called for ~~the next~~ <sup>beginning Sunday night at 12 o'clock</sup> twenty-four hours, and no one knows just what is going to happen. Twenty-four hours is long enough to tear a government all to pieces. Read the papers carefully for the next few days.

This is another passage of scripture that people have misinterpreted time and again--or else I misinterpret it. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Most people seem to interpret that passage of scripture as meaning to apply to anything they want, overlooking the thought that Jesus is talking about the spiritual life. He has taught us how to ask for things spiritual, has taught us to so live and to

so pray that our lives will be in line with the great fundamental laws of Jehovah. Jesus prayed just before He was put on the cross "Thy will, not mine, be done." He asked that <sup>this</sup> cup might pass, if possible, but "Thy will, not mine----"

He tells us Jehovah will help us line our lives up with the principles and teachings of God, and what one asks for with the right spirit he will receive. But so many times we ask just for things temporal. How many prayers we hear from people who are telling God what to do! who are asking for things temporal, asking God to change His great laws. We are not going to live many years in the physical, but the spiritual lives on forever. It is the spiritual life that really and truly counts, but the spiritual life in the temporal life gives direction to what we do during our few short years of human existence. If we would just line our lives up in keeping with the teachings of Jehovah we would live much more complete lives.

Then comes a summing up of the whole written law, of all the prophets <sup>them</sup> have said, the Golden Rule. Live toward others as you would have/live toward you. Whatsoever you would have men do unto you do you also unto them. If we will treat our fellowman just exactly as we want him to treat us we will come to a realization of what the spirit of God is. The whole law is summed up in the Golden Rule.