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| Pray first: ask God for understanding, Ask Him for the desire to grow spiritually | "What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds." (SH 4:3–5) |
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| Look up every English word in Mrs. Eddy's writings that you don't know and even those you think you know. | www.onelook.com (35 – 50 dictionary sources including the 1828 Webster's dictionary) |
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| Resolve things into thoughts: go from the literal and historical to the metaphysical and inspirational | "1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life." (SH 497:3) "The Scriptures are very sacred. Our aim must be to have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained." "It is this spiritual perception of Scripture, which lifts humanity out of disease and death and |
| | inspires faith." (<i>SH</i> 547:29–32 mortal) |
| Now put into practice what you have been learning. | "It is the living Christ, the practical Truth , which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed." (<i>SH</i> 31:14–17) "It was the living, palpitating presence of Christ, Truth , which healed the sick." (<i>SH</i> 351:13) |
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