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The one great thing to obtain
John Padgett – December 31, 1914

The one great thing to obtain, either while on earth, or after you come here, is this great awakening and love of God in your own heart. It is of all things necessary, the greatest. I know to a considerable degree what it means and the happiness that comes from it; but I am not satisfied and am striving to obtain more of this love, and to rise higher in the kingdom of God. So you must try also, for you need not wait until you come over.

Franklin Mackey, seeking light, writes through John Padgett:

If there be a God, and if that God has a love for me, and is ready to fill my soul with that love and make me happy and full of light, and whether I receive that love or not depends upon my will, then if this is all true, I will that God give me this love with all my strength and desire.

Hugh Taggart, also seeking light, writes through John Padgett:

How am I to attempt to do that in which I have no faith?

So after all, I guess Mackey is not such a big fool to try the experiment. And having confidence in you as a friend that has at heart my welfare, I will do the same as Mackey has promised to do.

So you can pray for me too, and I will pray also. But of course I will not be able to have any belief that my prayers will be answered. So you see I am not only hard headed, but hard hearted also.

If it depends on my will I am more than willing, not only that, but if there be a God and the love that you speak of, I will forever thank that God for taking me away from this condition of blindness and unhappiness. Yes, I am willing to pray to God to help me to believe, and if that will bring relief, then there will be no difficulty, for I will make such a prayer with all my heart.