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Dear Friends,

Life under quarantine is difficult. Within two days, I lost all sense of time. Things started to become unraveled. I realized that even though I was busy all day long, I have not had that much to show for it. I have spent a lot of my time spinning my wheels. Then I thought about Nelson Mandela, the famous liberating leader (he also was a Methodist). He gained all his skills to become a leader for his people while in prison. It is hard to believe, but he was imprisoned for 19 years on Robin Island, while having very little contact with the outside world. Sound familiar? However, in prison he never acted like a prisoner. He got up early every morning, shaved his face, and put on a shirt and tie. He was not dressing to impress others but dressing to form his mind. After he got dressed, he went to work. He studied law and earned a law degree. He became educated in many fields including theology. He lived each day knowing that one day he would be released, and did not want to waste a single moment.

This quarantine is going to last for a while, but not forever. Why don't we live each day knowing that time will one day end? Why don't we prepare ourselves for our future? This is a great time to learn a new skill, take up a new hobby, and to grow spiritually.

Peace of Christ,



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