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Tonight, I should like to talk with you for a few minutes concerning the integrity of Electa. Electa was not the only one of the women of our order to possess this trait but, we more commonly associate a life of integrity with our concept of Electa than we do with any of the others.

Integrity is that completeness of upright conduct and honesty that extends throughout every aspect of one's life. Electa so integrated every phase of her living that her life, when completed, was a paragon of love, a thing of such supreme excellence that, in the hundreds of years that have elapsed since her death, no other individual has equaled nor surpassed her high devotion.

How did it come about that Electa became a woman of such high integrity? Probably,

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much of her success in life was due to the fact that Electa had great aspirations. I do not mean that she aspired to acquire in the realm of material things, but quite the contrary. Somehow, in spite of the grimness of the world which surrounded Electa, the senseless brutalities, the extolling of ignorance, the incompetence and shortsightedness of the governing officials, Electa caught a glimpse of life as it could be if the great new teachings of Jesus were applied by the individual to all of the situations and circumstances in which He found himself. Electa determined that her life would reflect the Divine Message of Love regardless of the adversities in which she might possibly find herself.

Electa found that there were countless ways in which to reflect this great love. Electa had great compassion for her fellow man.

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Those who found their way to her home were given food for their wasting bodies through her generosity, and food for their clouded minds and oppressed spirits through her sincere teachings of the Life of Christ. Although her family suffered death by crucifixion. Electa realized that the whole family's sacrifice of love, their surrender of life itself, resulted in a greater good for themselves and for the succeeding generations of people. Electa had a consuming compassion for her family, the people of her own time, and for the people who were to come century after century through all passage of time. She realized that a life wholly integrated into a completeness of love could have a vital and rewarding effect on the lives of men.

If we, also, would become women of great integrity, it is imperative that we too begin

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with high aspiration. We must grasp the significance of what we wish to accomplish, and an understanding of the basic principles and precepts inherent to the established goal. Electa, for example, wished to emulate Christ's Life of Love, and she understood what things were necessary to achieve her aims. Having established these things, we then may proceed to integrate our every feeling, thought, and action so that each remains true and steady within the confines of our high aspirations.