

THE UNOPENED LEAF

As I sit by my window looking at a houseplant inside
There is an unopened leaf almost eight inches tall
Before being transplanted into the proper soil
It remained tall but tightly closed because there was no nutrition in its previous home
---soil with no nutrients in a confining pot leaving no room to grow!

Now it has been divided into two
The containers are ten and twelve inches wide and very deep
Tall and durable providing plenty of space for the plants roots to grow

Yes, the move from one environment to another was hard on it--unsettling at first
Because Its roots were embedded in deadly soil
If the plant was to live, they had to be gently persuaded to "let go"

It took God's guidance and an hour of purposely being focused on the task at hand
But finally the job was completed
Even after the struggle the plant endured, the leaf still stood tall--unharmmed, alert

Now, eight days later, unseen by the eye, new roots begin to grow deep inside
I know this is true because I can now see the unopened leaf starting to open up
As this process continues, it will be able to absorb even more of God's light.

Never once has the leaf wilted, it stands confident and sure
This will continue to be true as long as the plant is given the proper care
In return, it will add blessings to my daily life that I do not understand or see

What is the name of the plant?
It is a "Peace Lily" of which you can be sure
Reminds me of the peace Jesus Christ offers us to be enjoyed

Before this can happen, like the plant
We must open wide our hearts to Him and the guidance He has to offer
If we are to both see and feel the blessings of true living uprooted from dead soil

Yes, there may be cloudy days ahead
But, if I am willing to be removed from the dead soil of the lifestyle of the past
Willing to stay where He transplants me so I can experience a better way of life
Blessings, joy and peace of mind will be yours in ways yet untold.

So my friend. please be patient; allow Him to work within
To bring forth the beauty within your life that you desire so much
Then the closed leaf will unfold, revealing its full beauty and strength
Bringing forth "Peace" of mind--one of life's most desired gifts

Thoughts given by the Holy Spirit
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