Are You Adding to Your Spiritual Growth?

You must die to self to grow.

When you are forgotten or neglected
and you don't hurt with the insult,
but your heart is happy,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

When your advise is disregarded,
your opinions ridiculed, and you
refuse to let anger rise in your heart,
and take it all in patient, loving silence,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder,
irregularity, unpunctuality, and annoyance…
and endure it as Jesus endured it,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

When you never care to refer to yourself in
conversation or record your own good works,
or itch for praise after an accomplishment,
when you can truly love to be unknown,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

When you can see your brother or sister
prosper and can honestly rejoice with him,
and feel no envy even though
your needs are greater,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

When you are content with any food,
any offering, any raiment,
any climate, any society,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

When you can take correction, when you can
humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly,
with no rebellion or resentment
rising up within your heart,
THAT IS DYING TO SELF.

Are you dead yet?

In these last days, the Spirit will bring us to the cross.