

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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*Blessed is the believing spirit in the power of the Lord.
Always seek the Lord's grace, during these times of evil.
The Lord's triumph over evil is eternal, for all who believe !*

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL___ *By Dennis A. Palma*

In Joshua 1 :9 The Lord says Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

These are words that sound so simple to understand, but can be so hard to comprehend sometimes, when trials and tribulations come.

When times are good and peaceful and everything is going fine, that is when all hell is getting ready to break loose. I have found this to be so true, when it comes to the struggles of life.

The Lord says in Ephesians 6:12-13 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

This scripture seems to set the stage for the ongoing battle that we all are up against, and that is the battle of our minds. If we lose the battle of our minds, we will lose the battle of our souls.

You see Satan only has access to our minds, by what we put into our minds. If we put in evil thoughts in our minds, the Devil will make sure that you reap all the hell that comes with the evil.

If we put good thoughts in our minds, the Lord will make sure that you are equipped with His full armor of righteousness.

It never fails, when are thoughts are worldly and secular, that is when we are most vulnerable for the Devils advances.

Every time I have slipped and got caught up in the Devils traps and snares, was when my thoughts were worldly and secular. When my thoughts are focused on the Lords words, the Devil is helpless, to access, my mind. I always say , the Devil is only one bad thought away, from starting to take control of our minds.

The scripture that is great to meditate on when your mind is being overwhelmed by the Devil is, Philippians 4:6-9. The Lord goes on to say: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God that transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is

excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

If it were possible, I would like to have that scripture in-planted in my brain, that would be one sure way of keeping the evil one at bay!

Everything that we say or do, originates from our thoughts which all come from the brain.

The two main senses that fill the brains thought patterns, is our eyes, and our ears. And the most treacherous and dangerous sense, is our tongues. It is and always will be, the hardest part of our bodies to control. James 3 :7-8 says ,All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

The main theme for this months journal is about realizing how evil is one of the major components, that Christians throughout the world must face. And also realize that we have a personal friend who has defeated the evils of this dark world, by dying on the cross. And as long as we believe, trust, and ask Him for help in times of trouble, He will never leave us or forsake us.

Our heavenly Father promised this, through His Son Jesus Christ!

So my friends in Christ, try and always stay close to the cross. When we stay close to the cross we will always have the insulation necessary, to defend ourselves against the Devil, Thanks to our Lord and Savior, “**Jesus Christ**”

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, help us with the ongoing battle of the mind. Help us to always realize that you defeated our enemy Satan through your Son’s death on the cross. Help us also to always stay strong, when our enemies are close. Help us not to waver when our faith is tested. Help us to draw the broken hearted to You, through Your love and kindness always. Help us to always be a beacon in the night, in the midst of darkness. Father we ask all this in Jesus name always.

JULY SIN OF THE MONTH REFLECTION

Covetousness : Inordinate desire; especially for money.

Mark 7 : 22-23 Greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man “unclean.”

JULY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

A Solid Foundation

2 Samuel 22:2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

My children used to sing a song in Sunday school classes: “ The wise man built his house upon the rock... “ The wise man does build his house upon the rock---- the Lord Jesus Christ and His word--- for nothing built of or on any other substance will stand the test of time.

In the big cities I often see wrecking balls destroying old structures to make way for new ones. Some of these “old structures” in America are less than a hundred years old. In Europe, buildings several centuries old are common. But even these buildings will eventually be destroyed, by a natural disaster if not by man.

Only what is built on the solid foundation of Christ will last. Jesus said, Matthew 7:24 “ Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock “

Are you listening to God's Word and putting it into practice every day ?

Billy Graham

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Proverbs 20:21 A fortune can be made from cheating, but there is a curse that goes with it.

A special prayer request for Vera Achinco who just recently went to be with the Lord. In case you don't know who Vera was, she was on our monthly prayer request list for the sick, for a long time.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

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