

# THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS MONTHLY JOURNAL



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Romans 14:15 One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

*Blessed are the ones who look at each new day, as another opportunity to grow in the wisdom of the Lord. May we all continue to refine our daily flaws, until our Savior returns.*

## **THE GIFT OF ONE MORE DAY** *By Evangelist Dennis Palma*

Our theme for this month, is one of great importance for all believing Christians to fully understand. As we wake up in the morning, the first thing that must come to our minds, is all the priorities and responsibilities for the day. For the majority of us, it is basically financial, physical, emotional, and spiritual survival that is needed to survive each day.

These seem to be the most important priorities that most normal people have in common. Due to the fact that survival is the main theme behind it all, most peoples minds are totally fixed on the sink or swim theory. If you don't work you will sink financially. If you don't watch what you eat and exercise properly, your physical health will decline. If you don't find a balance with your emotions daily, your emotional health will start to go out of tune. If you don't keep a close watch on your spiritual well being, you will be going through life on your own with no help from our Heavenly Father!

With all these areas in our life that need constant attention, it is no wonder why the Devil is so busy destroying peoples lives daily.

The Devil uses these needs to keep us from really knowing what our real purpose on this earth is all about. The number one most important priority of all, is our spiritual well being. If that need is met first, everything else will come much easier to keep up with!

After years of growing in the Lord, the spirit has enlightened my heart about what our real daily purpose is. Our daily purpose is to use each day as a golden opportunity to improve on our personal daily sins. The more we draw closer to the Lord, the more we will realize the importance of using each day as another day to grow in His wisdom. His wisdom far exceeds all the collected wisdom of the entire planet. There is no one individual or entire group of individuals on this earth, that could begin to comprehend the unending wisdom of the Lord. There is and always will be a majority of secular minded people on this earth, that will always try an under mind the wisdom of the Lord. For as long as the Devil exist on this earth, people will continue to violate the Lords will.

When it comes to our daily opportunity on improving our daily walk with the Lord, there is a few things that the Lord has enlightened me to due.

The Lord says in John 3:19-21 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes

into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done through God.”

What the Lord is trying to teach us all is that, we can continue to ignore His blessing of eternal light, or we can learn of Him through His inspired words. In order to learn of Him, we must first say to ourselves how can I learn from Him. To make it easy to understand, how do we learn about anything? The best ways to learn about anything, is to first have the desire to learn, second is to study whatever we are trying to learn. and third is to learn by personal experience.

Desire to learn about anything, is the main ingredient to learn. Without a desire to learn, studying or personal experience will be all in vain.

You say to yourself, how can I get the desire to learn about the Lord.

Sometimes desire comes from banging our heads up against the wall from making the same mistakes day after day from doing it our way.

Sometimes desire comes from a sudden tragedy in our lives. Sometimes the loss of a loved one. Sometimes from a physical or emotional problems.

Sometimes from committing a crime and going to jail. Sometimes from a natural catastrophe. Sometimes from having to go to war, etc.

Sad but very true, it seems like the majority of the people that I have come in contact with when it comes to opening there eyes to the truth of the Lord, have been through some kind of a hardship first.

I believe this to be true not only from my own personal experience, but from all kinds of people I have met and all the stories I have read in the Bible.

I believe the Lord brings us to this point of understanding, in order for us to take our eyes off of ourselves, and focus entirely on Him.

By focusing entirely on Him we are totally surrendering ourselves from our will to His will. That translates into going from darkness, into the light.

This is what it seems the Lord is trying to do for all His children.

So my friends in the Lord, it is my hope that in time that we can all try each day to realize that every day that we wake up, is another day to improve on our daily sins. It is another day to say thank you Lord for another day to work on all my flaws and imperfections. It is another day to learn more about our Saviors will. It is another day we have to share the blessings of the Lords words with others. It is another day we have to be the best we can be ,in the eyes of the Lord.

Let us pray: Father we thank You , we praise You and we bless You, for each day Your Grace allows. We thank You Father for Your gift of life. Also Father thank You for the opportunity each day to learn of Your will. And most of all Father thank You for Your son Jesus Christ Who died for the sins of this world! I thank You Father in Jesus name .....Amen

## FEBRUARY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

Not Faith but sight By Billy Graham

The Son of man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels.  
Matthew 16:27

Today Christ is hidden from our view (although through the Holy Spirit He lives in our hearts). Today is the day of faith; as Paul wrote, "We walk by faith, not by sight"(2 Cor.5:7). Only in the future will we "see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). Christ's first appearing was quiet, almost unnoticed-a humble manager, simple shepherds, an insignificant corner of the Roman Empire. His second appearing will be glorious and universal. He will be accompanied by His angels and will defeat every enemy until He subdues the whole earth. How easily the events of the moment crowd out the promise of eternity! The present seems so real; the unseen future seems so illusory. But in reality the opposite is true. Don't let the present consume you. Instead, "seek those things which are above, where Christ is" (Col.3:1)

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### TSUNAMI PRAYER

It is my hope and prayer at this time that millions and millions of hearts will be touch from people all over the world, to give according to the Spirit of God. This is a tragic event that has taken place of incomprehensible proportion. The only thing that we need to think about at this time is, what we as individuals can do to help those poor people rebuild there lives. There was a reason that only God knows for this tragedy, but as the Bible clearly states, the Lord always works out all things for the good! So my friends in the Lord, I pray that we all continue to step up to the plate for as long as it takes, until the Lord's will is done.....Amen

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### SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Billy Balentine, John Sotile, Sal Talomo, Anne Palma, Vince Mostello, Arlene Santarpio, Anthony Palma Jr., Janet Palma, Harry & Janet Neil

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