

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Philippians 2:3-4 **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

*Heavenly Father and Creator of all things, my prayer at this time is for all the lack of humility in the world we live. May Your Spirit of humility be with all mankind. May the world come to realize, that we can all learn about humility, through Your Son, Jesus Christ...Amen.*

## NATURAL FEELINGS

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

The Holy Spirit has inspired me this month, to write about our natural feelings. At this time you are probably saying to yourself, what does our feelings have to do with my personal walk with Christ? I would like to tell all my brothers and sisters at this time, that it has everything to do with our personal walk with Jesus. In the world as we know it today, it really revolves around all our personal feelings. Every sin that has been committed in the past and present, has ties to our feelings. There is only two ways that we can use our feelings, either we can use them like Christ has taught us, or we can use them as the devil inside all of us tempts us to do. As I have learned from years of my own bad experiences, feelings can lead to all kinds of sin. In the past, when the devils deceiving voice entered my mind, it would always try and make me believe that when someone hurts me emotionally or whatever, I must hurt them back. There are so many natural feelings that we all were born with that anyone of them left unchecked, can led us into sin. Take for instance pride, that in itself has brought down the best of them, including Satan. How about greed, it's causing starvation, destruction, and devastation all around the world. Hatred is like a cancer, killing millions of innocent people world wide. Lust of the flesh, has pulled down to hell, millions of men and women through the ages, with it's satanic lure. These are just a few of the many examples of our natural feelings. These feelings, can run out of control without the help of the Lord. I have observed for many years, the self destruction that can arise, from these kind of feelings. Everything stems from our unbridled feelings, that eventually transfer into emotions, that turn into wrong perceptions. When I say unbridled feelings, I mean feelings that run wild and transfer into uncontrolled emotions. These same uncontrolled feelings and emotions, all stem from the voice of the greatest liar and deceiver in this world, Satan/ lucifer/evil one.

When I speak of the evil one, I speak about the same evil one that goes back to the Garden of Eden. As the Bible clearly tells us, the devil/ evil one, had persuaded our original parents, Adam and Eve, to eat the forbidden fruit. Once the forbidden fruit was eaten, sin was introduced into the world. The Lord said in Genesis 3:22 **And the Lord God said, “ The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever**

The fall of man stemmed from Satan's ability to trick Adam and Eve. There unbridled feelings, caused them to be disobedient to the will of God.

The original disobedience of God's will, goes back to Satan and his fallen angels. They were all cast out of heaven and thrown down to earth, to seek and destroy, as many souls as possible. The Bible tells us in Revelation 12 :7 through 9 **And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.**

One of Satan's greatest weapons he has, is his ability to try and deceive all of mankind, concerning God's will.

He always starts out by working on our feelings and emotions. Once he manages to create doubt and confusion in our minds, the next step is to **destroy your mind, destroy your will, and destroy your soul.**

Just take a look at what he did to Adam and Eve, and why there is so much suffering in the world today, thanks to Satan!

Everything that is wrong with this world we live in, has ties to some form of sin. The only antidote to sin which leads to darkness and destruction, is the word of God, as previously mentioned.

As I reflect back on stories and movies about vampires, I find a similar correlation between vampires and the devil. They both live in darkness. Their lives are both surrounded by evil. They both seek to destroy your body, mind, and soul. Vampires suck the blood out of your body, while the devil sucks the life out of your soul.

Neither one of them can stand in the light of God, and both of them faced with the cross of Jesus Christ, will self-destruct. Vampires seem to be man's way through movies and books, of depicting the devil himself.

This message this month, is a very important one with regards to guarding against our natural feelings and emotions. The devil uses feelings and emotions any chance he gets, to destroy our mind, body, and souls.

Unchecked feelings and emotions without God's help, have caused more hell, grief, and destruction on this earth, than anything else.

We all are so vulnerable and powerless to our emotional feelings, all due to the lack of God's words, in our daily lives. It seems like when you have been through hell and back emotionally, the Lord teaches you the importance of controlling your feelings with His help. When I say with His help, I mean, nothing in this world can help us, it's only through His grace alone!

So my friends in the Lord, with God's help, may we all keep a close watch on our natural feelings, and ask in the name of Jesus for His control....Amen

## NOVEMBER'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

True Happiness *By Billy Graham*

Psalms 146:5 **Happy is the man who has the God of Jacob as his helper**

Sometimes I almost wish Thomas Jefferson had not inserted those words in the American Declaration of Independence about “ the pursuit of happiness” He was correct, of course; God has given us the “right” ( or at least the freedom) to pursue happiness.

The problem is that millions think this must be the primary purpose of life, and they spend their lives frantically pursuing it. In the end, however, their search ends in disillusionment.

Happiness is a byproduct of something greater, not an end in itself.

Happiness can not be pursued and caught, anymore than one can pursue a sunny day, put it in a bottle, and bring it out on a rainy day to enjoy again.

True happiness comes from a different pursuit—the pursuit of God. He has promised, “ You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with your heart”(Jer. 29:13). That promise is true—because God also pursues us. He even sent His Son into the world to pursue and bring us to heaven.

Only God gives **true** happiness.

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### SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 20: 24 **A mans steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?**

Proverbs 21:6 **A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.**

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### SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Tom Marino Jerry Owens Bill Storm Kim Kurd Janet Neil

Debbie Danino Anthony Palma Jr. Anne Palma Tony Scarangelli

Also, A special prayer for all the victims of the latest earth quake and hurricane devastations in Pakistan and parts of Our Country.

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*Until next months journal, May the Lord our Savior, richly bless you!*

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