

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Matthew 10:28 **Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.**

Blessed are all of God's children, who put their trust and faith in the Lord. May God's full armor of righteousness be wrapped around all of us, in times of trouble. May the Lord's grace and mercy be ever present, when the evil one seeks to destroy our souls. Father, I ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus, the Lord of all, HallelujahAmen

FEAR NO EVIL

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Before we get started with this month's spiritual message, I would just like to say, thank You Father again, for unveiling Your Spirit to this ministry. It is always a divine privilege, to share Your Spiritual message of hope with us, month after month. It is such a blessing and a joy, to be a part of Your Infinite Ministry. Father may Your Divine Spirit, continue to bless and protect Your people always! I ask this in Christ Jesus name.....Amen. This month's message of hope and understanding, is another one of extreme importance. The reason why it is so important is, because it has to do with our daily fears and uncertainties. We all tend to struggle with fears and uncertainties from time to time, causing us to rely on ourselves and not God. Fear is just another weapon, that Satan uses to keep us from doing God's will. The reason why it can keep us from doing the will of God is, the fact that it can eventually take control of our minds. Anything that can totally take control of our minds, deprives us from God's grace and insulation. Fear without an antidote, can destroy our mind, body, and soul spiritually, leaving us all in total bondage to fear!

There is no person on this earth, who is absolutely fearless. Deep inside all of us, we all have fears. Some of us, can try to convince ourselves, that we don't fear anything. This fearless type of attitude that some of us have, is generally when we are young and bold. Everything changes in time! As we get older and really take a good look at life, it sometimes can scare the heck out of us. If we really stopped to take a good look at ourselves, we will see the fears that lurk from within. No one on this earth is exempt from fear! As humans, we all have different kinds of fears to deal with in life.

These different fears we all possess, are the same fears that the devil knows all about. He uses them wisely, to keep us off balance with the Lord.

There are so many types of fears that exist in this world today, it would be impossible to list them all. So let's just go over a few general ones.

The number one fear that most of us have is, the fear of dying. This fear, sort of sums up most of all the fears we all have from time to time. Dying kind of brings up a lot of unanswered questions within. How will we die? When will we die? Where will we die, and where will we go after we die etc.? Also how we will die, will it be fast and sudden, or will it be slow and painful?

There are a lot of other fears that don't stem from dying. A lot of other fears, stem from the fear of failure. With failures, there comes numerous kinds of

fears. Some of the common fears from failures we face today, can be anything from financial, marital, to spiritual.

These three fears alone, have many different kinds of related fears that can arise. Due to the large amount of fears that can surface from these fears, I will try to keep to the point of this subject to a minimum. Reason being, it would take up to much space and would be too much to read. Hopefully as you read on, you will get the picture.

For many years of my life, I have been burdened with all kinds of fears. I found myself having to deal with all my fears, all by myself. My pride and ego, always got in my way. I used to think that, I could handle all my fears by myself. With this fleshly way of thinking, the fears would always come back to me again, and again! Finally, through total surrender to the Lord, and asking Him to take away all my fears daily, I have now found a fearless advocate to give all my fears to. That fearless advocate, is the same One that is in charge of the whole world, and that is, Jesus Christ my savior.

What has helped me the most, is by coming to know God's Divine words in the Bible, through daily study and meditation. Without His daily words of encouragement and hope, I would be still depending on this world for answers. This can leave us all, wide open and easy prey for the devil.

The Lord says in Isaiah 41: 13 **For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.**(NIV)

In Proverbs 3: 25-26 The Lord says **Have no fear of sudden disaster or the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.**(NIV)

In 1 Peter 3:12-14 the Lord says: **“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you are to suffer for what is right, you are blessed.” Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.** (NIV)

The Lord also says in John 14:27 **Peace I leave with you; My peace I give. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

The above words of God, are just a few of the many scriptures in the Bible, that we all have available to dwell upon. The Lord gives all of us, the same opportunity to learn to walk in His ways. We can either walk in the Lord's path, or continue, to walk in the ways of this dark and dying world.

Let us now bow our heads in prayer. Father we thank You, praise You, and bless You, for all the undeserving grace and mercy that You have shown us sinners. We also thank You Lord, for all Your love and patience, in the

midst of all this sin in the world. May Your love, grace, mercy, and patience, continued to be with all Your people, as we continue to grow in You. I ask this always in the name of Jesus.....Amen.

JULY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING
SIMPLE TRUST *By Billy Graham*

Proverbs 3:5 **Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.**

There will always be secrets and motives of God that lie beyond our grasp. God knows everything we do not. Only in Heaven will we understand God's ways more fully. As Paul said, "Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known" (1 Cor. 13:12)

But based upon what we know about God's character, demonstrated supremely in the Cross, we can trust that God is doing what is best for us. God says in His Word, "I know the plans I have for you.....plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer. 29:11) as Corrie ten Boom once explained, "Picture a piece of embroidery placed between you and God, with the right side up toward God. Man sees the loose, frayed ends; but God sees the pattern."

God is in control. Whatever comes into our lives, we can confidently say, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28)

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 10:23 **A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.**

Proverbs 15:9 **The Lord detest the way of the wicked, but He loves those who pursue righteousness.**

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Until next months message, may we all have a great spirit filled summer, and may the Lord bless us always with His love.

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