

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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2 Thessalonians 3:16 **Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.**

*Heavenly Father, I pray that the hardened hearts of this world, will be filled up with Your peace. May Your love, grace, and mercy be with all Your people. May Your inspired words, help to sanctify the darkened hearts of the lost souls. May Your eternal wisdom and love, shine upon the people of this world.*

*I ask this always in the name of Christ Jesus.....Amen.*

## JEALOUSY, ENVY, AND HATRED

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

The message this month, is one of grave importance in maintaining our spiritual growth with the Lord. Jealousy, envy, and hatred are just some of the many sins, that have infected God's children spiritually, throughout the ages. Sins deadly venom, can lead our souls into spiritual darkness & death. When I take a good look at my own problems with jealousy, envy and hatred, I realize so much more, the ongoing need for Jesus in my life daily. He is and always will be, the only way to help us repress our sins daily. For most of my life, I thought that being jealous and envious was all apart of my life, until Jesus rescued my soul from the depths of spiritual darkness. Today I believe more than ever, that these three sins are just another vehicle that Satan uses to destroy our souls. Just take a good look around the world today, and see what jealousy, envy, and hatred are doing to our world. All the wars and rebellions in the world, have all started with jealousy. With jealousy, comes envy, with envy comes hatred. Then hatred eventually turns into revenge, then revenge can eventually turn into murder. Any of these sins if left unchecked, can lead our souls strait into the depths of hell. I know what you must be thinking at this time, that you have been jealous, envious, and hateful at times, but you never killed anyone. I completely understand that thought, neither have I! But the point I am trying to convey at this time is, we all have the potential to kill. Remember, with the right set of circumstance from these sins, anyone of us could murder, one another !

One current example today, would be the Muslim terrorist. The majority of all the Muslim right wing fanatics in the world, are jealous, envious, and hateful, of all the religious rights and freedoms we share in this country and abroad. Do you think for just one minute, that they all started out wanting to destroy our freedoms. The fact of the matter is, that we all start out as an innocent child! We then become a product of our environment. For one reason or another, we all eventually conform, to whatever society and our culture have to offer. As for the terrorist, after years of cultural brain washing, there thinking patterns became distorted. There jealousy and envy of the free world, has now finally turned into complete hatred. They will stop at nothing to get their revenge on the free world. They will even go to the extent of taking there own lives, all for the good of Muhammadanism. As I said earlier, there thinking has become distorted from their sins, and their lack of love for one another.

All the trouble in this world, has some kind of roots to jealousy, envy, and hatred. These sins would have no place to flourish, if more people in the world would rely on the word of God, through Jesus Christ.

There are numerous scriptures in the Bible, that the Lord has equip us with to help us to stay away from all jealousy, envy, and hatred.

In 1 Peter 4:8 the Lord says: **Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.** Another great scripture can be found in 1 John 4:20-21 when the Lord said, **If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.**

In order to avoid these sins from your life, start by loving all your brothers and sisters everywhere, whatever race or creed they may be.

The Lord also says in the book of Luke chapter 27, that His second greatest commandment is **“love your neighbor, as yourself.”**

There also is another good scripture that comes to mind about the sin of envy, in Proverbs 14:30 the Lord say's **A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.**

Anyone that is into the word of God, understands the Lords benefits from maintaining a peaceful heart. The only way we can maintain a peaceful heart, is to be tuned into the Lord's words, 24hrs/7days a week. The problem is, that most Christians seem to find it real hard to stay in the word of God. If we put God in the back of the bus, we will never be able to maintain a peaceful heart. The Lord has got to be in the front of our bus, driving our bus, guiding our bus, and maintaining our bus. Why then do we find it so hard to allow God to direct our bus. It's strictly do to the fact that we believe that we can drive our own bus. As humans, we are so prideful and full of ourselves, that there is no room for Jesus full time. The only time we seem to have any real sincere time for Him, is when unexpected problems and uncertainties arise, that we cannot handle by ourselves!

So in closing, lets us all try and reflect on this months inspired message. Let us start by taking the right steps necessary to gain more of God's grace, love, mercy, and peace for our souls for this life, and eternity!

Let us pray. Father I am so thankful for Your grace, love , and mercy You have for all us sinners. May we all start loving and giving You more of our time daily. May You further enlighten Your people about all the benefits that await us all, in Jesus Christ Your Son. Also, May more of our brothers and sisters come to know You on a daily personnel level, in Jesus name...Amen.

MARCH'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

Life Plus Love *By Billy Graham*

Galatians 5:14 **All the law is fulfilled in one word;.....love your neighbor as yourself.**

Suppose I gave everything I had to charity. You probably would say I was a very good person-----a fine Christian. But Paul said that unless I acted out of love, "I am nothing" ( 1 Cor. 13:2). George Sweeting has said," Life minus love equals nothing!"

Do you have this kind of love----a love that puts others ahead of yourself? Without Jesus Christ in your heart, without the Holy Spirit in your life, you can't produce love. This is the kind of love Jesus had for us, when He willingly left the glory of Heaven and went to the cross for our salvation. Only God can give us a selfless love for others, as the Holy Spirit changes us from within. This is the one reason we must receive Christ, for apart from His Spirit we can never be freed from the chains of selfishness, jealousy , and indifference. Will others see Christ's love in your life today?

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SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 16:6 **Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.**

Proverbs 15:32 **He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.**

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SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE LOST.

Janet Neil Jerry Owens Anthony Palma Jr. John Baker Bill Storm Virginia Marucci Michael Morales Kim Kurd Garland Wilson and a special prayer for all the sick, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the broken hearted, the persecuted, etc., people of this world.

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*In closing, I would just like to say, thank you Lord for another month of your blessings and inspirations for this ministry. Father may Your grace, love and mercy continue to flow through this ministry for Your people. May Your Holy Spirit be with us always, to counsel, guide and direct us from all of lifes trials and tribulations. Father I ask this always in the name your Son Jesus Christ.....Amen.*

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