THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Psalms 32:7 <u>You are my hiding place</u>; <u>You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance</u>.

SPIRITUAL THINKING

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Dear Abba Father, thank You again for Your inspired wisdom that You share each month, with this ministry. Father, it is such a Divine privilege to know that You are here in Spirit, to teach us about Your will. Father, may Your will be done and not ours. May the joy of knowing You personally, touch the hearts of the lost souls. May your Eternal Light shine down upon all Your people. Father I ask this in the name of our guiding light and Savior, Christ Jesus....... Amen This months inspired message is one about the way we think. When you really take a good look at it, the way we think, is the way we are. If we are always thinking about ourselves, the outcome will always reap, self-centeredness and a selfishness. When I say self-centeredness, I mean that when we only care about ourselves. Being self centered means, we are only thinking about ourselves, These two character flaws, seems to go hand and hand with this dark an evil world we live in.

You see, no matter how hard we try to change these faults on our own, the harder it becomes. I believe, the longer we let theses flaws continue to grow in our life, the more selfish and self-centered we become. In this world we live in, people are hard hearted and cold blooded to say the least. This selfish/self centered attitude, stems from the secular way people think. Secular or worldly thinking, is dark and calculating when you look at it from a spiritual perspective. It is so simple to see when you look at it from the eyes of the Lord. When I was coming up in the streets, the way I was taught out in the concrete jungle was, that only the strong survived. The only good thing that the streets taught me was, common sense. The bad part about growing up in the streets, was the fact that I was never taught anything about spiritual sense. At that time of my life, secular thinking was all I knew and all I thought I needed.

God created both common sense, and spiritual sense. The only problem is, most people never find any spiritual sense about life, due to sin. I believe, that the world will never get any better, until we learn about spiritual sense. Spiritual sense/thinking, can only be understood, when you are into the word of God. Without a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the only thinking we will ever learn, is secular thinking. Secular thinking teaches us to get all that we can out of life, with no regard for our fellow man. Spiritual thinking, teaches us to put others first before ourselves. Without having spiritual sense, you can never have real peace from within our souls! What it really goes back to is, good vs evil,/ spirituality vs secularism. This war that has been waging from within the souls of man, since the beginning of time. For secular minded people, there is no light at the end of the tunnel, just darkness, hopelessness and hell. But for spiritual minded people, there is light, hope and peace in Christ Jesus! This

world is going to get darker and darker, until the Lord Jesus Christ comes back to judge the living and the dead. The Lord says in Revelation 22: 12-15

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those that practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practice falsehood.

In this scripture, the Lord is very assured and confident about what awaits all of us whether good or evil, when He comes back to judge both the living and dead. All through our natural lives, we are all looking for some kind of victory, some thing to make us feel like winners and not losers. When it comes to being victorious in our life, it's not going to be measured by how much wealth and fame we have when death is near, that's the secular way of thinking. The Spiritual way to real victory, will be in knowing and doing the word of the Lord! There are some real good scriptures with respect to victory in the Lord, that I would like to share with you at this time. In 1 John 5;4-5 the Lord says; Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

In 1 Corinthians 15:57 God says: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Psalms 60:12 God also says: With God we will gain the victory, and He will trample down our enemies. Last but not least, the Lord says in Proverbs 11:14 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rest with the Lord. Those scriptures are so powerful and full of life. The Lord new exactly how each word would effect us in there translations. The word of God, seems to go right through to your soul, like a piercing knife. The Lords words mean the difference between hope vs no-hope, life vs no-life, and eternity vs hell. What kind of thinking do you have? In closing, my brothers and sisters, try and remember always, you will never get out of here alive, without the Divine words of the Lord. That is God's promise to all who believe in Jesus Christ. Getting back to the original theme of this months message, the way we think, is the way we are. So if we think the way this secular world thinks, we will reap the evil, darkness, and destruction that comes with this kind of thinking. On the other hand, if we think spiritually as the Lord teaches all those who believe in the word of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will reap God's peace, love, joy and Eternal Salvation. As always, the choice is always up to you and you alone!! Let us pray, Father we thank you for this message of hope and assurance that You are and always will be with us through life's trials and uncertainties, while we are walking with You. May we continue to think spiritually and not secular. May Your Holy Spirit guide us always. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ..........Amen.

NOVEMBER'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING Satisfying the Soul By: Billy Graham

Psalm 119-35 NIV <u>Direct me in the path of your commands</u>, for there I find delight. The Bible teaches that a person is more than just a body---each of us is actually a living soul! Our souls are created in the image of God. God Himself has implanted His own nature within us!

Just as our bodies have certain characteristics and appetites, so do our souls. The characteristic of the soul includes intelligence, emotions, and will. The human soul or spirit longs for peace, contentment, and happiness. Most of all, the soul has an appetite for God----- a yearning to de reconciled to it's Creator and to have fellowship with Him forever.

In our world, we give most of our attention to satisfying the appetites of the body and practically none to the soul. Consequently we are one-sided. We become fat physically and materially, while spiritually we are lean, weak, and anemic.

The soul actually demands as much attention as the body. It demands fellowship and communication with God. It demands worship, quietness, and meditation. Nothing but God ever completely satisfies, because the soul was made for God. Don't starve the soul.

SPECIAL PRAY INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE LOST SOULS

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Also, special prayers for the world and Our Country at this time, for all the greed, corruption, hatred, and violence to stop in the name of the Lord. Furthermore, a prayer for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the hopeless, the hungry, the persecuted, etc. people of this world. I ask this also in the name of the Lord Christ Jesus.....Amen.

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In closing I would like to say thank You Lord, for inspiring and guiding this ministry for over 5 years now. If this monthly journal is feeding your soul, please e-mail this journal to your family or friends wherever! Until next month, may God Bless you.