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THROUGH GOD'S INSPIRED WORDS OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Psalms 145:18 **The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

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As always Heavenly Father, thank you again, for your newly inspired message of hope and wisdom this month. Lord, we give You thanks and praise always for sharing your insights and unending wisdom, to fill our darken souls. Thanks Father, for not giving up on us. Also Lord, thanks for always being there for all our spiritual needs.

*Last but not least, Father help us all to continue to grow in Your knowledge and wisdom. I ask this always, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ... Amen. When the Lord talks about the truth will set you free, what is He really trying to say to us all? In John 8:31-32 The Lord said; **"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"***

What the Lord is trying to tell all us, is the fact that whoever is really looking for life's truth, can only find it's real meaning, by trusting and studying the word of God.

You see, there is absolutely no truth in this world to be found, other then the fact that it will eventually pull us down to the depths of hell, spiritually.

For the majority of my life, I always tried to follow the ways of this world. For a long while, it was filling me up with all kinds of lustful feelings, lying, deceitfulness, cheating, stealing, lack of forgiveness, hatefulness, uncaring, lacking kindness, you name it. You see, every sin in the Bible, the world will teach you for free. But none of it's teaching are for free. There is such a destructive price to pay, for following this secular world! In time, this world can eventually transformed our souls into complete darkness. When I say complete darkness, just take a good look at all the heinous crimes against humanity that have been going on, since the beginning of time. When you finally believe in the word of God, and learn the truth from His teachings, then it will be crystal clear why all these evil things exist in the world.

God's teachings, are all about the fruits of the Holy Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These fruits are call good fruits, reason being is that they produces things like, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. The Lord's teachings, are what is lacking in our world since man's fall from grace. It is no wonder at all, why the world is so messed up. How can this world be anything more then what it is, with it's false teachings and beliefs. When I see or hear of things that are worldly, nothing surprises me anymore. You see, the worldly outcome will always be the same. The worlds results, are actually boring any more, because they are so predictable. So predictable, because the results of their teachings, are so repetitious.

Did you ever notice right after a bizarre crime is committed, how everyone seems to try and figure out why such in such a person, just went into whatever, and open fired on everybody? The answer is so obviously clear, no Jesus living in the perpetrators life.

I will go as far as to say, that it is impossible to a commit a crime, if you heart is filled up with the fruits of the Spirit. That is why, if you ever see any so called Christians, talking and not walking in the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, he or she, is a Christian by name only. That person, has not fully committed his or her self to the Lord yet! I am not saying that committed Christians don't sin, we all sin and fall short of the grace of God daily. The difference between a Christian by name only, and a daily practicing Christian is, one is fully committed to the word of God, while the other one, is not. When I say not committed, I mean when hell breaks loose in their life, the first place they run to, is the Lord. After the crisis has past, it's back to being a Christian by name only again. A real practicing Christian, makes a daily commitment to honoring, worshiping, and studying the word of the Lord Christ Jesus. A real practicing Christian is taught to spread the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ to all non believers.

As believing Christians, we are taught to be active ministers of word of the Lord. Also, we are taught to be God's examples, of the fruits of the His Holy Spirit. There is a few scriptures that come to mind, how the truth of the Lord will set you free. In 1 John 5:20 the Lord says: We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true- even in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. In Psalms 119:160 God says: All your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal.

In John 16:13 Jesus said, "When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.

In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

In Psalms 145:18 God said: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call Him in truth.

These are just a few of the many scriptures, that God has made available for all of us to learn from, by teaching us about the ways and the will of our Savior Jesus Christ. Once we make that daily commitment to the Lord to believe, to study and be faithful to His word, then and only then will the truth about this world start to unfold. If you are still looking for answers in this world, you will never find them. You see, when God created everything that are naked eyes can see, He created a world of complete enigma. For thousands of years, scientist have been working overtime to figure out life as we know it, only to fall short of its true meaning and existence. The problem with scientist, is the fact that they may come up with certain things to help advance the world, but it is God, not the scientist, who really came up with everything they have found to date. They have not yet come to realize in their God less minds, the fact that everything that they may or have discovered, really comes from God only, not man!

July's Edition of Hope for Living
The Call of Christ By Billy Graham

1 Corinthians 3:19 The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

Some may contend that the way for the church to make the world a better place is to become like it. But whenever the Church does this, it ends up compromising its spiritual authority and losing its influence. Instead of changing the world, the world changes it.

God doesn't want us to isolate ourselves. In praying for His disciples Jesus said, "As You send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world" (John 17:18). If we isolate ourselves from others, we have no impact and demonstrate a lack of love.

But neither does God want us to become like the unbelieving world. We are to be separate, refusing to adopt its motives, attitudes, and patterns of behavior. The Bible warns, "All that is in the world- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life- is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). Let Christ fill your life, and there won't be any room for the world

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Let us pray, Father we all pray at this time and each day forward, for all our less fortunate brothers and sisters. A special prayer for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the needy, the hungry, the persecuted, the helpless, the hopeless, the broken hearted, the lost souls, the deceased souls. A prayer for all the hatred, violence, and lack of love for our neighbors, throughout the world. Also a special prayer for all our troops in harms way and a prayer for peace in this hateful world. Furthermore, special prayers for: Chris Vasquer, Jamie De Costa, Russ Holman, Mike Buetner, Mark Sottile, The Longo Family, Robert Lambert, Robert Sommers, John Mc Gibbon, Rose Robinson, Greg Mc Glade, Anne Granata, Marian Ortez, Lucy Cartogena, Peg Ballerino, Nancy Flecker, Felicia Rumbow, Jerry Owens, Vince Phillipelli, Penny Howe, Janet Neil, Jeff Haines, Joe Hinley, Candice Kiana, Tony Scarangelli, Jonathan Baker, Keith Ruggiero, Rene De Matteo, Robin Weiss, Carl Napolliello, Marian Johnson, Janet Litiski, Jeff Rafter, Denise Lathrop, Laura Barron, Marian Wilson, Carol Palma, Anne Marie Kalogridis.

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Ministry update: The Spiritual Connection, is in the process of designing a web – site. This will be a place where you can go and find things like a prayer of encouragement line, where you can anonymously place a prayer petition for yourself or a friend or whomever, that will be prayed for daily. An archive section where you can find monthly journals that date back for almost 6 years. These past monthly journals, can be used for study and for words of hope and encouragement. There will also be a section for study and information, history of the ministry, and a contact section. Whatever the Holy Spirit has in mind for this web-site, is what it will be. So my friends in the Lord, I am asking for prayers for this ministry, for continual guidance, wisdom, and blessings, from the Lord!

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Until next months journal, may the Lord Jesus Christ, richly bless you and your family always.

