

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Luke 16:13: “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot not serve both God and Money.”

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

All gracious and loving Father, again we give You thanks, praise, and blessings Lord, for being our Lord of lords and King of kings. Father may we come into Your Divine Presence with a spirit of love for one another. Lord please give us the fortitude to follow Your Way, and not the worlds. Lord please continue to guide us through this maze of darkness and help us find Your Divine Light. Father we ask this in Jesus name.....Amen.

This months inspired message has to do with a sin that has corrupted and devastated our world throughout history. This sin is the sin of greed! Greed has started more wars throughout the world and has corrupted more people, than any other sin in the world today. As I take a good look at the troubled economic outlook of the world today, it is real easy to see all the corruption and mayhem that has directly stemmed from greed. There is so much hunger and starvation around the world from greed, that it really makes you sick in your stomach when you really think about it.

There is a great story in the Bible about greed, where God is trying to teach us all about the eventual spiritual destruction that can come from greed. Jesus tells about the Rich Man and the Beggar. The story begins in

Luke 16:19: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury everyday. At the gate laid a beggar name Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, in hell, where he was in torment, he looked and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.

“But Abraham replied, Son remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.

“ He answered, Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.

“Abraham replied, he said, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them. No Father Abraham, he said, but if someone from the dead goes to tell them, they will repent.

He said to him, if they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

In this story, God’s urgent message, is to help us refrain from all our personnel egoism, pride, and selfishness that lurks from within all of us. By being conscious of God’s warning about greed, is just another way He demonstrates His concern and love for all of us.

Our use of money is a good test of the lordship of Christ. (1) Money belongs to God, not us; let us use our resources wisely. (2) Money can be used for good or evil; let us use ours for good. (3) Money has a lot of power; let us use it carefully and thoughtfully. We must use our material goods in a way that will foster faith and obedience. We are to make wise use of the financial opportunities we have, not to earn heaven, so that heaven (“ eternal dwellings”) will be a welcome experience for those we help.

If we use our money to help others find Christ, our earthly investment will bring eternal benefit. When we obey God’s will, the unselfish use of possessions will follow. Our integrity often meets it’s match in money matters. God calls us to be honest even in small details we can easily rationalize away. Heavens riches are far more valuable than earthly wealth. But if we are not trustworthy with our money here (no matter how much or little we have), we will be unfit to handle the vast riches of God’s kingdom. Don’t let your integrity slip in small matters, and it will not fail you in crucial decisions either.

Money can easily take God’s place in your life. I can become your master. How can you tell if you are a slave to money? Ask yourself: Do I think and worry about money frequently? Do I give up doing what I should do or would like to do in order to make more money? Do I spend a great deal of time caring for my possessions? Is it hard for me to give money away? Am I in debt?

Money is a hard and deceptive master. Wealth promises power and control, but often it cannot deliver. Great fortunes can be made—and lost—overnight, and no amount of money can provide health, happiness, or eternal life. How much better is it to let God be your Master. His servants have peace of mind and security, both now and forever!

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, may we all embrace this message with a sense of understanding and wisdom. Lets us all pray that the devil's deceptive and destructive trap is altered, by God's Eternal Plan. Let us pray. Father we come to You at this time of need, for Your Holy Spirit to guide us, direct us, and protect us from Satan's controlling grip. May we use Your money Lord, wisely and generously with a spirit of selflessness. Father, give us the strength to fight the temptations of greed. Lord, please help us not to slaves to money and secularism. Father, we this prayer, in Jesus name.....Amen.



JESUS CALLING
By Sarah Young

I AM NEARER than you think, richly present in all your moments. You are connected to Me by love-bonds that nothing can sever. However, you may sometimes feel alone, because your union with me is invisible. Ask me to open your eyes, so that you can find me everywhere. The more aware you are of My Presence, the safer you feel. This is not some sort of escape from reality; it is a tuning in to ultimate reality. I am far more Real than the world you can see, hear, or touch. Faith is the conformation of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality, perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.

Acts 17:27-28; Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your crops; then your barns will be filled/to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 4:6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you



THE MINISTRIES DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily for Johanna Tyson, Greg Dubois, Joy Valeri, Joe Lakes, Irina, Ratkevitch, Elena Ratkevitch, Jimmy Palma and Family. Barbra Teto, Patrick Zinck, Pat Sculi, Jennie D'Ippolito, Little Claire, Mom DeMatteo, John Aquilino, Johathan Baker, Alexandra Barone, Keith Regerio, Janet Neil, Andria Arceneaux, David Stein, Dorothy Leary, Cindy Hogman, Mike Buettner, Lenora Williams, Donna D'Angelous and Family.

Also a special prayer for: the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, The weary, the lost, the persecuted, the broken hearted, the hungry, etc.

Furthermore, may we all pray daily for our country and for all our brothers and sisters around the world around who are living under a dictatorship.

May God give us all hope for a better tomorrow!

May we all have a great summer in the Lord, and may our Lord Christ Jesus, continue to watch over and richly bless all His people.....Amen.

Until next months inspired message, keep the Faith.

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