

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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1 John 4:4 : You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one that is in the world.

TESTING THE SPIRITS
By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Dear Abba Father, we thank You, we praise You, and we bless You Lord, for another inspirational message this month for your people..

Father, when I prayer to You in Jesus name for another inspired message Lord, You gracefully full me up with Your words of Divine Wisdom.

Father, Your Divine Words help us to cope daily in a fallen world.

Lord without Your grace, love and mercy, we would all be like sheep heading to the slaughter house. So Father, please continue to stay close to us and protect all of us from Satan's plans for our spiritual destruction.

Lord we ask all this in the name of Christ Jesus.....Amen.

Let me first say that it has been such a blessing to share God's Word with this ministry for almost 8 yrs now. I would like to say thanks to all of you who have hung in there with this ministry and have been blessed with these monthly messages. May the Lord continue to touch the hearts and minds of His people wherever, and continue to bless each and every one of you!

This month's message I believe, is another piece of God's puzzle, that needs to be brought to light to help us all fight the good fight against the devil.

The reason why it is so important to defend our spirituality, is the fact that when Satan's veil of darkness overshadows our way of thinking, we must be spiritually prepared, not unprepared for his deadly attacks.

It is like going to buy a used car and not taking the car for a test run. Or when the salesman tries to tell you that everything is in perfect condition and you believe what he is saying when it's not.

This way of thinking is not too smart! Instead, we should make sure that everything is in good working order by not only test driving it and checking everything out , but also we should have regular professional mechanic check it out further. It is really important to be on the guard when it comes to buying anything in this evil world. Reason being, is the fact that everywhere we turn today, someone is trying to take whatever cash or goods we have available. There is one scam after another scam always going on today!

Well let me tell you something, if you think that the monetary scams that we are faced with daily are bad, you should take a good look at all the spiritual scams the devil and his demons are runny behind the scenes. If we don't have a daily awareness of the word of God, Satan can blind-side us.

In the book of **1 John chapter 4**, the Lord tells us to test the spirits. You see every spirit is not from God. In this fallen world that we live in, there are a lot more evil spirits roaming around, than Good Spirits. When we make it a point to stay focused on the Holy Spirit and not the evil spirits, we have a fighting chance spiritually. In **1 John 4:1** it is written; **Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirit to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.** “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits” means that we should not believe everything we hear just because someone says that is a message from God. There are many ways to test teachers to see if their message is truly from the Lord. One is to check and see if their words match what God says in the Bible. Other tests include, their commitment to the body of believers, their lifestyles, and the fruit of their ministries. But the most important test of all, says John, is what they believe about Christ Jesus. Do they teach that Jesus is fully God and fully man? Our world is full of voices claiming to speak for God. Give them these tests to see if they are indeed speaking God’s truth. The antichrist will be a person who epitomizes all that is evil, and he will all ready be received by an evil world. Most people are too blind to see that the “spirit of the antichrist” is already here. Those who reject Christ are unknowingly or consciously siding with the spirit of the antichrist. It is easy to be frightened by the wickedness we see all around us and to be overwhelmed by the problems we face. Evil is obviously much stronger than we are. John assures us however that God is even stronger. He will conquer all evil—and His Holy Spirit and Word live in our hearts! False prophets are popular with the world because, like the false prophets of the Old Testament, they tell people what they want to hear. John warns us of the fact that Christians who faithfully teach God’s Word will not win any popularity contests in the world. People don’t want to hear their sins denounced; they don’t want to listen to demands that they change their behavior. A false teacher will be well received by non-Christians. The reality of it all is that before we are able to truly test the spirits that engulf our daily thoughts, words and deeds, we must first trust in God to help us to identify the Holy Spirit from the evil spirits around us. There is no other way for us to separate to two unless we are actively tuned in to the true voice of the Holy Spirit. If we are not truly tuned in to God’s Spirit daily, we will eventually be overwhelmed by the evil spirits with no place to go. At that point our ability to make the distinction between the two forces will be spiritually polluted and diminished from the devils deadly venom!

So my brothers and sisters may we all wake up and come to our senses to the fact that we must stay alert spiritually. According to the word of God we must not become complacent and assume that there is no difference between the two forces that we are confronted with on a daily basis. Time is running out on all of us and we need to ask God to help us stay vigilant through His Words of Eternal Wisdom. In this dark and evil world we live in, none of us have a fighting chance without having a daily ongoing relationship with God. Without the Holy Spirits indwelling, we are just like sheep ready for the slaughter house. So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, to have any true spirituality, we must always **“Test The Spirits.”** Also, without any real spiritual awareness in this evil world, the devil and all his demons, will be on us like white on rice!

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JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

TASTE AND SEE THAT I AM GOOD. This command contains and invitation to experience My living Presence. It also contains a promise. The more you experience Me, the more convinced you become of My goodness. This knowledge is essential to your faith-walk. When adversities strike, the human instinct is to doubt My goodness. My ways are mysterious, even to those who know Me intimately. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways and thoughts. (**Isaiah 55:8-9**) Do not try to fathom my ways. Instead, spend time enjoying Me and experiencing My goodness. **Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him**

PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Proverbs 20:19 **A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.**

Proverbs 21: 6 **A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.**



THE MINISTRIES DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for: Patrick Zinck, Pat Scuili, Venessa Sedlis-Marino and family, Jennie D'Ippolito, Little Claire, David Stein, Janet Neil. John Acquilino, Andria Arceneaux, Dorothy Leary, Donna D'Angelous and family, Mom DeMatteo, Keith Regerio, Jonathan Baker, Barbra Teto, Mike Buettner, Alexandra Barone, Lenora Williams, Joe Longo and Family Jimmy Palma and Family, Joe Longo and Family, Cindy Hogman, Jerry Palma and Family, Joe Lakes, Elena Ratkevitch Irina Ratkevitch, Joy Valeri.

Also a prayer for: the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the weary, the lost, the persecuted, the broken hearted, and a prayer for all the hatred, corruption, violence, and wars around the world.

Furthermore, a prayer for our failing economy, the oil spill in the gulf, natural disasters, and for all our government elected officials. Lord I ask all these prayers in Jesus name.....Amen.

Until next month's inspired message, may the Lord richly bless you and your family in Christ Jesus name.....Amen.
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