

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

**Jesus Christ
the same yesterday,
and to day,
and for ever.
Hebrews 13:8**

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Mark 4:9 [Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”](#)

FINDING THE TRUTH

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Father God, thank You for your continual inspired message each month. Father, may this message touch the hearts and minds of Your people. Lord, continue to show us Your everlasting love, grace, and mercy, in everything we do. Father, please continue to unveil Your Divine Wisdom through Your Word. Lord may the hardened and lost souls find Your Divine Light before it's too late! Abba Father, I ask this in Jesus name.....Amen.

I am going to start out this month's inspired message with this question! Why did Jesus speak in parables most of the time when He was teaching? The main reason why Jesus taught the people by telling parables, short stories using familiar scenes, was to explain spiritual truths. This method compels the listener to think. It also conceals the truth from those who are too stubborn or prejudiced to hear what is being taught. Most parables have one main point, so we must be careful not to go beyond what Jesus intended. Some people do not understand God's truth because they are not ready for it. God reveals truth to people who will act on it, who will make it visible in their lives. When we talk to people about God, be aware that they will not understand if they are not ready yet. We must be patient, taking every chance to tell them more of the truth about God, and praying that the Holy Spirit will open their minds and hearts to receive the truth and act on it. Worries of this life, the false sense of security brought on by prosperity, and the desire for things plagued the first-century disciples just as they do us today. How easy is it for our daily routine to become over crowded. A life packed with materialistic pursuits, crowds out God's Word and leaves us unfruitful for Him. Many Christians today are hidden from sight, reluctant to be identified as Christians. Such a Christian is like a brand-new light that never leaves the carton that it came in. If a lamp doesn't help people to see, it isn't worth much. Does your life show other people how to find God and how to live for Him? If not, what "baskets" have hidden your light? Complacency, resentment, embarrassment, stubbornness of heart, or disobedience can keep us from shining. The light of Jesus' truth is revealed to us, not hidden. But we might not be able to see or to use all that truth right now. Only when we put God's truths into practice will we understand and see more of the truth.

The truth is clear, but our ability to understand is imperfect. As we obey, we will sharpen our vision and increase our understanding, ([James 1: 22-25](#)) Jesus words may have been directed to the Jews who had no understanding of Jesus and would loose what they had- their privilege status as God's people. Or Jesus might have meant that when people reject Him, their hardness of heart drives away or renders useless even the little understanding that they already had; thus, any opportunity to share in God's kingdom will eventually be taken away completely. To understand Jesus' message, we must listen and respond. Those who listen casually, for whatever reason, will miss the point! God promises us all that His harvest will be magnificent and prolific-the best fruit ever grown. Your witness at this time may be weak and your efforts may seem to influence few, but the Word of God is a powerful growth agent. The Christian life may have more stormy weather than calm seas. As Christ's followers for the storms that will surely come, be prepared. Do not surrender to the stress, but remain resilient and ask God to help us recover from setbacks. With faith in Christ, we can pray, trust and move ahead. When a squall approaches, may we lean on the wind and trust God. The Holy Spirit has touched my heart with these scriptures to help us all to gain and maintain more trust in the Lord Christ Jesus.

In Proverbs 3:5-6 the Lord said: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. In Psalms 37:3-5 it is also written: Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pastures. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and He will do this. In Psalms 46:1-2 the Lord says: God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Once we finally find God's truth, at that point we need to maintain it. The best way I found to stay in touch with God's truth, is through prayer. Persistence, or boldness in prayer, overcomes our insensitivity, not God's. To practice persistence does more to change our hearts and minds than His, and it helps us to understand and express the intensity of our need.

Persistence in daily prayer, helps us to recognize God's work.

I will leave you with a few thought to ponder about, with respect to finding God's truth in your life. My brothers and sisters, try and always remember these simple truths about following Christ Jesus. **We disown Jesus when we** (1) hope no one will think we are Christians, (2) decide not to speak up for what is right, (3) are silent about our relationship with God, (4) blend in to society, (5) accept our culture's non-Christian values.

By contrast we acknowledge Him when we, (1) live upright moral Christ living lives, (2) look for opportunities to share our faith with others, (3) help others in need, (4) take a stand for justice, (5) love others, (6) acknowledge our loyalty to Christ, (7) use our lives and resources to carry out God's desires rather than our own.

In closing, the Holy Spirit has touched me with one more thought that we all need to keep fresh in our minds. When it comes to finding the real truth, once we find it, it will set us free from the bondage of fears and uncertainties that comes from living in a fallen world. Also, truth is the most powerful thing on earth because it is the only thing that cannot be changed.

So my friends, if you are not concerned about ever finding the truth and real purpose for life, then stay with the ways of the world. But if you really want to know about the true meaning of life, then lets ask God to teach us! Amen.

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JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

WHEN THINGS DON'T GO --as you would like, accept the situation immediately. If you indulge in feelings of regret, they can easily spill over the line into resentment. Remember that I am sovereign over your circumstances, and humble yourself under My Mighty hand. Rejoice what I am doing in your life, even though it is beyond your understanding.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Me you have everything you need, both for this life and for the life yet to come. Don't let the impact of this world shatter your thinking or draw you away from focusing on Me. The ultimate challenge is to keep fixing your eyes on Me, no matter what is going on around you. When I am central in your thinking, you are able to view circumstances from My perspective. ([1Peter 5:6](#) [John 14:6](#))

PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Proverbs 2:12 Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose ways are perverse.

Proverbs 3:33 The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the home of the righteous.

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Also a prayer for all; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the weary, the lost, the persecuted, the broken hearted souls. Also for all the hatred, violence, wars, corruption, etc, in the world. Last, for the failing world economy, the natural disasters, and for our President and Government elected officials.

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Until next month's journal, may the Lord and our Savior Christ Jesus richly bless you with His Everlasting Divine Presence!

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