

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Romans 8:5: Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance to the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

LIVING THROUGH THE SPIRIT

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we again give You thanks and praise for sharing another monthly message with this ministry. Father, may this message touch the hearts of Your people wherever! Lord, help us all to learn from Your Divine Words of eternal wisdom. Father, may we take this time to reflect on the things that You want to teach us. Lord, please open our hearts and minds to follow Your Will, and not the will of this sinful world. Father, I ask this in Jesus Name.....Amen. What am I trying to say when I say we must live through the Spirit and not by the flesh. Living through the Spirit teaches us ways and means to stay focused on what God wants for us during this brief stay here on earth. Living by the flesh, demonstrates our dependence on ourselves and not on God. As we live by the Holy Spirit's power, we need to submit every aspect of our lives to God—emotional, physical, social, intellectual, and vocational. God does not want only parts of us, He wants every aspect of our being. Living through the Spirit involves the desires to hear, the readiness to obey God's word, and the sensitivity to discern between your feelings and His promptings. We must live each day controlled and guided by the Holy Spirit. We must daily commit our sinful tendencies to God's control, daily crucify them, and moment by moment draw on the Spirit's power to overcome them. In **Galatians 2:20** it is written: **I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.**

The Holy Spirit is the source of our new life in Christ, so we must keep step in his leading. We must not let anything or anyone else determine our values and standards in any area of our life.

The fruit of the Spirit is the spontaneous work of the Holy Spirit in us. The Spirit produces these character traits that are found in the nature of Christ. They are by-products of Christ control—we can't obtain them by trying to do them without His help. If we want the fruit of the Spirit to grow in us, we must join our lives to His. In **John 15:4,5** it is written: **Remain in Me, and I will remain in you, No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.**

Everyone of us, needs a certain amount of approval from others. But those who go out of their way to secure honors or to win popularity become conceited and show that they are not following the Holy Spirit's leading. Those who look for God's approval won't need to envy others.

Because we are God's sons and daughters, we have God's Holy Spirit as a loving guarantee of His approval. Seek to please God, and the approval of others won't seem as important.

As a believer, we are not left to our own resources to cope with problems. Even when we don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with and for us, and God answers. With God helping us to pray, we don't need to be afraid to come before Him. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to intercede for us "in accordance to God's Will." Then, when we bring our request to God, we can trust that He will always do what is best for us. The Holy Spirit is God's promise or guarantee of eternal life for those who believe in Him. The Spirit is in us now by faith, and by faith we are certain to live with Christ forever.

The Lord says in **John 16:13**: **But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you in 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.**

Let's take a good look at this scripture and take a minute to reflect on what God is trying to say to us about His Holy Spirit. The truth into which the Holy Spirit guides us is the truth about Christ. The Spirit also helps us, through patient practice, to discern right from wrong.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would tell them "what is yet to come"—the nature of their mission, the opposition they would face, and the final outcome of their efforts. They did not fully understand these promises until the Holy Spirit came after Jesus' death and resurrection. Then the Holy Spirit revealed truths to the disciples that they wrote down in the books that now form the New Testament.

These same truths that inspired the disciples to write the New Testament, almost 2000 years ago, are the same truths that the Holy Spirit is revealing to all believing Christians today. These truths cannot be taken lightly, as that was then, and this is now! That kind of attitude is the biggest mistakes we can fall prey too, unless we have the Holy Spirit living within us 24/7.

It is also written in **John 4:14**: **"But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** Hallelujah Amen!

So my friends in the Lord Christ Jesus, it is very clear according to God's Holy Bible, that in order to maintain any real peace and understanding in our lives, we must have the Holy Spirit dwelling from inside our souls.

The world and our flesh will always eventually bring us down to a place of hell spiritually, if we don't trust and believe in God's Holy Spirit.

Try and always remember, in fact write this down and keep it with you daily! Sin, fear, uncertainty, doubt, and numerous other forces are at war within us. But when we have the indwelling of the Holt Spirit, the peace of God moves into our hearts and lives to restrain these hostile forces and offers **comfort in place of conflict!** (John 14:27)

Let us pray. Lord may we again keep giving You thanks, praise, and blessings for everything You have done for Your people.

Lord, please continue to give us Your daily strength, to fight off the unknown forces that surround us. Help us Lord, to fight the good fight to overcome the evils of this world. Lord please carry us through this fallen world of hatred, violence, and corruption. Lord protect us from the evil one. Father, I ask this prayer in Christ Jesus name,... Amen.



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

DO NOT SEARCH FOR SECURITY in the world we inhabit. We tend to make mental checklists of the things we need to do in order to gain control of our lives. If only we could check everything off our list, we could relax and be at peace. But the more we work to accomplish that goal, the more things crop up on our list. The harder we try, the more frustrated we become. There is a better way to find security in our life. Instead of scrutinizing your checklist, focus your attention on My Presence. This continual contact with Me will keep you in My Peace. Moreover, I will help you sort out what is important and what is not, what needs to be done now and what does not. Fix your eyes not on what is seen (your circumstances), but on what is unseen (My Presence). **Isaiah 26:3 2 Corinthians 4:18**

PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS FOR JUNE

Proverbs 3:7-8 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Proverbs 15: 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger,

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THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Christine Palma, Janet Neil, Johanna Tyson, the Stein family, the De Angelo family, Marianne and Al Wilson, Dorthy Leary, Mike Buettner, Joy Valeri, Joe Longo, Greg Dubrous, Andria Arceneaux, Earnie Carbone, Jonathan Baker. Joe Lakes, Greg Achinko Sr.

Also a daily prayer for; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the persecuted, the hungry, the weary, the lame, the broken hearted, the poor in spirit, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the unrest, the greed, the fornications, the selfishness, the coveting, etc.

Furthermore, a prayer for all the victims from the devastating tornados, earthquakes, floods, etc. May our prayers and support be with them all and may the Lord's grace, love, and mercy be with them at this time of great need!

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It is my hope at this time that June's inspired message has touched your hearts this month. And that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow stronger in all our hearts each month going forward. Furthermore, if you are getting spiritually fed by this ministry, drop us an e-mail sometime. You can contact this ministry at ministry8246@comcast.net or you can find us on the world wide web at www.makethespiritualconnection.com

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Until next month's inspired journal, with God's help, may the Lord richly bless you and your entire family always!

