

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Proverbs 3:5,6; Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (NIV)

LEAN ON THE LORD!
By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, I thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for watching over this ministry each month, for the last 10 years. Lord, may Your Divine Light continue to shine down on all Your people, like a beacon in the night. Father, may we all come together as one body in Christ, for the whole world to see. Lord, please continue to keep our lamps burning, until that glorious day when we are face to face with Your Presence. Lord, please teach us to number our days wisely until You return. Father, I ask this in Christ Jesus name,.....Amen!

Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! I can't believe it's been 10 yrs already, since the Spiritual Connection was started. God is so amazing how He has inspired this ministry, with His Divine Presence through the Gift of His Holy Spirit. May the Lord Christ Jesus, continue to bless and inspire this ministry. Amen This month's theme has to do with a combination of inspired words from the Holy Spirit, about leaning on the Lord for all our cares. Leaning has a sense of putting your whole weight on something, resting on and trusting that person or thing. When we have an important decision to make, we sometimes think we can't trust anyone----not even God. But God knows what is best for us. He is a far greater Judge of what we want than even we are! We must trust Him completely with every choice we make. We should never omit careful thinking or belittle our God-given ability to reason; but we should not trust our own ideas to the exclusion of all others.

We must not be wise in our own eyes. We should be always willing to listen to and be corrected by God's Word and wise counselors. Bring all your decisions to God in prayer; use the Bible as your guide; and then follow God's leading. He will always make your paths straight by both guiding and protecting us. What it all really boils down too, is we must strive each day, to be in God's Presence. What do I mean when I say we must strive each day to stay in God's Presence? It simply means that we must ask God to control our evil thoughts, and replace them with good healthy thoughts of Him.

We can't always control those intermitted evil thoughts that can sometimes overwhelm us, from time to time. The problem is that, these evil intermitted thoughts can and will overcome our minds, if we don't seek an antidote! Seeking an antidote for these destructive thoughts, can be challenging sometimes, to say the least. But the Bible tells us that only real antidote, is the Word of the Lord. In **Proverbs 3:7** the Lord says: **Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.**

I believe that this scripture really gets to the heart of the entire world's problem in the sense that we all think that we are so smart. Sometimes, we may even think that we are smarter than God. Also, sometimes we may think that we got everything under control, until the walls come crumbling down! After the walls come crumbling down on us, then we are not so smart at that point. I said that we are not so smart then! As for the fear of the Lord and shun evil part of this scripture, real peace, actually starts with the fear of God. In last month's theme, I talked about the importance of understanding what it means to have the fear of the Lord imbedded in our minds.

I don't know about you but, the more I study the Bible, the more I understand the importance of fearing the Lord. But on the other hand, the fear of the Lord, has increased my love and dependence for Him!

The Bible is very clear, that the Lord is trying to teach us discipline, through fear and respect for His Almighty Infinite Power. Discipline means "to teach and to train." Discipline sounds negative to many people because some disciplinarians, are not loving. God, however, is the source of all love.

He doesn't punish us because He enjoys inflicting pain, but because He is deeply concern about our moral and spiritual development. He knows that in order to become morally strong and good, we must learn the true meaning of right and wrong. We as Christians, should stay far away from what the world says is right, and follow the Truth according to the Word of the Lord.

God's Absolute Truth, will enable all of us to stay in His Presence.

In **Deuteronomy 7:9** the Lord says; **Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.**

The Lord also says in **Proverbs 8:17**; **I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me find Me.** When we as Christians start to get in the habit of leaning on the Lord, and not our own understanding, that's when the Peace of the Lord Christ Jesus will become crystal clear!

As our thoughts center more and more on Him, trust displaces fear and worry. Our minds are somewhat like a seesaw. As your trust in the Lord goes up, fear and worry go automatically down. Time spent with Christ Jesus not only increases our trust; it also helps us to discern what is important and what is not. Energy and time, are precious limited entities, therefore we need to use them wisely, focusing on what is truly important.

As we walk close to the Lord, saturating our mind with Scripture, He will show us how to spend our time and energy wisely.

In **Ephesians 5:15-16** the Lord tells us; **Be careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.** How true and understated is this scripture! In this

scripture the Lord is trying to tell us that “the days are evil,” and we all need a sense of urgency because of evil’s pervasiveness. Also, we need the same sense of urgency because our days are also difficult. Finally, we must keep our standards high, act wisely and do whatever we can do to stay in God’s Presence. Staying in God’s Presence, means we must continue to lean on the Lord, for His Grace to get us through each and every day. Without God’s Grace, we would never have the strength and the peace to deal with all the evil that lurks around each every one of God’s people. I have heard a lot of people tell me that I don’t want to bother God because He has more important things to do. Or I can handle this one by myself and so on.

The truth that will set you free is that God really wants us to lean on Him always for everything. The reason why is that, the more we come to the Lord, the more transparent His Presence will become. Satan’s last thing that he would ever want us to do, is to stay in God’s Presence. Reason why, because he would be out of business. He would have no one to lie too no more. No more of God’s people to torture anymore. No one to trick and trap in his deceptions. He would be unable to spread all his hate, violence, murder, wars, fornications, heresies, corruption, contentions, etc. Last of all, he would have no more company in eternal hell for him and his demons! In closing, I will leave you with this thought! Instead of believing that all is well out there when it comes to our spiritual well being, we better think again. Our desire to live in God’s Presence goes against the grain of the world, the flesh and the devil! Much of our weariness results from our constant battle against these same opponents. As Christians, our only hope for survival during our short stay here on earth, is to **“Lean on the Lord.”** When we get in the habit of calling on the Lord, regardless what we are going through, God will give us His Grace to get through each day!!

Let us pray: Dear Lord, we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord for this inspired message. May Your Holy Spirit Lord, continue to guide us through these turbulent and uncertain times. May we all come and lean on Your Divine Presence! Also Lord, please continue to full us up with Your Divine Grace and Wisdom. May we always try to remember to call upon You Lord God, in Jesus precious name.....Amen.

PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR AUGUST 2012

Proverbs 8:34: Blessed is the man who listens to Me, watching daily at My doors, waiting at My doorway. Verse 35; For whoever finds Me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. Verse 36; But who ever fails to find Me harms himself; all who hate Me love death.”



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

I AM THE GOD THAT HEALS. I heal broken bodies, broken minds, broken hearts, broken lives, and broken relationships. My very Presence has immense healing powers. You cannot live close to Me without experiencing some degree of healing. However, it is also true that *you have not because you ask not*. You receive the healing that flows naturally from My Presence, whether you seek it or not. But there is more—much more—available for those who ask.

The first step in receiving healing is to live ever so close to Me. The benefits of this practice are too numerous to list. As you grow more and more intimate with Me, I reveal My Will to you more directly. When the time is right, I prompt you to ask for healing of some brokenness in you or in another person. The healing may be instantaneous, or it may be a process. That is up to Me. Your part is to trust Me fully and to thank Me for the restoration that has begun.

I rarely heal all the brokenness in a person’s life. Even My servant Paul was told, “*My Grace is sufficient for you,*” when he sought healing for the thorn in his flesh. Nonetheless, much healing is available to those whose lives are intimately interwoven with Mine. *Ask, and you will receive!*

Psalm 103:3; James 4:2 (KJV); 2 Corinthians 12:7; Matthew 7:7



THE MINISTRY’S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for; Sal Talama, Joe Lakes, Christine Palma, Anne Marie Hess, Edward Young, Mr McLeod, Janet Neil, Jonathan Baker and Family, Rose Robinson, Bill Schlupp, Denise Lathrop, Janelle Owens, James Palma, Patty Palma, Anne Palma, Al Wilson, Catrina Wilson, Marian Wilson, Greg Wade, Gary Wade and Family, Joy Valeri, Russ Holman. Richard Leland.

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

Furthermore; A pray for all the troops and missionaries in harms way around the world, a prayer for our economy, and a prayer for a spiritual revival in our country and all around the world.

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HISTORY OF THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

The Spiritual Connection ministry came about one day, when I was sitting in my office all banged up from a bad car accident. All of a sudden, I heard this voice in the back of my head saying to me, I want you to start a ministry. It was like some kind of spiritual voice from wherever talking to me. I then answered the voice saying, how can I open a ministry when I can hardly walk, and I can't even spell the word ministry properly? The voice said again to me, I want you to open a ministry. Then again, I said to the unknown voice, if I was to open a ministry, what would I call it? The mysterious voice then said to me to call it, "The Spiritual Connection". Then I said to the voice, why the Spiritual Connection? The voice again spoke to me saying for me to think about an electric outlet on the wall.

I said to the Spirit, what does an electric outlet have to do with it? Then again the Spirit started to explain to me that an outlet is only good when you plug in something that needs to be energized. Then it all started to all come together and made some sense. The Spiritual Connections main goal, was for me to try and connect to as many lost souls to the word of God as possible.

Then I again asked the Spirit about how I was going to get started, with this ministry? The Spirit then replied to me that I could start by writing a letter to my family each month about the Lord. At that point, I did not have a clue?

Then the Spirit came upon my heart and started dwelling within. From that point the Spirit started to fill me up with some spiritual knowledge to write my first letter to my family. The family at first thought I had finally lost my mind. But I give thanks and praise daily to the Lord, for blessing me with this ministry, that has been growing now since September 13, 2002.

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Well my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, I hoped that you have enjoyed this month's inspired message. I would like to say thanks to all the people who have taken the time each month, to read God's inspire message. Also, a special thanks to all the people who have enjoyed these messages, and had the faith and courage to pass these inspired messages on to family and friends. Furthermore, I would like to ask for your prayers at this time, that the Lord will continue to fill up this ministry with, His Divine Wisdom, Grace, Love, and Mercy. I ask this in Jesus name..... Amen.

Psalm 115:14-15; “May the Lord richly bless both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

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