

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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**12<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Edition**

**Deuteronomy 11:16:** Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.

**TEMPTATION**

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we always give you thanks, praise, and bless you Father for being our Light in a fallen world. Lord we thank You, for Your inspiration and hope for Eternal Salvation. Father, we thank You for Your Son, and our Savior, Lord Jesus, who died for our sins. Lord, thank You for His free Gift of Eternal Salvation for those who love and trust in Him. Father, please help us each day to rise above the devil's alluring snares, and temptations. Lord, please continue to bestow upon us Your Love, Grace, and Mercy each day. Father, please lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil in Jesus name.....Amen!

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Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's 12th Year Anniversary Edition for September 2014. Before we get started, I would just like to give the Lord a special thanks and praise for His Divine inspiration that has sustained this ministry for the last 12 years. I truly believe in my heart that without God's Grace, this ministry could not have survived 1 week let alone 12 years! So again Lord, thanks for all Your spiritual inspiration that You have bestowed upon this ministry. I thank you Father God for this blessing, in Jesus name.....Amen.

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This month's inspired message is titled: **TEMPTATION**. The Holy Spirit has put on my heart this month, to talk about temptation. What actually is temptation? Temptation is a desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise. Also, it is a thing or course of action that attracts, or tempts someone. Temptation can come from a desire, urge, impulse, inclination, a lure, enticement, seduction, attraction, and so on.

The problem with temptations is, they can lead to sin. Sin violates God's Will and without surrendering our will to God completely, no mortal man can resist its lure. Living in a fallen world of constant temptation and sin, temptation is something that cannot be contained without God in our life. Without God's help, we become easy targets for Satan and his evil forces. The Bible tells us in **James 1:12** that; **Blessed is the man who preserves under trial, because he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.** Temptation comes from evil desires within us, not from God. It begins with an evil thought that can become a sin, if the thought becomes a reality. Like a snowball rolling down a hill, sin can become more destructive the more we let it have its way! The best time to stop a temptation is before it gets too strong or moving too fast to control. In **2 Timothy 2:22** it is written; **Flee the evil desire of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord with a pure heart.** Running away from temptation and sin, it sometimes considered cowardly. But wise people realize that removing themselves physically and emotionally from temptation, often can be the most courageous action to take. The fact of the matter is, it's real easy to give into temptation. With the right set of circumstances, anyone of us can fall prey to temptation's venomous sting! But it takes real courage, to refrain from its evil allure. The courage that is needed to overcome temptation can only be conquered by the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. The question I would like you to ask yourself at this time is, do you have any recurring temptations in your life that you find difficult to resist? If so, with God's help, we can remove ourselves physically, from any situation that stimulates our desire to sin. Also, knowing when to run is as important in spiritual warfare, as knowing when and how to fight temptations. Both defensive weapons are needed, when temptation starts to set in. If we have the Holy Spirit's Indwelling from within, God will warn us to be vigilant, when the devil is near to us and on the prowl!!

Let us pray, Almighty Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, when temptation is starting to bring us down, please help us Lord. Father, please wrap your Holy Spirit's Full Armor of Righteousness, tightly around us. Lord Jesus, we are helpless to temptation and sin, without Your Presence. So Lord, please lead us not into temptation! I ask this prayer in Jesus name.....Amen

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**LIVING IN DEPENDANCE ON ME!**

*By Sarah Young*

**LIVING IN DEPENDANCE ON ME**, is a glorious adventure. Most people scurry around busily, trying to accomplish things through their own strength and ability. Some succeed enormously; others fail miserably. But both miss what life is meant to be: living and working in collaboration with Me. When you depend on Me continually, your whole perspective changes. You see miracles happening all around you, while others see only natural occurrences and "coincidences." You begin each day with joyful expectations, watching to see what I will do. You accept weakness as a gift from Me, knowing that My Power plugs in most readily to consecrated weakness. You keep your plans tentative, knowing that My plans are far superior. You constantly live, move, and have My being in Me, desiring that I live in you. I in you and you in Me. This is the intimate adventure that I offer to those who believe in Me! For further study see 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Acts 17:28; Colossians 2:6-7; and John 14:20.

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**SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Proverbs 4:18:19; The Path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of the day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.**

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**A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT**

**Psalms 130:3-4; If you, O Lord, keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

My brothers and sisters, keeping a record of sins( or holding a grudge ) is like building a wall between you and another person, and it is nearly impossible to talk openly while the wall is there. God does not keep a record of our sins; when He forgives, He completely tearing down any wall between us and Him. Therefore, we fear ( revere ) God, yet we can talk to Him about anything. When you pray, realize that God is holding nothing against you. His lines of communication are completely open to us 24/7!!

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**SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH**

**Psalm 130:1-3; Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord.**

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**THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST**

**Please join hands with this ministry and pray for; Seth Lutz, Bob Lambert, Taylor Hyndman, Jonathan Baker, Janet Young, Anne Marie Hess, Marie Barros, Brad McNamara, Page Parker, Warren Wisdom, Joe Lakes, Anthony Palma Jr, Amy Moschello, Richard Keller, and Family.**

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Well my brothers and sisters, that's about it for this month's inspired message. Thank you for taking the time each month, to read the Spiritual Connection's Journal. My prayer at this time, that we all grow in God's Will for our life. May the good Lord richly bless you and your family always, with His Divine and Holy Presence! Amen!!

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