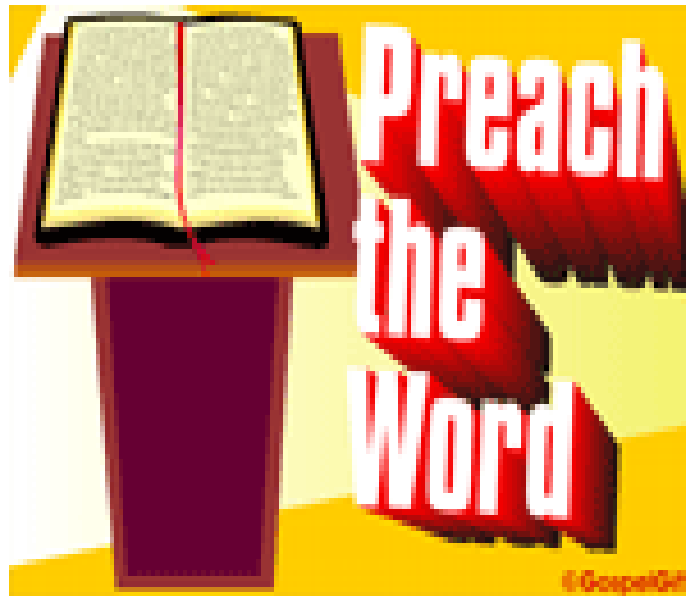


## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



### MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR FEBRUARY 2015

**1 Peter 5:6-7; Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's almighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you.**

## GOD'S HUMILITY

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

Almighty Father, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we give You thanks, praise, and bless You Lord, for being our Abba Father. Lord, please continue to bless us with Your Love, Grace, and Mercy. Father God, please continue to inspire this ministry with Your Holy Presence. Lord God, please never leave us or forsake us in our times of need. Father may Your "Infinite Light," continue to shine bright, through the darkness of this fallen world. Abba Father, please help us to continue to grow in the wisdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father I ask this prayer in Jesus name.....Amen!!

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Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connections monthly Journal for February 2015. It is an honor and blessing to be sharing this inspired message each month, to believers as well as nonbelievers alike. The Holy Spirit of the Lord Christ Jesus has put on my heart this month to talk about Humility. What is humility? Humility in a general sense is a modest or low view of one's own importance. In a spiritual sense, humility is one who is totally free of pride. What is pride? Pride in a general sense is a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements; the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated; or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired. However spiritual pride is a kind of pride that stems from ones own self righteousness. According to the Bible, God hates pride and self righteousness, because, it is a major hindrance for us to seek the Lord. Pride is and has always been, very dangerous and self destructive. It is dangerous and self destructive because after awhile we can become self righteous and start to believe that we don't really need God in our life. However, in reality, according to God's Infinite Word, everything on this earth, including the endless galaxies, are all under the Lord's command! Believing that we got everything to make it through this life by ourselves is nothing more than foolish pride! The Holy Bible has some things to say about pride. In **Proverbs 16:18** it is written that; **Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.** Proud people take little account of their weaknesses and do not anticipate stumbling blocks. They think that they are above the frailties of common people. In this state of mind they are easily tripped up by their pride. Ironically, proud people seldom realize that pride is their problem, although everyone around them is well aware of it.

The Holy Bible also tells us in **Isaiah 5:21** that; [Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.](#) Furthermore, it is written in **Proverbs 27:2** that we should; [Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.](#)

Pride stems from our lack of God's Humility in our daily lives.

The Lord tells us in **Philippians 2:3** to; [Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than ourselves.](#)

Selfish ambition can ruin a church, but genuine humility can build it up!

Being humble involves having a true perspective about ourselves. However it does not mean that we should put ourselves down! Before God we are all sinners, saved only by God's Grace, but when we are finally saved, we have great worth in God's Kingdom. The Lord calls us to lay aside selfishness and treat others with respect and common courtesy. Considering others interest as more important than our own links us with Christ, who was a perfect example of humility! The Lord tells in the book of **James 4:10** to; [Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.](#)

Humbling ourselves before the Lord, means recognizing that our worth comes from God alone. To be humble in God's eyes involves working with His Power according to His guidance and not with our own independent efforts. Although none of us deserves God's favor, He still reaches out to our worth and dignity, despite our human shortcomings. Furthermore the Lord Christ Jesus tells us in **Matthew 23:12**: [For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.](#)

Jesus tells us that true humility comes from serving and giving of ourselves to help the needy, the afflicted, the poor in spirit, the lost souls, the hopeless, and so on. It's not about us!! Service to God's Kingdom keeps us aware of others needs and it stops us from focusing on ourselves. Remember that Jesus not only came to earth to die for our sins, but He also came as a : "Humble Servant" a perfect example of humility for us to learn and emulate!

Last thought: God says in **1 Peter 5:6** to [Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.](#)

As mortal fallible human beings, we often worry about our position and status, hoping to get recognition for what we do. God advises us to remember that His recognition counts more than human praise. God is willing and able to bless us according to His timing not ours. We must humbly obey God regardless of our present circumstances, and in His good timing---either in this life or the next---He will lift us up in His Glory. So my brothers and sisters, don't let your pride stand in the way from the joy that God promises to all who are humble in this life.... Hallelujah.....

Amen!!!!

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## **JESUS CALLING**

*By Sarah Young*

**WORSHIP ME ONLY.** What ever occupies your mind the most becomes our god. Worries, if indulged, develop into idols. Anxiety gains a life of its own, parasitically infesting our minds. We must break free of this bondage by affirming our trust in Him and refreshing ourselves in His Divine Presence. What goes on in our minds is invisible, undetectable to other people. But God reads our thoughts continually, searching for evidence of trust in Him. God rejoices when our minds turn towards Him. My brothers and sisters, we must guard our thoughts diligently; good thoughts and choices will keep us close to His Presence!

(( **Psalm 112:7; 1 Corinthians 13:11** ))

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## **A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

The Holy Bible tells us in **Psalm 37:4,5** to; **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.** My brothers and sisters, God calls us to delight in the Lord and to commit everything we have and do to Him. But how do we do this? To delight in someone means to experience great pleasure and joy in his or her presence. This happens only when we know that person well. Thus, to delight in the Lord, we must know Him better. Knowledge of God's great love for us will indeed give us delight. To commit ourselves to the Lord means entrusting everything---our lives, families, jobs, possessions---to His control and guidance. To commit ourselves to the Lord means to trust in Him, believing that He can care for us better than we can ourselves. We should be willing to wait patiently to allow God to work out what is best for us!!

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**PROVERBIAL WISDOM**

**Proverbs 3:3-4;** Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

**Proverbs 4:10-11;** Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.

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**SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH**

**Titus 3:4-6;** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.



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**THE MINISTRY PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray for:** Griscel Gambino, Janelle Owens, Theresa Wade, Seth Lutz, Michael Avorone, Taylor Hyndman, Anne Marie Hess, Janet Young, Jonathan Baker and Family, Al Wilson, Marie Barros, Tom Messick, Brad McNamara, Paige Parker, Warren Wisdom, Jerry Palma, Russ Holman, Phil Hinman, Joe Lakes, Isaac Strong, Donna Walters, and Bill Schlupp.

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