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1 Corinthians 6:13; The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

SEXUAL SINS

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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly Inspired Word for March 2016.

This month's inspired message has to do with Sexual Sins. The Holy Spirit put it on my heart this month, to talk about sexual sins. Why sexual sins? Because sexual immorality has been the greater part of man's downfall! Reason being, it is one of the devil's most alluring sin. It starts out feeling harmless at first! But before you know it, what you first thought was so harmless, has now become a living nightmare. A little look here, and another look there, before you know it your sexually hooked. The Holy Bible warns us about sexual sins. In **Proverbs 6:25-29** the Lord says; **Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.** If you have any sense at all, you will regard lust as a warning sign from the Holy Spirit of danger ahead. When you notice that you are attracted to a person of the opposite sex or preoccupied with thoughts of him or her, your desires may lead you to sin. Before lust manifest itself, ask God to help you change your desires before you are drawn into sin. Some people will argue that it is all right to break God's law against sexual sin if nobody gets hurt. Spouses are devastated, children are scarred! The partners themselves, even if they escape disease and unwanted pregnancy, loose their ability to fulfill commitments, to feel sexual desire, to trust, and to be entirely open with another person. God's laws are not arbitrary. They do not forbid good clean fun; rather they warn us against destroying ourselves through unwise actions or running ahead of God's timetable. The Lord also tells us in **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5** that; **It is God's Will that you be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God.** The Bible tells us that sexual standards were very low in the Roman Empire, and in many societies today, they are not any higher. The temptation to engage in sexual intercourse outside the marriage relationship has always been powerful. Giving into that temptation can have

devastating results. Sexual sins always hurt someone: individuals, families, businesses, churches and so on. Besides the physical consequences, there are also spiritual consequences. Sexual desires and activities must be placed under Christ's control. God created sex for procreation and pleasure, and an expression of love between a husband and wife. Sexual experience must be limited to the marriage relationship to avoid hurting ourselves, our relationship to God and with others. The Apostle Paul tells us that lustful passions should not control God's people. Some would argue that they have already sinned by having lustful thoughts they might as well go ahead with lustful actions. Acting out of sinful desires is harmful in many ways. It causes people to excuse sin rather than to stop sinning; it destroys people's marriage; it is a deliberate rebellion against God's word and it always hurts someone else in addition to the sinner. Sinful action is more dangerous than sinful desire, so desires should not be acted out. Nevertheless, sinful desire is just as damaging to righteousness. Left unchecked, wrong desires will result in wrong actions and will turn people away from God. However, the Holy Bible tells us in **1 Corinthians 6 18-20** to; **Flee from sexual immortality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.** Furthermore, did you know that the Bible tells that Christians are free to be all they can be for God. God created sex to be a beautiful and essential ingredient of marriage, but sexual sin---sex outside the marriage relationship---always hurts someone! It hurts God because it shows that we prefer following our own desires instead with the leading of the Holy Spirit. It hurts others because it violates the commitment that is so necessary for a healthy relationship. It often brings disease to our bodies. And it deeply affects our personalities, which respond in anguish when we harm ourselves physically and spiritually. Our bodies belong to God! Many people say and believe that they have the right to do whatever they want with their own bodies. Although they think that this is freedom, they are really enslaved to their own desires. When we become a born again Christian, the Holy Spirit fills and lives in us. Therefore we no longer own our bodies. Christ death freed us from sin. Not only did He free us from sin, but He also obligates us to His service. If you live in a building owned by someone else, wouldn't you try not to violate the building rules? Because our body belongs to God, we must not violate His standard for living!!

In closing: my brothers and sisters, I just want to reiterate to you, how devastating sexual immorality can be to our souls. According to God's Word, the price to pay for fornication with anyone other than our husbands or wives (MAN AND WOMEN) will end in eternal destruction of our soul! Sad but true, the majority of people in the world appear to lie to themselves about this sin, in order to justify their sexual immorality. Justification for sexual immorality comes from Satan and his demons. He knows how vulnerable we all can be at times, so he deceptively plants the seed of fornication in our minds through media, television, radio, internet, smart phones, movies, and so on. However, that's another story in itself! My friends, God's "Holy Bible, clearly tells us to run as far away as we can from this destructive sin before it's too late. So if we feel yourself start feeling weakened by any sexual temptation, ask God to help us flee immediately before we get ourselves entangled in this destructive trap....Amen!!

JESUS CALLING
By Sarah Young

SPENDING TIME alone with Me is essential for your well-being. It is not a luxury, or an option; it is a necessity. Therefore, do not feel guilty about taking time out to be with Me. Remember that Satan is the accuser of believers. He delights in heaping guilt feelings upon you, especially when you are enjoying My Presence. When you feel Satan's arrows of accusations, you are probably on the right track. Use your shield of faith to protect yourself from him. Talk to Me about what you are experiencing, and ask Me to show you the way forward. *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to Me, and I will come near to you. Revelation 12:10; Ephesians 6:16; James 4:7-6*

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.

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Zephaniah 3:17; The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Proverbs 5:22-23: The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnares him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.

Proverbs 6:16-19: There are six things the Lord hates, seven of them are detestable to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissention among brothers.

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