

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION'S



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2 Chronicles 15:2; The Lord is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

SEEKING GOD

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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly Inspired Journal for June 2016. This month's inspired message has to do with "Seeking God." When I say seeking God, what comes to mind? Well to seek is to attempt to find someone or something. God in a Christian sense has to do with the God of the Holy Bible; Abba Father, Christ Jesus His Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Seeking God has to start with some kind of faith! Reason being, without some kind of faith, we cannot find or please God. The Holy Bible tells us in **Hebrews 11:1** that; **Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and sure of what we do not see.** Also in **Hebrews 11:6** God says; **And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exist and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.** Believing that God exist is only the beginning; even the demons believe that much (**James 2:19, 20**). God will never settle for mere acknowledgment of His existence. He wants your faith to lead to a personal and dynamic relationship with Him. But does faith make sense really? Do you believe because faith makes sense, or because faith does not need to make sense? Some Christians think that people cannot understand God and should not try too. Others believe that nothing true is irrational, including true faith. The truth is that God gave us all minds that should be developed and used. To ignore intellectual growth is to live a stunted and naïve life. God wants our trust and faith, even while we ponder and wonder about so many matters mysterious to us. Even so we do not believe in a void or a leap into the dark. Faith is reasonable, though reason alone cannot explain the whole of it. So use your mind and think things through. But leave room for the unexplainable works of God. Sometimes we wonder about the fate of those who haven't heard of Christ and have not even had a Bible to read and study. God assures us all who honestly seek Him—who act in faith on knowledge of God that they possess—will be rewarded. When you tell others the Gospel, encourage them to be honest and diligent in their search for Truth. Those who hear the Gospel are responsible for what they have heard. It is written in **Deuteronomy 4:29** that; **But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him with all your heart and with all your soul.** Do you want to really know God? If so, God promises us in His inspired written Word, that we will find Him when we seek Him with all our

hearts and souls. God is knowable and wants to be known—but we have to want to, seriously know Him. You see, we can't half step our Almighty God without consequences. Acts of service and worship must be accompanied by sincere devotion of the heart. As **Hebrews 11:6** says, "Anyone who comes to Him, must believe that He exist and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. "God also will reward those who pursue a relationship with Him! God tells us in **Psalm 9:10** that; **Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.** God will never forsake those who seek Him! To forsake someone is to abandon that person. God promises does not mean that if we trust in Him, we will escape loss or suffering; it means that God Himself will never leave us no matter what we face in life. How can we seek God? The best place to seek God is through prayer! My friend's, prayer is the starting point to begin starting a personal relationship with the Lord. Throughout the Holy Bible, prayer has always been the key to start communicating with God. Without faith and prayer, the door to His Holy Presence can never be open! The Bible tells us in **Matthew 7:7-8** to; **Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.** Jesus tells us we are to persist in seeking to find Him. However, some people often give up trying to find God after only a few half hearted effort and conclude that God cannot be found. First of all when we are seeking to find God halfheartedly, that is just a waste of time. Because the Lord wants us to come looking for Him, with persistence, and a contrite heart. In case you did not know the meaning of having a contrite heart; a contrite heart is one of having a feeling or expressing some kind of remorse or penitence, affected by guilt! A half-hearted heart is one that is without enthusiasm or energy! To "Seek God", it takes patience, prayer, faith, focus, and follow- through. Jesus assures us that we will be rewarded when "We seek to find Him. The Holy Bible also tells us in **John 16:23-24** that; **My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name. Until now you have not asked for anything in My Name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.** Also it is written in **Psalm 145:18-19** that; **The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.** My brothers and sisters, when we seek to find God I believe that a new day and a new way of life awaits us all. Because the God of the Universe is the God of everything! The God of the Holy Bible is able to lift us up in every situation that may come our way because; (1) His greatness is unfathomable. (2) He does mighty acts across many generations. (3) He is full of glorious

splendor and majesty. (4) He does wonderful and awesome works. (5) He is righteous. (6) He is gracious, compassionate, patient, and loving. (7) He rules over an everlasting kingdom. (8) He is our source of all our daily needs. (9) He is righteous, merciful, and loving in all His dealings. (10) He remains near to those who call on Him. (11) He hears our cry's and saves us in times of trouble and need. My friends, if you at this time are bending under a burden of trials and feel that you are about to fall, turn to God for help, "**Seek Him!**" For He is ready and waiting patiently to lift you up and bear you burden.....Hallelujah.....Amen!!!!

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

WHENEVER YOUR HEART CONDEMNS YOU, CALL OUT TO

ME: "JESUS, HELP ME!" My friends, our hearts and minds are battlefields: targets for the evil one's flaming arrows of accusations. In order to extinguish those fiery missiles, we must use our shield of faith skillfully. When you cry out to Me for help, you demonstrate genuine faith and at that point, I join you in the battle. I remind you that I have already paid the full penalty for all our sins. It is crucial to understand that your conscience is imperfect. Many of its accusations are based on lies. You need to listen less to those evil thoughts and more to Me through My Holy Spirit and My Word. We will all continue to sin until we leave this world, but I have provided an effective way of dealing with sin, by having Godly sorrow! The Bible tells us in **2 Corinthians 7:10** that; **Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regrets, but worldly sorrow brings death.** So my friends in the Lord, when your heart condemns you, please remember that I am greater than your heart and I know all things. Come confidently and gratefully into My Loving Presence, Amen!!

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

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 dissension among brothers.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

John 15:18-19: “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”

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Well my friends, it is my hope that this month’s inspired message is helpful to you in better understanding what God’s love, grace, and mercy is all about. If you like this month’s message, please pass it on to family and friends!! Until next month’s inspired message, with God’s help, may the good Lord richly bless you.....Amen!!

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE!



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