

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Leviticus 19:35 “Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity.”

DISHONESTY

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Thank You Father again, for this opportunity to share your monthly message of hope, love, and joy with Your people. Lord we thank You, praise You, worship You and bless You, for forgiving our sins, through Your Son Christ Jesus. Father may You continue to teach us Your ways and help us to repent of our sins, when we stray from Your will.

Lord, may we all come to understand, trust and believe in Your Eternal Wisdom. Father, may we all stay strong in You and not waver from Your teachings when faced with uncertainties, trials and tribulations. Abba Father, may we all stay focused on Your free gift of Eternal Salvation, through Your Son Jesus Christ.

So Lord, please help us all stay alert and be aware of the evil one, that roars like a Lion around the earth seeking to destroy our souls. Almighty, Omnipresent, Sovereign God, I ask this, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, Hallelujah ... Amen.

This month's inspired message, has to do with dishonesty. In this world, it is almost impossible not to be a little dishonest from time to time. The reason why it is almost impossible, is the fact that we are all born into a sinful dishonest world. This sinful journey of dishonesty, can start anytime in our life. Generally most of the time, it started when we were little children. It can begin with something so small as a little white lie that we told when our parents wanted to know if we saw this, or ate that, or did that. In order not to be reprimanded or punished for what we did, lying was the easy way out. It seemed back then, lying was a automatic survival option that we all were born with. Before being saved, for me, lying and dishonesty seemed to go together just like a horse and carriage. I have noticed from my own life, that when we lie and are dishonest, we continue to tell one lie after another. Before long, we can tell so many lies, that we start believing our own lies. At that point, we forget what lie we really told. Lying after a while if left unbridled, can become a compulsion. Everyone of us have the inherited potential with the right set of circumstances, to become a compulsive liar. I believe that most of us are guilty from time to time of lying out of either some kind of fear, or some kind of dishonesty. If you are truly honest with yourself, you will admit to yourself that this statement is right on the money. On the other hand, if you are not honest with yourself and say that has never been me, you are only fooling yourself. You see, God, knows every time we lie, steal, or cheat or any other sin we may commit. We can lie to ourselves and fool many, but we will never fool the Good Lord above, because God is Sovereign and Eternally Omnipresent.

The ramifications from dishonesty, has hit an all time high in the world today.

Dishonesty, lying, stealing and cheating, etc, have finally taken a major toll on the world's global economy. The core of the world's economic foundation, has crumbled from within, due to these sins. We all have become a part of this problem, from our own personal greed and selfishness. We think that our Government is totally responsible for the latest financial meltdown, this is not true. The Government has always been corrupt by corrupt people, not the government itself. How do people get

so corrupt and so destructive? Answer, by not following the word of God. But if we look at it from God's eyes and not the world's, it is precisely clear what is happening. When we live in defiance to the word of God, the Lord's wrath and destruction are inevitable. In order to restore our world to a level of honesty and respect for one another, we must repent of our sins, and begin following the word of God closely and not the ways of this world.

If the world was into the word the God, and not the ways of the devil, there would be no more wars, genocide, hunger, homelessness, hopelessness, anger, hatred, violence, murders, fornications, jealousy, self righteousness, lying, stealing, pride, deception, etc.

We can all continue to live this godless, selfish, and prideful style of life, or we can change this destructive course that the world is on, and get on the right side of the Lord. As the Holy Bible teaches us, we can either live our life in line with God's will, or choose to live in absolute defiance to the word of the Lord.

As believing Christians, God helps us through His words of wisdom, to be honest and faithful to His will through His Holy Scriptures.

In Micah 6:10-12 the Lord says; Am I still to forget, O wicked house, your ill-gotten treasures and the short ephah, which is accursed? Shall I acquit a man with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weighs? Her rich men are violent ;her people are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully.

God also says in Deuteronomy 25:15-16 You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. For the Lord your God detest anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonesty. In these scriptures the Lord makes us all aware of the fact that He detest any dishonesty we have in our hearts, but also tells us how we are cursed by our own defiance to His commands. Another powerful scripture that comes in mind can be found in 1 Thessalonians 4:6-7 God says And that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a Holy life.

Furthermore, when we are on the right side of the Lord, God says in Isaiah 33:15-16 that; He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil-this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him.

In closing, the point I would like to make is the fact that when you look at the sad state of affairs that our country and the world are in at this time, it is pretty clear and obvious why we are so financially, morally, and spiritually bankrupt at this time.

It is real simple, it is from all the ramifications of our sinful defiance and rebellion to the pure word of the Lord, period. Truer words were never spoken. The funniest part of it is that, we are all part of this problem! We can all stand in judgment and start blaming others, but we are all in some way or

form, responsible for the way the world is falling apart. We all in some way, have turned our backs on the Lord. Every time we do not stand up for what is right, we are guilty. In order to change what is going on in this destructive world, we must apply God's principles that are written in the Bible. James said it well in James 1:22-25 he said; Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do as it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But a man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. Until next month's inspired message, may the Lord bless you and your family always hallelujah. I ask this "O Heavenly Father", in Christ Jesus name.....Amen.

FEBRUARY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING
A FORMULA FOR PEACE By Billy Graham

God has a plan for peace, and it is found in His Son, whom the Bible calls "The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6). But we have rejected God's plan. Wars still ravage our world --and our lives. Why? Jesus said the problem is within us: "Out of the heart... proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness," (Mark 7:21-22) What a list! Our real war is a rebellion against God—and it brings unending misery. But God longs to see His children cease. That is why Christ came. By His death He provided the way for us to be reconciled to God. And when we have peace with God, we have peace in our hearts—and peace with each other.

(TURN OVER)

FEBRUARY'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT SCRIPTURES

Psalms 111: 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To him belongs praise.

Psalms 112 : 5-6 Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

Psalms 112:10 The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Psalms 118 : 6-7 The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; He is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies



THE MINISTRY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Helen McKeen, Jerry Palma, Anthony Palma, Evan Goldglantz, Arlene Santarpio, Chris Valques, Jamie De Costa, Russ Holman, Mark Davies, Sherry Arzillo, Robin Weiss, Vince Phillipelli, Mike Burtner, John Longo, Robert Lambert, Greg Mc Glade, Marian Ortez, Anna Granata, Lucy Cartogena, Rene DeMatteo, Peg Ballerino, Jeff Rafter, Nancy Flecker, Felicia Ramboe, Penny Howe, Janet Neil, Jeff Haines, Candice Kiana, Joe Hinely, Johnathan Baker, Marian Wilson, Jim Flynn, Michael Monforto, Keith Ruggiero.

Also a special prayer for all the; The sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the broken hearted, the weary, the poor in spirit, the hopeless, the hungry, the restless, the persecuted, the lost souls, etc.. Furthermore, a prayer for our new President that he does the right things that are in line with the will of God. A prayer for our troops in harms way, that Your mercy and grace be with them always Lord. Father a special prayer for all the hatred, violence, wars, genocide, financial and moral corruption around the world. And Lord, may Your healing hand be upon the world and may there be peace in the world. I ask all this Lord, in Jesus nameAmen.

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