

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because time is near.

SPIRITUALLY CONTROLLED

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*Sovereign Father of all creation, we thank You, praise You, and bless You always. May Your inspired message, be filled up with Your Divine Spirit Lord. Father, again please continue to bless this ministry, with Your words of divine wisdom and hope. Lord, may we all continue to grow and understand Your everlasting will. Lord may we all come to Your throne, of love, grace, and mercy with a contrite heart. Loving Father, thank You for loving us first and wanting all Your people to come and spend Eternity with You. Father, again I would like to thank You and praise You in Jesus name. Amen. When I talk about **Spiritually Controlled** what am trying to say? First off, lets look at the true meaning of control. Control according to the dictionary, means to exercise power over, dominate or rule, power to direct or regulate etc. As we all know, the world we live in, has and always will, rely on some kind of control. Control over government, control over people, control over money, control over the environment and so on.*

Without some kind of control and balance, the world could not survive for one minute. Just listen to the world news when they talk about all the riots and blood shed that are taking place in different parts of the world. This violence and blood shed, are all a part of being out of control. There are two kinds of control in this world, one is of the secular nature, and the other is of the spiritual nature. We all have seen both controls working in our lives, in one way or another. Being secularly controlled, has to do with following man's finite way of living. Being spiritually controlled, has to do with God's infinite way of living. God's Spiritual control, is the key to keeping the rhythm of the world in check. Without God's Spiritual Control, the world would have expired already. Throughout time, man's history with respect to control, has been always out of sync. Given the free reign that God as allowed man to have, it has been nothing more than a complete disaster. Why has man's secular control, always failed?

According to God's Spiritual Wisdom, it failed because of man's selfish pride and stubborn nature. You see we all have in us, pride and stubbornness that we are all born with. This pride and stubbornness we all inherited from our original parents, Adam and Eve. You see, Adam and Eve had it all, according to the Holy Bible, God created a perfect paradise for the both of them. God only asked one thing of Adam and Eve, and that was that they did not eat the fruit from the tree of good and evil.

But as the story tells us in Genesis chapter 3, that the serpent Satan first tempted Eve, who then persuaded Adam to eat the fruit also. At that moment of deception, God's perfect creation and paradise that was design exclusively for Adam and Eve, has vanished forever here on earth. Why is Satan so successful in destroying souls?

Well it can be all summed up with 5 deceptions, doubt, discouragement, diversion, defeat and delay. The big 5 deceptions when you look at them in a sober perspective, really make a lot of sense when you take the time to really apply them to our own shortcomings and failures.

Doubt.....Makes you question God's Word and His goodness.

Discouragement.....Makes you look at your problems rather than God.

Diversion.....Makes the wrong things seem attractive so that you will want them more than the right things.

Defeat.....Makes you feel like a failure so that you don't even try.

Delay.....Makes you put off doing something so that it never gets done.

I don't know about you, but every time the devil gets me back sliding a little bit, it is from one or more of these things that I allow sometimes to creep into my life, through complacency! When we are complacent, God is on the outside, and the devils moving in. What the devil hopes for in his satanic plan of destruction, is that these tools of spiritual destruction, take root within the core of our souls and grow. Once they start manifesting themselves and form their destructive force, there is no stopping until he has total control of our living soul. Then after his control has overwhelmed us to a point of no return, then Satan moves in for the final kill. Finally after his destruction is finished, just like the song says doom, doom, doom, another one bits the dust!

These 5 deceptions are the devil's greatest tools for spiritual destruction, and also the greatest threat to our spiritual journey with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah, there is a happy ending to this sad, but real scenario. When Jesus died on the cross, He completely defeated Satan with His Glorious Resurrection. From that point on, the devil became powerless against the risen power of the Lord. All who have repented and made peace with our Heavenly Father, now have a Spiritual advocate in the Lord Jesus Christ. All who are sanctified in the blood of the Lord, now have God's power dwelling from within. This means, when the devil tries to slowly draw us back, we now have the power to rebuke him in the name of the Lord Christ Jesus. This is the only spiritual antidote that is known to man, that can stop the devil in his tracks.

Without God's healing and sanctification, we are hopeless to survive the devil's destructive force that is lurking around just waiting to destroy all of us, 24/7.

God calls on His people to be courageous during these troubled times, and leaves us with some of His Divine Scriptures to help keep us all stay strong and focused.

In Joshua 1:9 God says: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." In Psalms 37:28 The Lord says: For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. They will be protected, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off.

God also calls His people to trust and believe in His Divine Word, so it is written.

In John 3:36 the Lord says: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

In John 6:35 God also says: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty."

What a refreshing feeling to know that there is a loving, merciful, gracious God out there, that truly loves us and offers us all, His free gift of Eternal Salvation in Him. On the other hand, there is a hateful, lying, stealing, deceptive, murderous, force out there, call Satan, who only cares about one thing, and that one objective is to destroy our souls and deprive us of eternal salvation with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 4:4 the Lord says: The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. In 1 Peter 5:8-9 God says; Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering. Then He goes on to say in verse 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever....Amen.

So my friends in the Lord Christ Jesus, to get back to the original theme of this months journal and that is, if we are going to be controlled by anything at all, for me I pray to the Lord at this time, to be always Spiritually Controlled by Him and Him alone!

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MAY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

A Positive Influence By Billy Graham

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed.

I have found that the casual Christian has little or no influence for good upon others. Only the Christian who refuses to compromise in matters of honesty, integrity, and morality is bearing an effective witness for Christ.

The casual, worldly Christian is prepared to do as the world does and will condone practices that are dishonest, and unethical because he is afraid of the world's displeasure. He ignores the Bible's clear command: "Do not conform to this world."

Only by the life of obedience to the voice of the Spirit, by a daily dying to self, by a full dedication to Christ and constant fellowship with Him are we enabled to live a godly life and have a positive influence on this present ungodly world. Is the world changing you.....or are you changing the world?

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(TURN OVER)

PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Proverbs 25:28 Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self control.

Proverbs 26:20 Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

Proverbs 27: 1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.



THE DAILY MINISTRY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Frank Fulginetti, Christopher Kline, Donna McCormick, Bob Sperber, Tawanna Linder, Ron Forczek, Jackie Neri, Shirley Tussey, Mark Davies, Joe Brancato, Helen McKean, Jerry Palma, Jimmy Palma, Joe Lakes, Anthony Lakes, Evan Goldglantz, Russ Holman, Robin Weiss, John Longo, Donna DiAngelous, Mike Buettner, George Ollis, Vince Phillipelli, Tony Scarengelli, Jonathan Baker, Marian Wilson, Janet Neil, Arlene Santarpio, Rene DeMatteo, Keith Ruggerio, Sandy Wisdom, Anna Hansen
Also a special prayer for all the; sick, the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the disable,
the helpless, the hopeless, the broken hearted, the weary, the restless, the lost souls,

the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the emotionally distraught, etc.

***Furthermore** A prayer for all the troops in harms way around the world. Also, a prayer for this lost and darkened world we live in, for peace someday soon.*

WEB SITE ONLINE UPDATE: *The Spiritual Connections online web site, should be updated by next months June journal , with God's help. Till next months journal, may God richly bless you and your family always.*

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