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Inspiration Corner

**In His Presence:** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone ([**James 1:13**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=nas&q=jas+1:13)).

Temptation can be defined as a solicitation to do evil. Remember, nothing can come your way without divine approval. Whether it’s a test or a temptation, positive or negative, it has to flow through God’s fingers first. He has to allow the devil to tempt us, and at the same time He is testing us. If a temptation comes to you, God had to allow it to come, but He is not the source of that temptation. We find this truth in the story of Job. Satan said the only reason Job was serving God was that God was so good to him, so God allowed the devil to tempt Job. So Satan solicited Job to curse God. This was a test that showed Job’s faithfulness to God when he didn’t give in to the temptation.

**God allows temptation for our development, not our destruction**.

By Pastor Tony Evans

Disabilities Corner:



Fundraiser: Birthday funds collected for my birthday through Facebook were donated to “Talk about Curing Autism”. A total of $250 was raised. Autism strikes many children. My grandson has Autism. He is a beautiful little boy, and is almost 6 yrs. Old. I have a friend name Mario Washington who also has Autism. This young adult is amazing and working with Mario is a blessing to me. God is good; Mario is teaching me and his family members. Please pray that God continues to lead and guide me in this ministry.

Blessings,

**Maime C. Omari**

**Disabilities Ministry Coordinator**

**SDA Fundamental Belief # 4: THE SON**

God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly human, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God’s power and was attested as God’s promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to heaven to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things. (Isa. 53:4-6; Dan. 9:25-27; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-3, 14; 5:22; 10:30; 14:1-3, 9, 13; Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17-19; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:15-19; Heb. 2:9- 18; 8:1, 2.)

What’s new @ New Life

**Calling all members!**

INVITE SOMEONE! The month of May will be the month that every member is asked to invite someone to church. Invite them to AY, Vesper, Sabbath School, Eleven O’clock Worship, or Wednesday nite bible study!

Member’s Corner: Shared by Charlene Times

JESUS Himself never purchased peace by compromise. His heart overflowed with love for the whole human race, but He was never indulgent to their sins. He was too much their friend to remain silent while they were pursuing a course that would ruin their souls, \_\_ the souls He had purchased with His own blood. He labored that man should be true to himself, true to his higher and eternal interest. The servants of Christ are called to the same work, and they should beware lest, in seeking to prevent discord, they surrender the truth. They are to” follow after the things which make for peace "(Roman 14:19); but real peace can never be secured by compromising principle. And no man can be true to principle without exciting opposition. A Christianity that is spiritual will be opposed by the children of disobedience. But Jesus bade His disciples, Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. "Those who are true to God need not fear the power of men or the enmity of Satan. In CHRIST their eternal life is secure. Their only fear should be lest they surrender the truth, and thus betray the trust with which God has honored them. [DA356 1]

**Youth Spotlight: Kamal Eftekhar-Dadkhah**



Kamal is a handsome 2 year old that is very observing, funny, loving, and affectionate. He has very little patience, is very energetic, and is extremely fun and delightful to be around. He likes to take apart and “fix” various objects.

Fun time includes: reading, music, brushing his teeth, running around and learning new things. He is hesitant to open up to new situations, but he loves trying out his “interactive skills” with new people when he feels comfortable around them.

Kamal’s Favorite list:

Favorite Nursey Rhyme: “If you’re happy and you know it”

Favorite song: “Jesus loves me”

Favorite Subjects: Reading & Math

Favorite Food: Rice, broccoli, oatmeal, applesauce and bananas.

Favorite Book: “I Love you ALL the Time” by Jessica E. Hirschman

Interesting Facts about Kamal:

* He can count to 100
* He can recite the days of the week and month
* He knew his alphabets and how to count by the time he was 8 months old.
* He understands some French words.
* He can pronounce his last name.
* He demands that everything be kept in its “proper place”
* He sprints all over the place
* He will run to you and give you a big hug right after he throws a temper tantrum

**James Perkins is 13 year who:**

* **Honor Roll Student**
* **Foot Ball Player**
* **Great Son**
* **Great Grandson**
* **Awesome big brother**

James is a young man who New Life adores. Keep up the good work James.

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. "Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded."   
  — Jess Lair, author

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**NEWSFLASH**: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The 2018 Youth Program will be the 3rd Sabbath on February 17, 2018…..please come out an support!

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**Marriage Corner**

Intimacy means inner closeness. When you say, “I want to be intimate with my spouse,” you are talking about enjoying a relationship that isn’t superficial.

It’s not just about sex, you could be having sex with someone who is completely checked out, a million miles away from you emotionally. Intimacy means opening your heart to someone. When you are both followers of Jesus, the deepest parts of each of you are in communion.

That kind of spiritual intimacy, when two become one, is the greatest form of intimacy. So how do you create it in your marriage?

**First, regard marriage as sacred.** Marriage is not just a piece of paper. It is an act of the Spirit of God and it is a covenant. In the Bible, a covenant always required sacrifice. At the last supper, Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you” (Luke 22:20).

Marriage only works as a covenant bond based on sacrifice. It has no end date. It is permanent until death. It says, “I will love you sacrificially until I die.”

Compare that to the contractual view most people have of marriage. A contract marriage says, “I’m going to protect my rights and limit my responsibilities.” It is cheap and impermanent. In a contract marriage, you already have your bags packed and one foot out the door.

How can you build your life with someone who cannot fully demonstrate a commitment to the relationship? *’Til death do us part* is the spirit of a covenant marriage. In a covenant marriage, divorce is not an option.

**Second, you must validate each other’s emotions.** Couples fight about things like money, children, sex and housework. But what they are really fighting about is the fact that one spouse doesn’t identify with how the other spouse feels. In other words, “You don’t care how I feel about how you spend money” or “You don’t care how I feel about the kids not being disciplined.”

Men and women are different. We have unique needs and we don’t always understand each other’s perspective. That’s okay. But even if you don’t identify with what your spouse is saying or why he or she is saying it, you can still validate the emotions behind it. Emotions aren’t always right, but they are *always* real.Validation says, “Even if I don’t understand, what you feel is important to me because you are important to me.” So don’t roll your eyes. Don’t dismiss his or her concerns. Don’t throw up your hands and walk away in frustration. Doing these things disrupts your emotional connection, and that will destroy intimacy.

A healthy, intimate marriage requires a husband and wife who can talk to each other and share deep emotions without fear and without paying a price. Both of you must be each other’s safest place in the world.

For an intimate marriage, you must start with the sacred commitment of a covenant. That spiritual bond gives you a foundation for emotional validation. These are crucial to building a marriage marked by intimacy.

**Blessings,**

Jimmy Evans

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**Happy Anniversary to the Eftekhar-Dadkhah’s!**

### *Anniversary Prayer*

Lord, we thank you for this couple and for all of the years that  
they have had together. Today, as we celebrate their anniversary,  
our prayer is that you will continue to bless them.

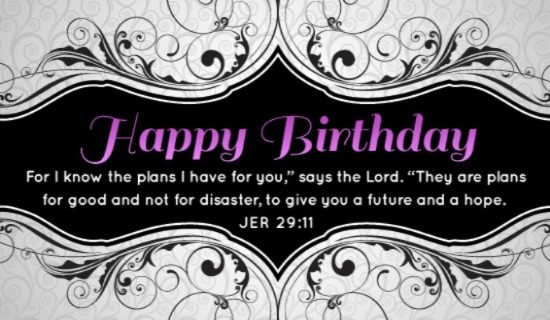
Let their testimony of love and forgiveness be a help to other couples  
as they start on their own journeys into married life. Lord, we pray that  
You will honor their commitment to each other and to You by granting them  
many more years of happiness together.

Amen

***March & April Birthdays and Anniversaries***

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| **March**  **Saria Ivey-23rd**  **Maime Omari 19th**  **Sylvia Hullum 9th**  **Wayne Daniels 21st**  **Kenny Hicks 19th** |
| **April**  **Minerve & Karvay 7th**  **Karvay Eftekhar-dadkhah-20th**  **Stella Daniels -26th**  **David Small- 17th**  **Pastor Cunningham 7th** |

**Happy Birthday from your New Life Church Family!**



**Exotic Delight Vegan Smoothie Recipe:**

The exotic delight gives you a whole host of tropical fruits mixed in to one great tasting vegan smoothie.

* 2 Bananas
* ½ Papayas
* 2 Kiwis
* A dozen strawberries
* ½ cup pineapple
* One to two cups of cranberry juice to taste.