



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR MAY 2019

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Opening Song:

We are soldiers in the army. We have to fight although we have to cry. We have to hold up the blood stained banner. We have to hold it until we die!

Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18

Meditation: "Deck of Cards"

Here is a new way to look at a **deck of cards!!** It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was **Sunday, the holiest day of the week.** As he was sitting there, he got out an **old deck of cards** and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?" The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the **Lord.**"

The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards." The soldier said, "No, sir you see, since we are not allowed to have **Bibles** or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the **Lord** by studying this **deck of cards.**" The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the **Ace**, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only **one** God. The Two represents the **two parts** of the **Bible, Old and New Testaments.** The **Three** represents the **Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.** The **Four** stands for the **Four Gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.** The **Five** is for the **five**

virgins, there were ten but only **five** of them were glorified. The **Six** is for the **six days** it took **God** to create the **Heaven and Earth.** The **Eight** is for the family of **Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives,** the **eight** people **God** spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth.

The **Nine** is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but **nine** never thanked Him. The **Ten** represents the **Ten Commandments** that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone. The **Jack** is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell. The **Queen** stands for the **Virgin Mary.** The **King** stands for **Jesus,** for he is the **King of all kings.**

When I count the **dots** on all the cards, I come up with **365** total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of **52 cards** in a deck; each is a week, **52 weeks** in a year. The **four suits** represent the **four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.** Each **suit** has **thirteen cards,** there are exactly **thirteen weeks** in a **quarter.** So when I want to talk to **God** and **thank Him,** I just pull out this old **deck of cards** and **they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.**" The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "**Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards.**"

Closing Prayer:

Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them. Bless them and their families. We ask this in Jesus name. **Amen.**