

# SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE

JULY / AUGUST 2021 MESSENGER



**Song:** “Yield not to Temptation”  
**Prayer:** *As the Spirit leads*  
**Scripture:** Luke 17:1-2

## Meditation “Post Pandemic Behavior”

*Louise*

“Man Assaults Woman in New York City’s Chinatown!”  
 “Fan Spits on Atlanta Guard Trae Young!” “Woman Attacks a Southwest Airlines Flight Attendant!” These are recent headlines of unacceptable behavior displayed by individuals against fellow human beings. In each situation, a crowd of people witnessed the behavior, and in two instances the victims suffered serious injuries. Another common denominator shared by all three is the fact that they occurred during what many are calling our post COVID-19 pandemic era. For reasons that will not be explored here, the lifting of requirements to wear masks and social distancing seem to have unleashed a sense of freedom to do whatever pleases one, no matter the consequences.

The religious beliefs of these aggressors are not known, however, if they had professed to be Christians, their behavior would surely weaken the faith of some babes in Christ. As we begin to proceed into what was normal before March 2020, we too, may encounter individuals with aggressive or unruly behavior, who almost push us over our ledge of tolerance. In fact, we may even be tempted to respond with similar behavior. However, as Christians, if we stop, think about what Jesus would do, and what the man after God’s own heart, David, would say, and then follow the advice of the late Bishop William H. Graves, Sr., “*whisper a prayer*”, trusting that God will answer, the Holy Spirit will give us what we need to get through the situation. Yes, get through the situation exemplifying Christlike behavior and not reducing the faith of any new believer, who may be watching.

**Prayer:** Dear Father in Heaven, as I encounter individuals exhibiting behavior that is upsetting, please guide my thoughts, words, and actions so that I do not sin against Thee. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

**A Word of Encouragement:** When someone has pushed too many of your buttons, “*Whisper a Prayer.*”

**Challenge for the Month:** In all you do and say, strive to exemplify Christlike behavior.

### Polishing Your Communication Power

1-Haughty 2-Pique 3- Abject 4-Millstone

- \_\_\_ a) completely without pride or dignity; self-abasing
- \_\_\_ b) something that grinds or crushes
- \_\_\_ c) arrogantly superior and disdainful
- \_\_\_ d) stimulate interest or curiosity

### Last Month’s Answers

1 e 2 b 3 a 4 d

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### It’s JUNE Answers

Alexandrite	Graduation	Rose
Children	Honeysuckle	Strawberry Moon
Chimborazo	Juno	Summer Solstice
Fathers	Moonstone	Wedding
Fishing	Pearl	

  

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Barbecue  
 Baseball  
 Beach  
 Camping  
 Crabs  
 Cruise  
 Fireworks  
 Fishing

Grill  
 Hammock  
 Hiking  
 Humidity  
 Lemonade  
 Park  
 Picnic  
 Pool

Sand  
 Skying  
 Swing  
 Swimming  
 Tennis  
 Watermelon  
 Wildflower  
 Wind

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