

Spring Devotion

Please Note: This devotional can be used as an object lesson. Place all the items into a basket or on a table. Remove the appropriate item, and give the application.

The Following Items Are Needed:

- Butterfly (craft butterfly or picture of one)
- Green Leaf
- Bird (craft bird or picture of one)
- Spade/Garden Tool
- Clouds (construction paper cut-outs)
- Umbrella
- Bug Hut/Butterfly Net (can usually find in dollar stores or toy departments)
- Seed Packet

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Spring In Your Step

(A Spring Devotional)

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...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!
Romans 10:15

The things that remind us of spring are wonderful things. To me, they are happy things. That includes even the clouds that come with the rain. I guess that's because after a long winter, I'm ready for all those signs of spring to come drifting to the scene. Spring in the air just gives you a good feeling deep inside.

I wish sometimes we as Christians could come drifting in more with that touch of *spring* in our steps. We should be a breath of fresh air to those we meet and come in contact with. We have the Truth and it should spill out in our lives. When we meet people, we should be like a ray of sunshine because we have good news of a great and mighty God to share. We have some wonderful things in our lives that make us different and because of it we should have that extra bounce to our walk.

We Should Have A Spring In Our Step Because...

1. God Gives Us Wings To Fly (Butterfly).

We can be so complete in Christ. When we conform to His will, He has a wonderful way of taking our lives and molding them to do great things. As Christians we can have a wonderfully fulfilling life. We can accomplish so much with God's help.

*"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,
and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

2. God Gives Us Food For Growth (Green Leaf).

We are so blessed to have the holy and inherent Word of God to guide us and to make us grow. We can depend on it as a source of our strength. It gives us all the nourishment we need.

*"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me
the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name,
O LORD God of hosts. " Jeremiah 15:16*

3. God Gives Us A Song (Bird).

It's so amazing what wonderful joy the Lord gives to us as Christians. The strength that joy brings to our lives should make us walk with that *spring* in

our step every day. Because of that joy, we should have a smile on our face and love in our hearts.

"...for the joy of the LORD is your strength. ." Nehemiah 8:10

4. God Gives Us All The Tools We Need (Garden Tool).

Isn't it just wonderful how God gives us all the tools needed to live the Christian life? And He puts them right at our fingertips. Look at just prayer alone. My, how that is just one of the handiest tools we can reach for. There are so many things Christ gives us in our toolbelt that it makes the Christian life exciting when we use those tools on a constant basis. What about the tools of faith and hope? It should make us have a *spring* in our step to use the things and tools Christ gives us to be strong Christians.

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth. " 2 Timothy 2:15*

5. God Gives Us His Presence In The Storms (Clouds).

We're always going to have a few or sometimes a lot of rain clouds in our lives as Christians, but God is faithful. He is always with us and knows each cloud by name. He knows what each of us go through. That's just so reassuring and it should make us walk with that bounce.

*"...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will
not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:5,6*

*"and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the
end of the world. " Matthew 28:20*

6. God Gives Us His Protection (Umbrella).

Don't you just love to have an umbrella handy on a rainy day? What comfort it should give us as Christians to know we have the umbrella of God's protection on our lives each day. To know He is there to call on and to leave our worries with should give us a boost as we go about our day.

*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my
fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Psalm 91:1,2*

*"For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee
up in their hands, lest thou dash thy
foot against a stone." Psalm 91:11*

7. God Gives Us His Creation (Bug Hut/Butterfly Net)

What joy it should bring to us as Christians to realize that we know the Creator! God put the things on earth here for us to enjoy and to see His hand in. It ought to give us shivers on our spine to take in just a glimpse of the intricate workings of God's creations and the beauty of the earth.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth
his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night
showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their
voice is not heard." Psalm 19:1-3*

*"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10*

8. God Gives Us A Command. (Seed Packet)

It's got to make us just a little excited to know that we are the hope of the world. It is left to us to spread the seeds of the Gospel of Christ. Knowing this should make us walk with that air of *spring* about us. We have great news to share!

*"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel
to every creature. " Mark 16:15*

*"...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the
gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of
good things!" Romans 10:15*

I trust I can have that *spring* in my step that I should have as a Christian. I know it's something we all need to work on. We shouldn't be miserable people. We have a loving and almighty God that loves us and is there for us each day. We have to remember that God is our Maker. I hope that I can be just the breath of fresh air that can touch another life because of what Christ has done for me and is doing in my life.

So, do you have a *spring* in your step?