



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2018

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November Meditation by Mrs. Spring Bass-Smoaks

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Opening Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Lead me, guide me, along the way.
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses:

I am weak and I need, Thy strength and
pow'r. To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to
see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am
putting all my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh
Lord, lead me.

I am lost if You take your hand from me. I
am blind without Thy Light to see. Lord, just
always let me Thy servant be. Lead me, oh
Lord, lead me.

Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-16

Meditation: "Train and Lead Your Children

When I think of the word "TRAIN," several
other words come into my mind, "INSTRUCT,"
"INVEST," "GUIDE" and "LEAD" by example.
All of these words remind me of my parents
and how they displayed all these
characteristics when I was growing up. I was
born and raised in a Christian home and in a
family who loved the Lord, sang and praised

God all the time and was brought up fearing
God. My dad was the Pastor and my mother
was the First Lady of the church for over 50
years. I watched my mother and father
serve others in the church, community,
country and home. They trained my
brothers, sister and I to do what sayeth the
Lord. They invested their time and money in
us. They prayed for us daily and always led
by example. We knew how to act, treat
others and fear the Lord and HIS house. I
would always hear, "***As for me and my
house, we will serve the Lord and remember
who you represent.***"

Those words ring in my ears as my husband
and I are raising our son. We are in constant
prayer that we are setting an example for
him, training him up in the fear of God,
investing our time, and instructing him to
stay on the right path. My hope is that he
will do the same for others in his life as well.
We asked God to "***Order Our Steps***" and
guide us as we guide our son through life.
Proverbs 3:5-7 says, "***Trust in the Lord with
all thine heart.....and he shall direct thy
path.***" I know that if I trust in the Lord, He
will direct my path and show me how to
guide my son as well as other children in
school and in the community.

Closing Prayer:

Gracious Lord,

Help me to be a light and an example for children
so that they may grow up and have a desire to
serve and please you. **Amen.**