

Pray for:

- ✿ Eastern Canada conference March 19-21 in Belleville for university students, young working saints, and serving saints.
- ✿ Africa: 3-week Perfecting Trainings in Ghana beginning on March 15th, concluding with a three day conference April 2-4, followed by an International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, April 5-7; that many young serving ones would be raised up for the Lord's move; financial needs for transportation and housing for the trainings.
- ✿ Lyon, France: many native French contacts who have been warming up and opening for the gospel; blending of the young people with those in France and Switzerland.
- ✿ Vancouver and surrounding churches: Follow-up of 1,159 out of 4,148 Bible recipients who requested contact.
- ✿ Blending of around 30 university students and serving ones from Chicago, Urbana and Columbus in Montreal from March 21 to 24.
- ✿ Various saints and contacts in Montreal with special needs.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 19, *Luke 2:40-5:26*
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel of God, Vol. 2, Week 11
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 1, The Precious Blood of Christ

Announcements

- ✿ There will 29 college students and serving ones (inclusive) coming to visit Montreal from March 21 to 24. We need to provide hospitality to them. Please pray and receive the burden from the Lord to open your house for the hospitality.
- ✿ There are approximately 300 such saints in the Concepción area, where the devastation is heaviest from the earthquake that took place off the coast of Chile on February 27. Those who desire to materially aid the saints and churches in Chile, please contact brothers for detailed information.
- ✿ We are pleased to announce the 16th European Young People's Conference in Poland. The conference will take place in Male Ciche, from Lord's Day 25th to Saturday 31st of July. This will be a great blending time as that,

particularly with other french speaking young ones in Europe. The conference is for young people currently in school years 8 to 13 (ages 13-19). Young people aged 20 to 22 who wish to help strengthen and support the conference in a practical way, will also be considered. The cost of the conference is €130 (£110, \$180). Please register with YP serving ones by 1st June, 2010.

- ✿ We would like to announce to you all that the 2009 Northeast spring young people's conference will be held at the Queens meeting hall of the church in New York City on the weekend of April 1-4. The general subject of the conference will be the Lord's second coming, under the title "Prepare to Meet Your God". The deadline for registration is March 15. Please register with brother Simon Huang.
- ✿ Those who are going to the Young Working Saints and College Saints conference in Belleville, please pay the registration fee of \$100 to sister Monica right away. Also please verify your transportation arrangements, and any questions with sister Monica.
- ✿ Any saint willing to help in the Bookroom or with the Library, even on a part-time basis, please see Monica.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

March 14	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
21	✿ English
28	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
April 4	✿ French/Spanish/College

Upcoming Events

- ✿ March 14 at 12:00 PM, meeting hall: Annual General Meeting of the corporation
- ✿ March 19 – 21, Belleville, ON: YWS/College Conference
- ✿ April 1 – 4, NYC, NY: 2009 Northeast spring young people's conference
- ✿ April 3 – 4, Chicago, IL: Midwest Spring Conference in Chicago
- ✿ April 3 – 4, Halifax, NS: Conference in Halifax
- ✿ April 23 – 25, Madison, WI: Conference in Madison

This Week's Activities

MARCH	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
14 <i>Lord's Day</i>	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
15 <i>Monday</i>	✿
16 <i>Tuesday</i>	✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
17 <i>Wednesday</i>	✿
18 <i>Thursday</i>	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
19 <i>Friday</i>	✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
20 <i>Saturday</i>	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

Separation from the world

Scripture Reading: Exo. 10:8-11, 21-26; 12:6-11, 37-42; 2 Cor. 6:17

II. AREAS THAT REQUIRE SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

C. Anything That Quenches Our Spiritual Life

It is difficult for us to point out the world item by item; the list is endless. But we should grasp one basic principle: everything that quenches one's spiritual life in the Lord is the world. The world is anything that kills one's zeal for prayer to God. The world is anything that takes away one's interest in God's Word. The world is anything that frustrates one from testifying before men. The world is anything that hinders one from coming to the Lord, anything that results in confession. The world is an atmosphere that chokes and dries a person up. It is anything that discourages a man's heart from loving and yearning for the Lord. Here we see a broad principle—anything that quenches our spiritual condition before the Lord is the world. We must reject all of it.

Some people say, "This thing is not sinful at all. Can you say that it is worldly?" Many things appear to be very good to our eyes, but they quench the fire within us after we touch them once or twice. Our conscience becomes weak before God. After we become involved with these things, our Bible reading becomes tasteless. We may have the time, but we no longer have the heart for reading. After we participate in such things, we feel empty inside and have nothing to testify before men.

Such things may not be a matter of sin. Our question is whether or not these things are quenching our spiritual life. Everything that quenches our spiritual life is the world and must be rejected totally before the Lord.

D. Everything That Fails to Give Others the Impression That We Are Christians

We need to mention one more thing—our relationship with other people. Any kind of social function, communication, or activity that causes us to hide our lamp under the bushel is the world. Many social friendships, functions, and contacts with worldly people force us to put our lamp under the bushel; there is no way under those circumstances for us to stand up to declare that we are Christians. When others engage in such conversation, you have to pretend to be courteous. You have to listen to them and laugh with them. You feel quenched within, but you have to put on a smiling face. Inwardly you feel that this is the world, yet outwardly you have to go along with it. Inwardly you know this is sin, yet outwardly you cannot say that it is wrong. You should not remain in this kind of social environment. Many of God's children are gradually sucked into the world through indiscriminate social activities and contacts.

All new believers must know where they stand from the very beginning, and they must make a choice. We are not trying purposely to be antisocial. We are not John the Baptist who did not eat or drink. We follow our Lord who ate and drank. But when we contact people, we must maintain our stand. No one should be able to insult our Christian stand. They should respect our stand. When I take a stand as a Christian, I must maintain my stand even if others criticize me.

If we really want to take the way of separation from the world, we must pay attention to our speaking. We must also show our Christian stand every time we are in the company of others. If we cannot maintain our stand as Christians, it is better to turn away from where we are. Psalm 1:1 says that we should not "stand on the path of sinners, / Nor sit in the company of mockers." If we stand on the path of sinners, we will end up in their place sooner or later. If we sit in the company of mockers, we will become mockers sooner or later. Sin and mocking are contagious. We must learn to flee these things as if we are fleeing from germs.

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