

Pray for:

- ✿ South America: that the Bibles will be shipped to the targeted locations on time (10 countries, 69 cities, 201 universities and 85 public places); for the Lord to open the hearts of many South American and make these hearts the good earth; for the orientation fellowships to bring the saints who go into one burden, one feeling, one way and one heart for the expression of the one New Man.
- ✿ India: Serving ones' training in Masinagudi based on the Spring ITERO messages; campus labour in New Delhi; Full-time training in New Delhi; raising up of children's work in India; raising up of churches in the state of Goa; blending in the states of Kerala.
- ✿ The re-establishment of the weekly college meeting.
- ✿ The re-establishment of the central region English prayer meeting.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for prayer, gospel preaching, shepherding, and pursuing the truth.
- ✿ Various saints and contacts in Montreal with special needs.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 26, *Luke 17:1 – 19:27*
- ✿ HWMR: The Prayer of the Age, Vol. 1, Week 5
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: Basic Elements, Vol 3, The way to build up the church.

Announcements

- ✿ The Summer Training will be from June 28 to July 3. Cost is \$150. Deadline for registration is May 1, please register with sister Monica.
- ✿ Please pick up a copy of the 'Material offering and God's Move'. We will read one week of "Material offering and God's Move" per month.
- ✿ A historical National Conference for Canada will take place from May 22 to 23 in Toronto. Please register in districts. *Limited hospitality available, those registering first will get priority.*
- ✿ Grade Six Conference will be held from June 18th to 20th 2010 at the Church in Markham Meeting Hall. Please register with br. Chew by May 30, 2010.

Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

May 2	✿ French/Spanish/College
9	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)
16	✿ English
23	✿ Chinese (East, Central)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ May 14 – 16, Stockholm, Sweden: Nordic Conference
- ✿ May 22 – 23, Toronto, ON: Canadian National Conference
- ✿ June 28 – 3, Anaheim, CA: Summer Training
- ✿ July 25 – 31, Male Ciche, Poland: YP Camp in Poland
- ✿ July 27 – 31, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Children Camp
- ✿ Aug 8 – 13, Ancaster, ON: Eastern Canada's Summer School of Truth
- ✿ Aug 16 – 22, NYC, NY: New York Summer School of Truth.

This Week's Activities

MAY	
2 Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings ✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
3 Monday	✿
4 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm, Prayer meeting by district in various homes
5 Wednesday	✿
6 Thursday	✿
7 Friday	✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting ✿ Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
8 Saturday	✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

CONSECRATION

Scripture Reading: Exo. 28:1-2, 40-41; 29:1-25; Lev. 8:14-28; Rom. 6:13, 16, 19; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15

V. THE GOAL OF CONSECRATION

The goal of consecration is not to become a preacher for God or to work for Him. The goal of consecration is to serve Him. The result of consecration is service. In the original language the word service means "to wait upon." This means that a person is prepared to serve. We must remember that the goal of consecration is to wait upon God. Waiting upon someone may not be strenuous work. To wait upon God means that you stand when He wants you to stand. If He wants to shuffle you aside, you allow Him to shuffle you aside, and if He wants you to run, you run. This is what it means to wait on Him.

God requires that all Christians offer up their bodies to wait on Him. This does not necessarily mean that He wants you to stand at the pulpit or evangelize some remote land. It means to wait on God. If God sends someone to the pulpit, that person has no choice but to speak. If God sends someone to remote lands, he has no choice but to go. All our time is for God, but the work that we do is flexible. Everyone should wait on God, but the specific work that one should engage in is flexible. We must learn to wait on God. The presenting of one's body is for serving God.

As long as we are Christians, we have to serve God all our lives. As soon as a person consecrates himself, he must realize that from that point on, the Lord's requirement comes first. Service to God becomes one's lifelong mission. May God be gracious to us and show us that our service to Him is our rightful duty. We should show every believer that henceforth we are those who serve the Lord. We must realize that as Christians, we can no longer be loose in anything. I am not saying that we should not be faithful and committed to our career or that we can be idle. This is not what I mean. We still need to be faithful and serious in our vocation. But before God we must see that our entire life is directed towards our service to God. We do everything for the purpose of obeying God's will and pleasing Him. This is the reality of consecration.

Consecration is not how much we can give to God. It is being accepted by God and being granted the honor of serving Him. Consecration is reserved for Christians alone; it is not for everyone. Only the saved ones, those who belong to the Lord, can consecrate themselves. Consecration means that we say, "Lord, You have given me the opportunity and the right to come before You and to serve You." It is saying, "Lord, I am Yours. My ears were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. My hands were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. My feet were purchased by the blood; they belong to You. From now on I can no longer use them for myself."

We do not beg others to consecrate themselves. Instead, we tell them that a way is now available for them to consecrate themselves. There is a way to serve our God, the Lord of hosts. We must be clear that we are here to serve the Lord of hosts. It is grossly wrong to think that consecration is a matter of granting God a favor.

The revelation in the Old Testament is very clear. A man can only consecrate himself to God under His approval. The New Testament also exhorts us to consecrate ourselves through the compassions of God. God loves us so much; therefore, we have to consecrate ourselves. This is the most reasonable service. This is not a request for favor; this is the most reasonable thing, the most natural thing, to do. Consecration does not depend upon our willingness. It is because of God's abounding grace that we can consecrate ourselves. We must see that having the right to be God's servant is the greatest honor of our life. It is a joyful thing for a man to be saved. It is a far more joyful thing for a man to have a part in God's service! Who do we think our God is? We have to see His greatness and His glory. Only then will we see the tremendous significance and honor of this service! What a tremendous thing it is for us to receive His grace and be counted worthy of serving Him!

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