

Pray for:

- On-time completion of the ministry conference centre in Anaheim (building 8); that there be no unforeseen complications that would delay the project; for the success of the final inspections that will begin next week.
- GTCA gospel trips throughout North America January 29 to February 15; trip to Halifax, supported by Montreal.
- The spreading of the Lord's testimony to 12 new cities in the UK—Cardiff (Wales), Glasgow (Scotland), Belfast (Northern Ireland), and Chelmsford, Coventry, Exeter, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Sheffield, Southampton, and Southend-On-Sea (England)
- That parents of children in Montreal would realize their children's importance in God's economy; one accord between parents in consecrating their children to the Lord and raising them up unto Him; grace to live as patterns to their children.
- That the majority of the saints in Montreal would pair up in twos and threes to pursue vital living; for the whole church to receive a vision of the God-ordained way practiced by means of the vital groups; that many saints would consecrate to live the God-ordained way.
- Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ☼ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 57, 1 Cor 12:12 – 14:40
- ☼ HWMR: Living under the Unique Headship of Christ and in the Unique Divine Fellowship, Week 8
- ☼ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Economy of God*, Chapter 8

Announcements

- ☼ If you are signed up to go to the Live Training and have not yet paid your donation of \$150, please bring it to Monica in the bookroom as soon as possible.
- ☼ If you are planning on attending the winter 2010 Video training and you are not attending the Live Training, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway as soon as possible. All languages please sign up on the same sheet. We would like a rough estimate of how many are planning on attending either part-time or full-time, so if you

have a desire to attend, please sign up, as we need to know how many outlines we need to order.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Dec 5	☼ Serving: Young Working
	☼ Cleaning: English
12	☼ Serving: Chinese Central (A)
	☼ Cleaning: French/Spanish
19	☼ Serving: English
	☼ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
Nov 26	☼ Serving: Chinese N.D.G. (A)
	☼ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)
	☼ Whole meeting hall cleaning

Upcoming Events

- ☼ Dec 27, 2010-Jan 1, 2011, Anaheim, CA, USA: **Winter Training**
- ☼ Jan 1 -15, 2011, Meeting hall, Montreal: **Winter Video Training**

This Week's Activities

DEC 5	☼ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	☼ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
6 Monday	
7 Tuesday	☼ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
8 Wednesday	☼ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting
9 Thursday	
10 Friday	☼ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
	☼ Various home meetings (Chinese/English / French)
11 Saturday	☼ 7:00pm – 9:30pm, Meeting hall: Young People Meeting

READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

III. DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE (Continued)

4. The Fourth Ten Minutes—Paraphrasing

The final ten minutes can be used to paraphrase the Bible. This exercise is very useful. Paraphrasing the Bible gives fresh insight into a passage. By paraphrasing the Bible with simple words, we express a passage in a way that others can understand at a glance.

For example, you may be doing a chapter-by-chapter study of the book of Romans. If a teen-ager comes and says, "I have read Paul's word in Romans, but I cannot understand it," you will have to think of some ways to explain this book to him using your own words. A paraphrase is not a commentary; you are merely using your own words to convey what Paul said so that those who do not understand it can understand. In order to do this, you have to learn to paraphrase the Bible with your own words. Take the book of Romans and try to paraphrase it with your own words. Paul wrote the Epistles in his words. Now you should try to write the same thing in your own words. Try your best to do this. Do it properly and intelligently so that you can understand it and so that other brothers and sisters who read it can understand it as well.

Such paraphrasing will show how well we know the Scriptures. Using our own words to reiterate the apostles' thought is a good way to prepare us for biblical exposition. Paraphrasing is the first step; exposition is the second step. First we should learn to paraphrase the text of the Bible with our own words. Our training before God must be in the proper order. Do not try to expound the Bible before learning to paraphrase it; this is too hasty. Learn to paraphrase the Bible first and then learn to expound it. If we cannot paraphrase the Bible well, it is impossible for us to expound it well. We must paraphrase first and then expound. We must all learn this basic lesson. First, paraphrase Paul's Epistles, then paraphrase the remainder of the New Testament.

In paraphrasing the Bible, try to avoid using the words of the Bible. Use your own words instead. The main lesson to learn here is to express the meaning of a passage with words that are within your grasp. After you have tried one book, you will know how precious the experience is and how profitable the exercise is. A careless and sloppy person cannot paraphrase the Bible. You must pray much before the Lord and read the Bible properly before you can paraphrase it correctly. After you finish a book, go back and revise your work once or twice, modifying it with appropriate words and polishing your sentences. This will give you a better impression of the book, and you will come to know what the apostles were talking about. You need to paraphrase a passage before you can have a deep impression of it.

In order to paraphrase the Bible, one must first study it thoroughly. He must understand what a passage says and what is implied in the passage. He can then incorporate all his knowledge into his paraphrase. This requires a thorough understanding of a verse. A person can only paraphrase the Bible when he has a clear grasp of what it says. Through practicing a little every day, and through careful reading and meticulous writing, one will eventually be able to paraphrase one of Paul's Epistles. He will then be able to understand Paul's word and will be able to use other words to convey the same meaning.

We have mentioned four things already. First, study by topic; second, do a word study; third, gather information; and fourth, paraphrase. We should go through all twenty-eight methods one by one. A definite schedule of Bible study is an exercise for us. We must gird up our loins, be restricted and regulated before the Lord, and not be loose. If we have made up our mind to study for an hour, keep this hour. We should not shorten or lengthen the time, unless we are sick or on vacation. Other than such exceptions, we should always keep our schedule. If we persist in this exercise daily, we will soon reap the harvest.

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