

Please pray:

- ✿ International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, April 12-14.
- ✿ Budapest, Hungary: growth in life of 10 existing saints and three new ones in the church; migration of younger saints to gain the young people; that the saints' translator be saved and added to the church.
- ✿ London, ON: that the Lord would restore His testimony by raising up four or more families to migrate to join those currently there; that a strong church be formed that is one with the other churches and that continues faithfully in the apostles' teaching and fellowship.
- ✿ Montreal: That the saints be vitalized to pursue the Lord daily and be consecrated to live uniquely for the gospel, with a burden for increase, shepherding and propagation.
- ✿ Quebec: Shepherding of contacts in Quebec City and other cities in Quebec; the Lord's raising up of His seekers throughout this province; gaining of typical Quebecers for Christ and the church.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: John 18:28-20:22
- ✿ HWMR: The Unique Work in the Lord's Recovery, week 9

Announcements

- ✿ Registration for the 2013 Summer Training is now open. Please sign up with Esther or Monica for the live training and on the bulletin board for the video training by **April 28 2013**.
 - The live training will be from July 1-6, 2013. The video training will be held from July 2-7, 2013 (2 messages per day).
 - For the Chinese speaking, the dates of the video training will be July 27 (3 messages), 28 (2 messages), 30(1 message), Aug 3(3 messages), 4 (2 messages), and 6 (1 message).
 - The suggested donation costs are \$150 for the live training, \$75 for the video training, and \$5 for the outline. Please indicate the language for your outline at the time of registration.
 - Please seek the Lord's leading whether you should attend the live training or video training.
- ✿ The **International Memorial Day Conference** this year will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from Friday, May 24, 2013 through Monday, May 27, 2013. All saints are invited to participate in this gathering.

- ✿ The next "A Pattern of the Healthy Words" (96 Lessons) will be held on April 20 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM with three languages concurrently in the meeting hall.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

7 ✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
APRIL ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning

14 ✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1

21 ✿ Serving: N.D.G.
✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2

28 ✿ Serving: English (A)
✿ Cleaning: French and Young People

Upcoming Events

- ✿ April 12-14, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✿ April 20, May 11, Montreal meeting hall: **96 Lessons**
- ✿ May 18-19, Toronto, ON: **Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 24-27, Atlanta, Georgia: **International Memorial Day Conference**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

7 ✿ 10am -12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY ✿ 12:30-1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

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Monday

9 ✿ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday

10 ✿
Wednesday

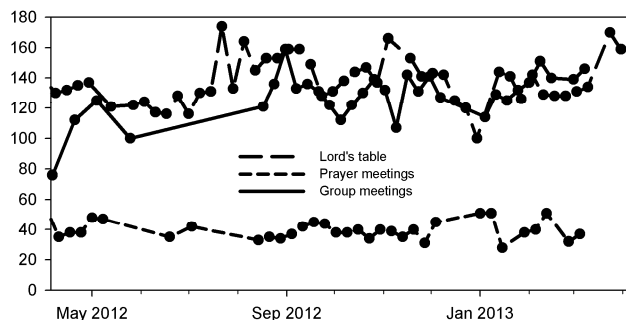
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Thursday

12 ✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday ✿

13 ✿
Saturday

14 ✿ 10am-12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY ✿ 12:30-1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



The Discipline of God

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

I. The Proper Attitude of Those Under Discipline

D. Not Regarding Lightly the Discipline of the Lord

God's children should not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord. If the Lord disciplines us, we have to pay attention to it. Everything the Lord measures to us has a purpose and meaning to it. He wants to build us up through our experiences and environment. All of His discipline is for the purpose of perfecting us and making us holy. All of His discipline works His nature into our nature. As a result, we become disciplined in our character. This is the purpose of the Lord's discipline. He does not discipline us without reason. He disciplines us for the purpose of making us vessels. The Lord does not allow suffering to come to His children without a cause. We do not suffer for the purpose of suffering. He does not give us tribulation simply to make us suffer. The purpose in all our suffering is that we would partake of God's holiness and nature. This is the goal of discipline.

Many children of God have been Christians for eight or ten years, yet they have never given serious consideration to God's discipline. They never say, "The Lord is disciplining me. He is dealing with me, chastising me, and molding me into a vessel." They do not see the purpose of God's chastisement, dealing, and carving work. They go through their experiences capriciously. They are not bothered by what they see today; they let it slip by. They are not bothered by what they see the next day; they are not concerned about what the Lord's will is, and they disregard it time after time. To them it is as if God purposelessly allows people to suffer. Please bear in mind that the first reaction of God's children should be to respect and honor God's discipline. The first thing we should do when we experience something is to find the meaning of our experience: Why have things happened this way? We must learn to respect and honor God's discipline. We should not regard it lightly. To regard it lightly is to be careless about it. It is to say that God

can do whatever He wants to do and that we must simply go through these experiences mindlessly and aimlessly.

On the one hand, we should not regard the discipline lightly. On the other hand, we should not make too much of it. If the Christian life became nothing but a story of suffering and frustration, it would be too much of a discouragement to us. This is to make too much of our discipline. We must learn to accept the discipline of the Lord and to see that His discipline and reproach are always meaningful. At the same time, we must not be discouraged by discipline.

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