

Please pray:

- ✿ Egypt: that the Lord rule over the political turmoil to create an environment that is open for the gospel throughout the Middle East; that in midst of the intense persecution of Christians, many nominal Christians and Muslims be gained to seek the Lord absolutely; that the gates of Hades not prevail against the building up of the church.
- ✿ FTTA-Boston: the completing of the rebuilding and renovating of the Training Center; the Lord's blessing on the 21 trainees at the temporary location in Newton; financial needs of the training, migration and renovation.
- ✿ Canada: Strengthening of seven churches: Halifax (for general increase and for increase from the campuses), Ottawa (for English-speaking saints to migrate there), Markham (for English-speaking saints to migrate there), Hamilton (for increase from the campuses and from the community), St. Catharines (for increase from the community and Brock University), Saskatoon and Edmonton (that saints from other churches visit and blend with them); that all these churches grow, increase and spread.
- ✿ Universities and colleges: that the students be burdened to grow in life and truth during the new school year; that new contacts be gained particularly through the two weeks from August 25 to September 7, who will become remaining fruit for the church; that many saints be burdened for the shepherding and gaining of students.
- ✿ 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: Acts 27:27 – Rom 1:25
- ✿ HWMR: Recovery of Christ as everything in the church, week 2
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 13-15

Announcements

- ✿ We encourage the saints to engage in life study reading beginning from Genesis Life Study, preparing for three semi-annual trainings counting from the past one. Each week, the saints are encouraged to read 3 messages.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

25	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
AUG	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2 (South, East)
1	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
SEP	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

8	✿ Serving: NDG
	✿ Cleaning: French & Young People
15	✿ Serving: South Chinese B
	✿ Cleaning: English & College Students

Upcoming Events

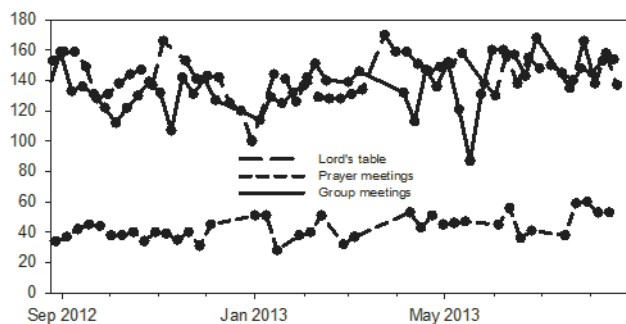
- ✿ Sep 7 at 2pm, Montreal, Meeting hall: **Marriage consecration meeting (Guorong & Xiaoyan ; Wenchao & Candy)**
- ✿ Sept 14–15, Lausanne, Switzerland: **French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Sept 20–22, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking conference**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

25	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
26	✿
Monday	
27	✿ 8am, Sisters house: Prayer meeting for the orientation table
Tuesday	✿ 9am-12pm, McGill: Orientation Table
	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
28	✿ 6:30pm, Wenchao's: Gospel meeting for Chinese speaking contacts
Wednesday	
29	✿ 6:30pm, Loewen's: Student Welcome dinner
Thursday	
30	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
31	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	
1	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



Withstanding the Devil

Scripture Reading: James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

I. SATAN'S WORK

A. Satan's Work in the Human Mind

2. How to Reject Thoughts from Satan (continued)

On the positive side, we need to exercise our mind. Many people have lazy minds. This makes it easy for Satan's thoughts to lodge in them. Philippians 4:8 says, "What things are true, what things are dignified, what things are righteous, what things are pure, what things are lovely, what things are well spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things." We can take account of spiritual matters. We need to exercise our mind concerning spiritual matters. If a person always sets his mind on sinful things, Satan can easily inject his thoughts into him, because his thoughts and Satan's thoughts are not much different. But if we always set our mind on spiritual things, Satan will not be able to inject his thoughts into us easily. Satan is able to inject his thoughts into many people because they are passive, because they have too much spare time, or because their thoughts are unclean in the first place.

There is another point that deserves attention: Our mind must not be attracted to satanic thoughts. There are many people whose minds are attracted to satanic thoughts. They have no interest in the wonderful, spiritual experiences of other brothers. Yet they become very interested when it comes to gossip. Since they love Satan's work, they cannot reject satanic thoughts. We need to hate Satan's work in order to reject his thoughts. All filthy thoughts that damage one's fellowship with the Lord and love for the Lord are from Satan. These thoughts will not come to us if we are not attracted to them in the first place. But if we incline our heart toward these things, they will come to us easily. Therefore, we must learn to reject everything that comes from Satan.

We must pay special attention to rejecting all filthy thoughts. Satan always places filthy thoughts in man to induce man to sin. The starting point is one filthy thought. If we allow it

to continue, it will bear the fruit of sin. Therefore, we must refuse any thought that comes from Satan.

However, there is a great problem: What should we do if the thought refuses to leave after we have rejected it? We need to realize that we only need to withstand unwanted thoughts once. Withstanding is a one-time act; we should never withstand twice. James 4:7 says, "Withstand the devil, and he will flee from you." This verse says to withstand the devil and the devil will flee. We must believe that when we withstand the devil, he will flee. It is wrong to continue withstanding for fear that the devil is still around. Whose words do we believe? The Bible says, "Withstand...he will flee." If there is a voice within that suggests that he has not fled, whose voice is it? It is Satan's voice! Many people choose to believe Satan's words. Therefore, they lose. We must declare after we have withstood him, "I have already withstood the devil. He is gone from me." The feeling that he is still lurking around is a lie; it is not real, and it is not from the Lord. He must run. He has no ground to stay. We must be clear that it is right to withstand once, but wrong to withstand a second time. The first withstanding glorifies God's name. The second withstanding questions God's Word.

Many people make the mistake of checking with their feelings after they have withstood the devil. They ask, "Is the devil gone?" Their feeling tells them that he is not gone, and they try to withstand him again. Once there is a second withstanding, be sure there will be a third, a fourth, even a hundredth, and a thousandth. In the end we will feel as if we are completely helpless in rejecting it. But if we ignore him completely after we have withstood his temptation once, we will experience victory. We must care for the fact of God's Word and ignore our own feelings. The fact is that as soon as we withstand the devil, he flees. If we think that he has not fled after we have withstood him, we are being deceived by our feeling. If we believe this feeling, the devil will come back. We must learn to believe God's glorious words. Once we have withstood him once, there is no need to withstand him a second time because the matter has been settled already.

These are the issues relating to Satan's work in man's mind. We must realize that Satan attacks man's mind. We should reject any thought from Satan. At the same time, we should realize that once we reject his thoughts, the matter is finished. Furthermore, we must not be overly concerned with his attacks. Otherwise, our mind will be thrown into confusion, and we will be ensnared by the devil.

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