

Please pray:

- ✿ Laval: Pray that the Lord would grant us a burden and a heart to continually pray for this land; that shepherds be raised up to take care of the contacts who come to the Bible studies or express desire to be contacted; that the Lord would raise up a proper testimony in Laval according to His timing.
- ✿ Following the ITERO in Leipzig, Germany, blending trips with free literature distribution and weekend conferences will take place in eight regions throughout Europe. Please pray that the Lord will take a major step in His move in Europe through the elders' training and the blending of the saints in one accord.
- ✿ First Lord's table in Krakow, Poland (October 15, 2017): Please pray for a strong testimony in Krakow for the Lord's move in Poland.
- ✿ Myanmar: Pray for the saints who live in difficulties because of the Crisis in the Rakhine State in West Myanmar; pray for the church in Kyauktaw in Rakhine State.
- ✿ Pray that we may all learn to be brought to the throne with the Lord by experiencing the humanity of Jesus with all His virtues and by reigning in life through the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness.
- ✿ 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: 2 Ch 23:1 - 34:33 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 2, week 10

Announcements

- ✿ The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat will be held October 20-22 in the Church in Toronto meeting hall. The cost is \$60 and the registration deadline is TODAY. Registration will be done online.
- ✿ If you wish to be added to the French Standing Order to obtain all new books printed in French, please add your name to the list in the Book room. If you are currently signed up for the French Standing Order, please see Book room to receive your books.
- ✿ Registration for the 2017 Winter training in Anaheim is now open. The registration deadline is November 1. If you are interested in going please register with sister Monica. The cost is USD\$200 (CAD\$250) per trainee plus USD\$5 for the outline.

- ✿ The video training registration sheet is also available and posted on the board across from the Service office. All those interested in attending should register before the November 1 deadline as well. The cost for the video training is USD\$100 (CAD\$125) per trainee plus USD\$5 (CAD\$6.25) for the outline.
- ✿ The 2018 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16th -18 th Feb. 2018 in Taipei. Preceding the conference, there will be a blending trip with the churches in Taiwan. Brother James K from Toronto will lead the group, and the invitation is extended to all saints in Eastern Canada. Please contact brother Joe for more information.
- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. For this work to continue, there is a financial need required for translation and editor support through the French translation fund. Please pray for this need and also for the Lord to lead concerning giving to this fund..

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Oct 8	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
15	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
22	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
29	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ October 20 to 22, Toronto, ON: **The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat**
- ✿ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

8	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
OCTOBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
9	✿

Monday	
10	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
11	
Wednesday	
12	☼
Thursday	
13	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
14	☼
Saturday	
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FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

Scripture Reading: Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5

What should we do if a brother offends us? We all have to deal with this question. What should we do when it is not we who have offended others but others who have offended us? When we examine the above three portions of the Lord's Word, we find that we should not only forgive a brother who has offended us but we should also restore him. Let us first consider the matter of forgiveness.

I. FORGIVING ONE'S BROTHER

A. Being Required to Forgive

Matthew 18:21-22 says, "Then Peter came and said to Him, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, Up to seven times, but, Up to seventy times seven."

Luke 17:3-4 says, "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day and turns again to you seven times, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him."

The verses in Matthew say that we should forgive a brother seventy times seven times, not just seven times. The verses in Luke say that we have to forgive a brother who sins against us seven times a day, repents, and turns to us seven times. Whether or not his repentance is genuine, we must forgive him as long as he repents. Whether or not he is genuine is not our responsibility. We have to forgive him.

Seven times is not too much, but seven times within one day is not that infrequent. Suppose the same person does

the same thing to you seven times a day, and suppose he says that he has sinned against you seven times a day. Would you still believe that his confession is genuine? I am afraid that you would think that he was only confessing with his lips. This is why Luke 17:5 says, "The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith." They felt that this was a problem to them. It was unthinkable to them that a brother could offend someone seven times in a day and then turn around to repent seven times. They could not believe it, and they said, "Lord, increase our faith." But God's children should forgive even if they are called upon to do so seven times a day. When a brother sins against you, you should not hold it against him.

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