

Please pray:

- ✿ Pray for the French translation work for the needs in all the French speaking countries. May the Lord burden us to pray and to offer financially toward this labour.
- ✿ Kitchener property: Pray that as much work as possible can be completed on the new property during the month of November in order to expedite occupancy by mid December; pray that we have no shortage of saints that will help with the renovation and clean up work that must be completed in order to get the occupancy permit of the facility; pray for all the renovation costs; pray for the gospel in the community surrounding the new property; pray for many Bibles to be distributed; pray that we find many sons of peace who would be open to and receive the gospel.
- ✿ All-day Seminar in Ilford, UK (11 November): 311 adults attended including 81 new ones (not meeting with us Lord's Day) - for 38 this was their first event. 14 Bible study requests were received from the new ones. It was a thoroughly enjoyable time - testimony from the facility staff: "We run many events and we have never seen anything like this one group. So joyful, helpful, caring, and so many nationalities present. We were made to feel part of the event". Pray for the new ones that came and especially for those requesting Bible studies. May the Lord continue to bless the LS of Bible radio program and Bible distribution and continue to reach more through the seminars and other activities.
- ✿ Turkey: Pray for more local Turkish, especially the young ones to be gained and become the useful vessels to the Lord; pray for the living, health and safety of the saints.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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: 1 Cor 1:5 - 3:9 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ, weeks 2 and 3

Announcements

- ✿ Please renew or sign-up for the HWMR subscription for 2018 starting this week with your district serving one who gives you HWMR. The cost for the annual subscription is \$75. We want to complete the sign-up by December 18.
- ✿ Registration for the video training is now late. Please add a \$25 late fee to your payment. Please sign up right away on the board so we can confirm how many outlines in each language are needed, even if you only plan to attend part-time. Here is the schedule:
 - Messages 1, 2: Tue. Dec 26 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm
 - Message 3: Wed. Dec 27, at 7:30pm
 - Message 4: Thu. Dec 28, at 7:30pm
 - Message 5: Fri. Dec 29, at 7:30pm
 - Messages 6, 7, 8: Sat. Dec 30 at 3pm, 5pm and 7:30pm
 - Messages 9, 10: Sun. Dec 31 at 11 am and 1pm
 - Messages 11, 12: Mon. Jan 1 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm
- ✿ The bookroom is working on clearing up past due accounts. If you know you still owe money for books you have picked up in the past, please see the bookroom to pay for those books. Saints will be advised of any outstanding accounts.
- ✿ The 2018 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16th -18th 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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Nov	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1
26	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
Dec	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
3	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
10	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
17	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**

☼ December 26, 2017 to Jan 1, 2018, Meeting hall: **Video Training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

26	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
NOVEMBER		
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
27	☼	
Monday		
28	☼	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
29		
Wednesday	☼	
30	☼	
Thursday		
1	☼	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
DECEMBER		
Friday		
2	☼	
Saturday		
3	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
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FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

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

II. RESTORING THE BROTHER

It is not sufficient for us to just forgive our brother. This only takes care of the negative side. We still need to restore him. This is the charge in Matthew 18:15-20.

B. The Reason for Telling (continued)

Today many of God's children do not obey the teaching of this portion of the Word. Some people always speak of others' wrongdoings, continually publicizing them. Some do not tell others, yet they never forgive and always harbor grudges in their hearts. Some forgive but do not try to restore. But this is not what the Lord wants us to do. It is wrong to speak of others' faults; it is wrong to keep silent yet be unforgiving in the heart; and it is equally wrong to forgive but not to exhort.

The Lord did not say that it is good enough for us to forgive the brother who has offended us. The Lord also showed us that the offended one has the responsibility to restore the offending one. Since it is not a small thing to offend someone, we have the responsibility to tell the one who has offended us for his sake. We must think of some way to restore our brother and gain him back. When we speak to him, we must be proper in our attitude and pure in

our intention. Our purpose is to restore our brother. If our intention is to gain him, we will know how to point out his fault. If our intention is not to restore him, it will only worsen the relationship. The purpose of exhortation is not to ask for recompense or to justify our own feelings; it is for the purpose of restoring our brother.

C. The Proper Attitude in Telling Others

If our intention is pure, we will know how to do this step by step. First, we must have the right spirit. Next, the words we speak, the way we speak them, including our attitude, countenance, voice, and tone, must all be right. Our purpose is to gain him, not just to inform him of his fault.

If we are simply trying to rebuke him, our rebuking may be right, and the strong words we use may be justified, but our attitude, tone, and countenance may never achieve the goal of gaining him.

It is easy for us to say good things about a brother; it is easy to praise a person. It is also very easy to lose our temper with a person. We only need to let go of our emotions and we will lose our temper. But pointing out a person's fault and, at the same time, restoring and gaining him is something that can be done only by those who are full of grace. One must forget about himself completely before he can be humble, meek, free from pride, and willing to help those who are at fault. In the first place one must be right himself.

You should realize that the Lord allows a brother to offend you because He has shown favor to you and has chosen you. He has put a great responsibility upon you. You are His chosen vessel, and God is using you to restore your brother.

If a brother offends you in a small matter and you forgive him, the matter is settled; there is no need to do anything further. But if a brother offends you to such an extent that it becomes an issue, you cannot close your eyes and say that there is no problem. The problem is there, and you cannot ignore it. If the problem is not solved, it becomes a burden to the church. The church is often weakened because of these burdens. The life of the Body is drained through these burdens, and the work of the ministers is wasted through these burdens. Before God we need to learn to deal with every problem when it arises. If a person offends us, we should not close our eyes and try to ignore it. We must deal with it properly. However, our spirit, attitude, word, countenance, and tone must all be proper. This is the only way to gain our brother.

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