

Please pray:

- ✿ Full timers financial support: The full timers play a critical role in serving, shepherding and building up the church. Brother Lee stated in the ministry that one full timer should be supported by 20 working saints. May the Lord give us a heart to care for this need. May we learn to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven by giving material things for the needy saints, and the Lord's servants.
- ✿ Eastern Canada College/Working saints conference (Feb 21 - 23): Pray for all the fellowship and preparation for this conference; may the Lord release the saints to attend this conference; may the Lord speak to the saints a timely word for the advancement of His work in Eastern Canada.
- ✿ As GTCA is proceeding until Feb. 9, 2020 in the 13 cities in North America (with 3 in Canada: Airdrie in Alberta, London and Guelph in Ontario), let us open the door for the kingdom gospel by praying for many sons of peace, as well as seeking Christians to be open to receive the Recovery Version New Testament and ministry literature that will enlighten and satisfy the hunger within them. Also pray for nearby towns around London. May our sowing reap in many clusters of fruit, which will strengthen existing churches, and pave the way for the raising up of new localities in southwestern Ontario.
- ✿ Pray for the situation with the coronavirus: The Lord is on the throne in this situation. May we learn how to cooperate, pray and praise the Lord as He is administrating for His economy; may we be a channel that the Lord could use to bind and loose what He has already bound and loosed in the heavens; may we pray for the saints in China and all over the earth to be covered and protected; may the Lord's will be done in this situation.
- ✿ 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: Matt 15:21 – 17:27
- ✿ HWMR: The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life, week 4

Announcements

- ✿ There will be the Parents Training Video message 3 at the meeting hall at 1:30pm TODAY. Translation from Chinese will be provided in English and French.
- ✿ You are invited to the wedding meeting of brother Haowei Song and sister Sissi Lin on Mar 7th at 2:30 pm.
- ✿ Prayer for the two week GTCA trip to London and Guelph Jan 25 to Feb 9, 2020. Fellowship if you would like to join.

- ✿ All Canada FTTA Short term training and blending trip is from May 1 to 9, 2020. Registration deadline is March 1.
- ✿ The monthly Ministry digest is now available for order and subscription. It is available in English, Chinese and Spanish and Korean. The purpose of this monthly digest is to help the saints get into the riches contained in the Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. For more information go to lsm.org. Please stop by the bookroom if you have questions or to place your standing order.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

2	Serving: English (Rose...)
Feb	Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Qiang & Jonathan responsible)
9*	*District Meeting Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng & Shishan responsible)
16	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: Whole Church
23	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ February 9: Lord's day meeting in districts
- ✿ Feb. 14-16, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-speaking Conference (Cancelled)**
- ✿ Feb 21 – 23, Toronto, ON: **College and Working Saints Conferences**
- ✿ March 8: Lord's day meeting in districts
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

2	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
February	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY	✿ 1:30pm: Parents Training Video Message 3
3	✿
Monday	
4	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
5	✿
Wednesday	
6	✿
Thursday	

7 Friday	☼ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
8 Saturday	☼
9 February LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ☼ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

TERMINATING THE PAST

II. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF DEALING WITH THE PAST (continued)

C. Repaying Debts (continued)

Suppose I stole a thousand dollars from someone before I was saved. If I have not dealt with the matter clearly, how can I preach the gospel to that person after I am saved? While I am preaching to him, his heart may still be on the thousand dollars. No doubt, I have received forgiveness from God, but I do not have a proper testimony before man. I cannot say, "Since God has forgiven me, it does not matter whether or not I repay him." No, this matter is related to my testimony.

Please remember that Zaccheus restored four times as much for the sake of his testimony. At that time everyone was saying, "How could the Lord lodge in this sinner's home? He has extorted and defrauded many people!" They were all indignant. While they were saying this, Zaccheus stood up and said, "If I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore four times as much." This fourfold restoration was neither a requirement for becoming a son of Abraham nor a requirement for God's salvation coming to Zaccheus's house. This fourfold restoration was the result of God's salvation coming to Zaccheus's house and of his becoming a son of Abraham. Due to this act of restoration, Zaccheus had a testimony before man. This was the basis of his testimony.

I knew a brother who was not very upright in financial matters before he believed in the Lord. Many of his classmates were upper middle-class people. After he believed in the Lord, he became rather zealous in leading his classmates to the Lord. But he did not see much fruit. Although he earnestly preached the gospel to them, they said in their heart, "What is this? What about all the money?" His past had not been eradicated from them. This brother did not follow the example of Zaccheus. His sins were forgiven before God. All his problems were solved. But the matter concerning his money before his classmates was not resolved. He had to confess and make recompense for all his past

wrongdoings before he could testify to others. The restoration of his testimony depended on the termination of his past.

As I have mentioned, Zaccheus did not become a son of Abraham by restoring four times as much. Neither did he gain salvation by restoring four times as much. Rather, he restored four times as much because he was a child of Abraham. He restored four times as much because he was saved. By restoring four times as much, he shut the mouths of others. They could no longer say anything. His fourfold restoration went far beyond what he owed, thus shutting the mouths of others and restoring his testimony.

Brothers and sisters, did you wrong anyone in any way before you became a believer? Do you owe anyone anything? Have you taken things home which belong to others? Have you taken anything by improper means? If so, you have to deal with all these things properly. The repentance of a Christian has to do with confessing his past wrongdoings, whereas the repentance of ordinary men only involves a change in his present conduct. For example, as a human being, if I have a bad temper, I need only to refrain from my temper. But as a Christian, in addition to refraining from my temper, I have to apologize for my former temper. Apart from not losing my temper before God, I must also apologize for my former temper before men. Only then can this matter be terminated.

Suppose you stole from others in the past. Your problem before God is settled as long as you no longer steal. Likewise, if you have ever taken things that belonged to others, your problem is settled once you stop doing it. However, this is not enough for you to have a testimony before men. Even if you have not stolen anything in three years, others may still consider you as a thief. After believing in the Lord, you must testify before men; you must deal with all your mistakes in the past. Only then will your position be clear.

But here is a difficult problem. Suppose you stole ten thousand dollars from someone. What should you do if you do not even have one thousand dollars now? In principle you have to confess to the person from whom you have stolen. You should tell him frankly that you cannot repay him at the present time. Whether or not you can repay him immediately is another matter; you should still confess and testify to him. If you do not testify now, you will not be able to testify for the rest of your life.

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