

Please Pray

- ✳ **Proper follow-up after the gospel trips and various Bible distributions:** Pray for the persons that we have encountered during the gospel trips and Bible distributions for the proper follow-up and shepherding by the saints. Pray that many saints will rise up to have a heart to take care of the contacts. Pray that some may be added to the churches as remaining fruits.
- ✳ **New School Year:** (1) May the Lord prepare and strengthen our students for this new school year/semester. (2) May this new year/semester be a time for the students to learn how to depend on the Lord more in their studies and grow deeper and wider roots in the Lord. (3) May the Spirit brood on the campuses and in the students' hearts to prepare the ground for the harvest. (4) May our own students be a witness of the Lord on the campuses to attract the people to Him. (5) May the people that we come in contact with during the weeks to come be open to come to the Bible studies, home meetings, and personal appointments. (6) May the Lord gain remaining fruits during this school year.
- ✳ **Young working saints and young families:** (1) May the Lord shepherd, cherish, nourish and grace each young working saints and young families in their work life, family life and everyday life. (2) May the working saints and young families be encouraged and see the importance to rise up, function and take care of the burdens of the church. (3) May the back sliding young working saints and young families be recovered back into the church life. (4) May the young working saints and young families be released to attend the young working saints and young families conference which will be held September 23-25, at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center, New York.
- ✳ **The current situation our children and young people are facing in schools and in society:** (1) Pray that all the families would be clear about Satan's strategies against our younger generation. (2) Pray that our children and young people are covered and protected from the current of this age. (3) Pray for the Lord's strengthening and wisdom of the parents in shielding and shepherding their children. (4) Pray that our children will be open to talking to parents and serving ones about the things they are being told in the schools that contradict God's word.
- ✳ **The European University Training in France (Sept. 9-11), UK and Ireland (Sept. 11-16), and Germany (Sept. 20-24):** The subject of the training will be "God's Economy Which Is in Faith." Please pray that many students and serving ones throughout Europe will be released from all entanglements and register to sanctify this time for the Lord's blessing and move.
- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Tim 1:15 – 5:25.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Volume 1, Week 2.

Announcements

- ✳ There will be an important Children's Service Orientation Meeting TODAY, Sunday, August 28, 2022, for all children's serving ones. All children's parents are encouraged to join this important meeting to enter into the same burden for the children's service.
- ✳ There will be a Northeast Young Working Saints Conference at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center in Kingston, NY from Sept. 23 to Sept. 25. The cost for adults is USD\$155. The registration deadline is September 5, 2022. For registration and more details, please contact brother Aaron C.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and provide us with your prayer requests before Saturday of every week by sending an email to Allan Y., allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Please note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ August 28: **Children's Service Orientation Meeting.**
- ✳ September 23-25: **Northeast Young Working Saints Conference at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center in Kingston, NY.**
- ✳ October 6-8, in Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**
- ✳ November 24-27: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference in Washington, DC.**
- ✳ December 26-31, 2022, in Anaheim, CA (if safe to do so): **December Semi-Annual Training.**

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Aug-28 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✳ 1:30pm: Children's Service Orientation Meeting.
Mon-Aug-29	✳
Tue-Aug-30	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Aug-31	✳
Thu-Sep-01	✳
Fri-Sep-02	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-03	✳
Sun-Sep-04 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

SEEKING GOD'S WILL

Scripture Reading: John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27.

II. HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL (cont'd)

B. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

God's hand is seen through the environment. But He is not happy to always guide us like senseless horses or mules. He wants to guide us from within. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." We are God's children and God's life is within us. God not only guides us through the environment but also speaks to us and guides us from within through His Spirit. The Spirit dwells within us, and God's will is revealed to us through our innermost being.

The book of Ezekiel tells us that God will "put a new spirit within you" (11:19). Again it says, "A new spirit will I put within you... I will put my Spirit within you" (36:26-27). We must distinguish between "a new spirit" and "my Spirit." "My Spirit" refers to the Spirit of God, whereas "a new spirit" refers to our spirit at the time of our regeneration. This new spirit is like a temple, a home where the Spirit of God dwells. If we did not have a new spirit within us, God would not have given us His Spirit, and the Holy Spirit could not have dwelt within us. Throughout the ages God has been trying to give man His Spirit. However, man's spirit was defiled, sin-ridden, dead, and fallen in the old creation. It was impossible for the Spirit of God to dwell in man even though this was His desire. Man has to receive a new spirit through regeneration before he can be in the position to receive God's Spirit and before God can dwell in him.

Once a new believer has a new spirit, the Spirit of God dwells in him. The Spirit of God spontaneously communicates to him His will; he spontaneously has an inner sense. Not only is he able to discern God's provision in the environment, but he also now possesses an inward knowledge and inward assurance. We should learn to trust not only in God's sovereignty in the environment but also in the leading of the Holy Spirit within. At the right time and when the need arises, the Spirit of God will enlighten us within. He will give us a sense and show us what is of God and what is not of God.

One brother loved to drink before he became a believer. Every winter, he would drink much wine. He even made his own wine. Later, both he and his wife were saved. He was not very literate and could not read the Bible very well. One day he prepared some food and wine and was going to drink as before. After thanking the Lord for the food, he asked his wife, "Can a Christian drink wine?"

His wife said, "I do not know." He said, "Too bad no one is here to tell us." His wife said, "The wine and the food are ready. Let us go ahead today and ask others afterward." He gave thanks again but felt that something was not right. He thought that, as a Christian, he should find out whether Christians can take wine. He asked his wife to take out the Bible, but he did not know where to turn. He was stuck. Later, he met someone and told him about this incident. His friend asked whether or not he drank the wine that day. He answered, "In the end I did not drink it, because the householder within would not allow me. I did not drink the wine."

If a man has the desire to obey God's will, he will find out what this will is. Only those who are callous about their inner sense will remain in darkness. As long as one has the intention to obey God's will, the "householder within" will guide him. The householder that our brother spoke of is actually the Holy Spirit. When a person believes in the Lord, the Holy Spirit dwells within him. He guides the believer and becomes his Master. God reveals His will not only through the environment but also through the "householder within."

There are two kinds of leading of the Holy Spirit. The first is an inner urging, as in Acts 8:29 when "the Spirit said to Philip, Approach and join this chariot" and in Acts 10:19-20 when the Holy Spirit said to Peter, "Rise up, go down and go with them." These are inner urgings. The second kind of leading is an inner forbidding, as mentioned in Acts 16:6-7: "Having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them." This is the inner forbidding. The story of the "householder within" is a case of inner forbidding.

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