

Please Pray

- ✳ **Proper follow-up after various Bible distributions:** Pray for the contacts that we have encountered during the 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 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 this school year.
- ✳ **Young People:** (1) May the young people be connected to the homes and feel at home when they are with the saints; (2) may they have a heart to join the home meetings; (3) may the families pick up the burden to take care of the young people as their own children, learn to love them and shepherd them. (4) may the young people be gained and built into the church life as remaining fruits.
- ✳ **Guelph's search for a meeting place:** (1) Pray that the Lord will open up a proper meeting place for the saints in Guelph. (2) Pray for a minimum of two rooms, with washrooms and storage space.
- ✳ **European University Training:** In France (September 9-11), UK and Ireland (September 11-16), and Germany (September 20-24) covering "God's Economy which is in Faith," and the preaching of the gospel for the new semester on the European University campuses this September and October: Please pray for the shepherding and perfecting of the European university students at these three regional training sites so that their faith will grow, and for the preaching of the gospel by the spirit of faith so that many Europeans will be added to the household of faith.
- ✳ **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: 1 Tim 6:1 – 2 Tim 3:13.
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Volume 1, Week 4.

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a gospel trip to Germany and Switzerland organized by Elim Springs e.V. ("LME") for the saints from North America from October 10 to October 23. The registration deadline is Monday, September 19, 2022. Please visit their website for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/2022GermanyGospelTrips>.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳ There will be a Northeast Young Working Saints Conference at the Kingston Penuel Christian Center in Kingston, NY from September 23 to September 25. The cost for adults is USD\$155. The registration deadline was 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

- ✳ September 23-25 in Kingston, NY: **Northeast Young Working Saints Conference**.
- ✳ October 7-9 in Anaheim, CA: **Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO")**.
- ✳ October 7-10 in our Meeting Hall and on Zoom: **Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO")**.
- ✳ October 10-23 in Germany and Switzerland: **LME Gospel trip**.
- ✳ November 24-27 in Washington, DC: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference**.
- ✳ December 26-31 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-Sep-11 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-12	✳
Tues-Sep-13	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Sep-14	✳
Thu-Sep-15	✳
Fri-Sep-16	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-17	✳
Sun-Sep-18 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)

C. The Teachings of the Scripture (cont'd)

Some believers use superstitious ways to seek God's will. They open the Bible before them and pray, "O God, please move my finger to the verse which reveals Your will." After they pray with their eyes closed, they open their Bible and point their finger to any passage. Then they open their eyes and take the verse before them as God's will. Some childish believers try to know God this way. Because they are desperate, God will sometimes accommodate their ignorance and show them the way. However, this is definitely not the proper way. It will not work with most people, and it will not work most of the time. It is dangerous, and there is a great possibility for mistakes with this way. Brothers and sisters, please remember that we have the divine life and that God's Spirit is dwelling in us. We should ask God to reveal His word to us through the Holy Spirit. We should study the Bible conscientiously and consistently and memorize the Scripture well. When needs arise, the Holy Spirit will use the passages we have read to speak to us and to guide us.

Let us now combine the three things spoken of above. There is no fixed order for these three things. Sometimes, the arrangement of the environment comes first, followed by the leading of the Spirit and the teachings of the Bible. Sometimes, the Spirit's leading and the teachings of the Bible come first, and afterward, the confirmation in the environment. The environment is related especially to God's timing. In seeking after God's will, Brother George Müller always asked three questions: (1) Is it God's work? (2) Am I the person to do this work? (3) Is this God's time for such a work to be done? The first and second questions can be resolved by the teaching of the Bible and the leading of the Spirit. The third question is settled by provisions in the environment.

If we want to be sure that our inward feeling is the leading of the Spirit, we should also ask two questions: (1) Does this leading match the teaching of the Bible? (2) Does the environment confirm this leading? If such a leading does not match the teaching of the Bible, it cannot be God's will. If the environment does not give any confirmation, we should wait. Our feeling may be wrong, or it may not be the Lord's timing.

In seeking God's will, we should cultivate a healthy fear of making mistakes. We should not be subjective. We can ask God to block the ways that are not according to His will.

Suppose someone has invited you to work, and you have the intention to do a certain thing, or someone has advised you to reconsider your future, etc. How can you know whether these things are according to God's will? First, you should look at the teaching of the Bible. You should find out what God has actually said about such matters in His Word. After this, you should check with your inner feeling. The Bible may teach this, but do you feel right within? If your inward feeling is different from the testimony of the Bible, it proves that your inward feeling is not reliable. You should continue to wait and seek the Lord. If your inward leading agrees with the testimony of the Bible, you should lift up your head and say, "O Lord, You have always revealed Your will through the environment. It is impossible for my inward feeling and the teaching of the Bible to both point to one direction, and yet have the environment point to a contrary direction. Lord! Please work in the environment and line it up with the Scripture's teaching and the Spirit's leading." You will see that God always reveals His will through the environment. Not one sparrow will fall to the earth if it is not God's will. If it is God's will, what you see outwardly will surely line up with what you see inwardly and what you see from the Bible. If your inward sense, the teaching of the Bible, and the environment are all clear, then God's will for you will also be clear.

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