

Please Pray

- ✳ **Corporate Living:** Please pray (1) That the ones in corporate living would be companionized; (2) That they would be blended into the church life in a normal way; (3) That corporate living could be an outlet for the gospel and for bearing remaining fruit.
- ✳ **The 2022 December Semi-Annual Winter Training:** Please pray (1) That we would have ears and be open to hear and receive what the Lord has in store for us during this time; (2) For the release of the Lord's speaking to His churches for the advancement of His economy; (3) That the Lord will gain the cooperation of His Body to move with Him in His move.
- ✳ **The End of Year 2022:** We praise and thank the Lord for year 2022. (1) May we count the Lord's blessings and thank Him for all that He has done this year. (2) May we prepare ourselves for the year 2023 by reconsecrating ourselves, our whole being, our future, and all our belongings to the Lord. (3) May we join our companions in desperate prayers for the Lord's blessing to His Body in this coming year.
- ✳ **The Lord's Move in Asia:** Azerbaijan: Please pray for the saints to faithfully practice the God-ordained way to gain people through gospel preaching, shepherding new ones through home meetings, perfecting each other to function in the Body through small group meetings and building up the church through prophesying in the meetings. Bangladesh: Please pray for the propagation in Dhaka to gain more young people and young working saints through continuous door-knocking.
- ✳ **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: Heb 11:20 – 12:29.
- ✳ HWMR, The Grace of God in the Economy of God, Week 4.

Announcements

- ✳ The 2023 HWMR subscription is now open, at the annual cost of \$75.00. Please contact your district responsible serving ones by December 18, 2022 to proceed with your registration and your payment.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Y., allan.yeow81@gmail.com before Wednesday evening of every week. 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

- ✳ Dec. 26-31 in Anaheim, CA (if safe to do so): **December Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳ Feb. 17-19, 2023, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.**
- ✳ Mar. 24-26, 2023, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**

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

This Week's Activities

Sun-Dec-04 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Dec-05	✳
Tues-Dec-06	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Dec-07	✳
Thu-Dec-08	✳
Fri-Dec-09	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Dec-10	✳
Sun-Dec-11 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

MANAGING ONE'S FINANCES

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:38; 1 Tim. 6:7-10, 17-19; 2 Cor. 9:6; Mal. 3:10; Prov. 11:24; Phil. 4:15-19.

V. THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (cont'd)

B. Offering to God

This is not all. In the Old Testament, God said to the Israelites, "Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse that there may be food in My house; and prove Me, if you will, by this, says Jehovah of hosts, whether I will open to you the windows of heaven and pour out blessing for you until there is no room for it" (Mal. 3:10). Here we see the same principle.

At that time, the Israelites were in great poverty and difficulty. How could they carry out the words of Malachi 3:10? The Israelites might have asked, "If we cannot get by with ten loads of rice, how can we get by with nine? If ten bags of flour are insufficient, how can nine bags be sufficient?" These are words out of a carnal and foolish mouth. God reproached the people and told them that what is impossible with man is possible with God. He seemed to be saying, "Bring to My storehouse, and test Me if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing that there shall not be enough room to receive it."

Ten loads are the reason for poverty, while nine loads are the cause for abundance. Man thinks that the more he has in his hand, the better off he will be. However, keeping things in one's hand is the very cause for poverty, while offering things to God is the very cause for blessing. If I have an additional load in my hands, it will become my curse. But if it is put in God's storehouse, it becomes my blessing. The principle with the Israelites was poverty for those who tried to hold back what was due to God. When you hold something back, you end up in poverty.

C. Scattering Money

Now read Proverbs 11:24: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; / and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Many people have not scattered, and they are left with nothing. Many people have scattered, and they become prosperous. This is what God's Word shows us. This is the Christian principle of managing finances.

D. Giving All for God

Consider another wonderful portion of the Word—Elijah's prayer for rain on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18). There was a drought, and it was so dry that even the king and his chamberlains had to go out to search for water. Elijah was repairing the altar on the mountain. He wanted to offer a sacrifice, and he asked men to pour water on the altar and the sacrifice.

How precious was water at that time! Even the king had to go out to look for water. But Elijah told the men to pour out the water. He told them to pour it three times until the water ran round about the altar like a river. Was it not a waste to pour out so much water before any rain came? Would it not have been a pity if no rain came after they poured out so much water? But Elijah told them to bring jars of water and pour them out. Next he knelt down and asked God to send fire to burn the sacrifice. God heard his prayer, received the sacrifice by fire, and sent the rain. We must first pour the water out before rain will come. The rain will not come if we are reluctant to pour out the water.

The problem of many people is that they hold on tightly to what they have and yet expect God to answer their prayers. Although God wanted to dispel the drought, man had to pour out the water first. The human thought is always to have some backup. If no rain came, at least there would be some jars of water. But those who count the jars of water on hand will never see rain. To see the rain, one must be like Elijah, willing to part with the water that is on hand. Everything has to go. If new believers are not delivered from the power and grip of money, the church will never be able to run a straight course. I hope that you will be a consecrated person and will offer up everything you have for God.

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