

Please Pray

- ✳ **Chinese-Speaking Home Meeting (Sat., Dec. 17, 2022):** May many Chinese-speaking saints, back-sliding saints and gospel friends be released to attend this time; May many back-sliding saints be attracted back to the church life through this time; May this time be full of the Lord's love and full of His presence.
- ✳ **2022 December Semi-Annual Winter Training:** (1) Pray that we would have ears and be open to hear and receive what the Lord has in store for us during this time. (2) Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking to His churches for the advancement of His economy. (3) Pray that the Lord will gain the cooperation of His Body to move with Him in His move.
- ✳ **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 pray with our companions with desperate prayers for the Lord's blessing to His Body in this coming year.
- ✳ **Get Into the Life-Study Messages:** (1) Pray that we would all enter into the reality of being the proper pillar and base of the truth, especially through the reading of the Life-Studies. (2) Pray that our appreciation and understanding of the Word would be opened by the Life-Studies. (3) Pray that we would all be open and give ourselves to enter and enjoy the Life-Studies.
- ✳ **Conference in Brussels, Belgium (Dec. 16-18):** Please pray for the release of the Lord's rich word to all the saints and for the blending of the saints for the reality of the Body of Christ.
- ✳ **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: Jer 3:1 – 9:26.
- ✳ HWMR, The Grace of God in the Economy of God, Week 5.

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.
- ✳ 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-11 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Dec-12	✳
Tues-Dec-13	✳ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Dec-14	✳
Thu-Dec-15	✳
Fri-Dec-16	✳ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Dec-17	✳
Sun-Dec-18 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)

E. The Promise of Supply

Philippians 4:19 is a very special verse. The Corinthians were parsimonious in giving, while the Philippians were very generous. Paul received from the Philippians time and again. He told the Philippians, "My God will fill your every need according to His riches, in glory, in Christ Jesus." Do you see something special in Philippians 4? Paul emphasized, "My God will fill your every need." The God who receives the money and the gifts will supply the needs of the givers.

This is very clear. The Philippians had been caring for Paul again and again, and Paul's God supplied their needs. God will never supply those who do not give. Today many people hold on to Philippians 4:19, but they do not really understand it, because God does not supply those who ask, but those who give. Only those who give can claim Philippians 4:19. Those who do not give cannot claim this promise. You must give before you can say, "O God, today supply all my needs according to Your riches in Christ Jesus." God supplied all the needs for only the Philippians. God will only supply the needs of those who are practicing the principle of giving.

When your vessel is empty of flour and when your bottle is empty of oil, please remember that you must first make bread for Elijah with what little you have left. You must first feed God's servant. Take the little oil and flour and make bread for the prophet first. After a while, this little flour and oil will feed you for three and a half years. Who has ever heard of a bottle of oil feeding a person for three and a half years? But let me tell you, if you take your little flour and oil and make bread for the prophet, you will find the bottle of oil feeding you for three and a half years (cf. Luke 4:25-26; 1 Kings 17:8-16). What one has may not be enough to feed him even once. But when it is given away, it becomes the means of one's livelihood. This is the Christian way of financial management.

VI. LETTING GO OF OUR MONEY

Both the New Testament and the Old Testament teach us the same thing. The Christian way should not be the way of poverty. God does not want us to be poor. If there is poverty or want among us, it is because some people are holding back their money. The more you love yourself, the more you will go hungry. The more importance you attach to money, the poorer you will become. I may not be able to testify of other things, but I can surely testify of this one thing. The more one holds back his money, the more miserable and depleted he becomes. This is a sure principle. During the past twenty years, I have seen many such cases. I only wish that we could release our money and allow it to circulate around the earth, to work, and to become part of God's miracles and answers to prayers. Then when we have needs, God will supply us.

Not only are we in God's hands, but Satan is also in His hands. The cattle on a thousand hills and the sheep on ten thousand hills are His. Only foolish ones think that they have earned their own money. A new believer must see that tithing is our duty. We should give what we earn to take care of the poor saints. Do not be so foolish as to always receive. Do not try to save up your money or hide it away. The Christian way is the way of giving. Always give what you have, and you will find money becoming something living in the church. When you have any need, the birds in the air will work for you, and God will perform miracles for you.

Cast yourself upon the Word of God. Otherwise, God cannot carry out His word in you. First give yourself to God, and then give your money again and again. If you do this, God will have the opportunity to give to you.

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