

## Please Pray

- ✳️ **The 30 Days of Prayer for the North America College Training (July 16-22):** As the training is going on, pray that the enemy would have no way to prevent these young ones from seeing a heavenly vision, and that any questions any might have would be covered in the fellowship with older ones, so that all doubts and concerns in matters of the truth would be cast aside (Acts 26:18); pray for the students to be free from all anxiety in their personal situations, as well as all of Satan's attacks and distractions, and that they would be able to lie down in green pastures and rest in His presence (Psa. 23:1-2); pray that all students would be reminded of their consecration to Him during this week, and would keep this consecration fresh by opening to the Lord everything in their life and future, so that they would live a Christian life in the divine romance for His goal, to have His bride so that He could come back (Lev. 6:12-13).
- ✳️ **The Montréal French-Speaking Saints' Retreat (July 28-29):** May many French-speaking saints in Montréal be released to attend this time; may the Lord use this time to shepherd one another according to each one's needs and situation; may He bring the saints to green pastures to feast on Him as our supply and to waters of rest to be refreshed and have rest in Him; may the Lord use this time to do a blending building up work.
- ✳️ **The North America Chinese-Speaking Saints' Perfecting Training (July 26-30):** This training is specially designed for the Chinese-speaking saints in the churches who have a heart to be perfected in the truth, life, and service. Currently, there are over two thousand saints who have registered. May many Chinese-speaking saints seize the opportunity to register before the **extended deadline of Wednesday, July 19**; may the Chinese-speaking saints who will be attending be prepared now as proper vessels ready to be trained by the Lord; may these saints be perfected in truth, life and service.
- ✳️ **The Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings:** Our meeting hall will have many necessary renovations to be done during the coming months, such as replacing the whole roof, replacing all the air conditioning units, etc. These renovations will be necessary for the proper functioning of the meeting hall and will require a large amount of funds. The brothers will provide more details during the coming weeks. May all of us consider our financial offerings before the Lord. May the Lord direct us in our giving regarding the needs of the church, the saints and the needy ones. May we store up for ourselves "treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal" Matt. 6:20. May our hearts be on the things of heaven and not on the things on the earth. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Matt. 6:21.
- ✳️ **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: Rev 2:12 – 3:9.
- ✳️ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, Week 5.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 53 and 54.

## Announcements

- ✳️ Please note that **TODAY, Sunday, July 16**, is the registration deadline for the Summer School of Truth, which will take place from August 6 to August 11 in Kitchener, Ontario.
- ✳️ [LivingtoHim YouTube channel](#) released a series of talks by Brother Minoru Chen about the Life-Studies. Weekly subsequent talks are released on Mondays. You can subscribe to the [LivingtoHim YouTube channel](#) to get updates. All outlines are available for [download](#).
- ✳️ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, [allan.yeow81@gmail.com](mailto:allan.yeow81@gmail.com), by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

## Upcoming Events

- ✳️ July 16-22, Champaign, IL: **North America College Training**.
- ✳️ July 26-30: **North America Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training**.
- ✳️ July 28-29: **Montréal French-Speaking Saints' Retreat**.
- ✳️ August 6-11, Kitchener, ON: **Summer School of Truth ("SSOT")**.
- ✳️ October 5-7, Manila, Philippines: **Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO")**.

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

## This Week's Activities

Sun-Jul-16 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jul-17	♦
Tues-Jul-18	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Jul-19	♦
Thur-Jul-20	♦
Fri-Jul-21	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jul-22	♦
Sun-Jul-23 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE

*Scripture Reading: Col. 3:18-19; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; Eph. 5:22-23*

### IV. Learning to appreciate the virtues of the other person

Once we are married, we have to learn to appreciate each other's virtues. In a family we need to learn to close our eyes to each other's faults and accommodate each other on the one hand, and we need to learn to appreciate each other's virtues on the other hand. This means that when the other person does something good, we must be sensitive to it. If a husband does not know how to appreciate his wife or vice versa, he or she opens up a big gap in the family. This does not mean that the husband has to flatter the wife or that the wife has to do something special to please the husband. It means that both must learn to appreciate the other person's virtues, goodness, and beauty.

I know a brother who is taking responsibility in a local church. All the brothers and sisters in that locality think that he is a very good brother. But if you ask his wife about him, she will tell you that he is hopeless. The sister constantly criticizes her husband, saying that he is not qualified to be a responsible brother. In that local church, all the brothers and sisters are submissive, with one exception — his wife. You will find that this kind of family will not go on well.

We also know of cases involving the opposite circumstance, in which everyone says that a certain sister is very good, but her husband does not. One year I was in Peking talking to a few people. Everyone there spoke highly of a certain sister. Halfway through the conversation, her husband came in. As the conversation about the sister went on, her husband remained silent. He seemed to be saying, "You do not know her. I have married the wrong person." The thought that one has married the wrong person has destroyed many families.

A husband must not be behind others in his appreciation of his wife. He may not need to excel above others in his appreciation, but he must not be behind others. You are not a proper spouse if your level of appreciation is less than that of others. If you feel that your husband is wrong, why did you marry him in the first place? This proves that you were firstly wrong. In order to have a good family, the husband must know how to appreciate the wife, and the wife must know how to appreciate the husband. One must not say something bad while others are saying something good about his or her spouse. You must discover his or her virtues. You must be sensitive to his or her merits. Whenever the opportunity arises, you must publicly acknowledge his or her virtues and speak your feelings. You are not telling lies. You are telling facts. When you appreciate your husband

or your wife, your family will become more united, and your relationship more solid. If you do not do this, you will bring many problems to the family. Many misunderstandings and problems in the family arise as a result of neglecting this matter.

In England, a sister once married a brother, but the brother never said anything good about her all her life. This sister was always worried, saying, "I have failed as a wife. I have failed as a Christian." She worried so much that she contracted tuberculosis and later died. Before she died, her husband said to her, "If you die, I do not know what I will do because you have done so much for me. If you pass away, what will happen to our family?" The wife asked, "Why did you not say this earlier?" Then she went on, "I have always felt that I was not good, and I rebuked myself for it. You have never once said that I was good. I was sad and worried and always thought that I was wrong. That is why I became sick and am about to die." This is a true story. The husband told her how he felt only on her deathbed. Please remember that there is always a place in the family for kind words. We should learn to speak more kind words. We should learn to appreciate our wives and our husbands.

I know of some brothers who do not do well because their wives never appreciate them. The wives always think that their husbands are useless. They say to their husbands, "Among all the brothers, you are the only useless one." These brothers become self-condemning. They say, "I cannot do anything. My wife says that I am no good. The person who knows me the most says that I am no good." As a result, they actually turn out to be no good. Whether or not one has a happy family life depends not only on closing our eyes to the others' weaknesses, but also on finding out the other party's virtues and appreciating them. Sometimes we have to tell the other party about it or acknowledge it in public. If we do this, many problems in the family will disappear.

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