

## Please Pray

- ✳ **Start of the School Year Gospel Preaching and Bibles Distribution (mid-Aug. to mid-Sep.):** (1) May the Lord direct and guide us in every aspect of the preparation. May all the preparation be headed up in Christ. (2) May the Lord of the harvest thrust out the workers into His harvest. May we be willing to cooperate with the Lord in this move by praying and by going. (3) May the Lord prepare those who will be going to be filled with the Spirit within to make us channels of life and clothed without to make us His representative with His authority. (4) May the Lord go before us and brood over the campuses, the metro stations and the streets. May the Lord prepare the hearts of men to make them ready to receive the word when we meet them. (5) May many be attracted to us and willing to be contacted again. May many be willing to have appointments with us, come to the Bible studies, the activities, the home meetings and eventually be added to the church life. May many fruit remain.
- ✳ **Montréal Next Generation Fellowship (Aug. 20):** There will be a next generation fellowship on Lord's Day August 20 during the prophesying meeting. May the Lord give us ears to hear His speaking and may these words fall on good ground on how to raise up the next generation. May we regard, love and care for the children of the church as our own children. May each child be molded and shaped to have a proper character so that they may be a proper vessel for the Lord's purpose.
- ✳ **Beginning of Autumn Semester of FTTL (Aug. 14):** The 2023 autumn semester of the Full-Time Training in London (FTTL) began on August 14. May all the trainees be perfected by Him in life, truth, and service for the building up of His Body.
- ✳ **The Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings:** Our meeting hall will undergo many necessary renovations during the next few months (roof, air conditioning units, etc.), which are essential for its proper functioning and require a large amount of funds. Please refer to the update letter emailed recently by the serving brothers. Let us therefore continue to pray that: (1) The construction would be completed according to the planned schedule. (2) The final construction cost would be lower than the estimated budget. (3) The Lord would release the finances through the Body to meet the need, and that no financial loan would be needed to finish this project. May all of us consider our financial offerings before the Lord And may the Lord direct all of us in our giving. 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. 5:7 – 8:12.
- ✳ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra Nehemiah, and Esther, Week 9.
- ✳ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 61 and 62.

## Announcements

- ✳ [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

- ✳ 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-Aug-13 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Aug-14	♦
Tues-Aug-15	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Aug-16	♦
Thur-Aug-17	♦
Fri-Aug-18	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Aug-19	♦
Sun-Aug-20 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

### VIII. Allowing the other party the freedom to keep secrets and have private possessions

In a home, you must allow the other person to have a certain amount of freedom and confidentiality. You must also allow the other person to keep his or her private possessions.

In many homes wives do not have any rights. In other homes husbands do not have any rights. These kind of families are bound to have problems. You may be a husband or a wife, but bear in mind one thing: Anybody in the world can be loved except one type of person — a jailer. No one can love a jailer, a prison warden, or someone who imprisons him. No one can love those who take away his freedom. Many husbands are like prison wardens to their wives. For them to expect their wives to love them is like expecting a prisoner to love the prison warden; nothing can be more impossible than this. They hope for the impossible. Many wives are prison wardens to their husbands. They are asking the impossible when they want their husbands to love them. Prison wardens are objects of fear, not objects of love. You can never completely take away a person's own freedom. Although marriage does take away a man or a woman's freedom, not all freedom should be sacrificed. The husband does not have to give up all his freedom to the wife, nor does the wife have to give up all her freedom to her husband. If you expect your wife to give up all her freedom to you, this is the same as saying that you want her to fear or hate you.

No one likes to lose all of his freedom; this is human nature. Even God gives us freedom. The biggest proof of this is that there are no fences around hell. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was not surrounded by the fiery sword of the cherubim from

the beginning. If God did not want man to have any freedom, He would have surrounded the tree of the knowledge of good and evil with the fiery sword of the cherubim in the first place, and Adam and Eve would not have eaten the fruit. But God does not infringe upon man's freedom. For this reason, every husband should leave room for the wife, and every wife also should leave room for the husband. If you take away all freedom and make all the decisions, it is only natural that the other party will fear you. If you are not careful, the other party may go further; he or she may hate you. As soon as freedom is gone, hatred comes in. At the minimum, fear will come in.

The husband must learn to give the wife some freedom, and the wife must learn to give the husband some freedom. Allow the other party to have his own time, his own money, and his own possessions. Do not think that you can borrow your wife's time for your use just because you are her husband. Both the husband and the wife have to learn to keep their place. When you waste your wife's time, you are taking away her freedom. Small matters can become serious problems later.

Every husband and wife should have his or her own secrets. This is a legitimate thing. The right hand does not need to know what the left hand does. If he is the left hand, it is not necessary for you as the right hand to know what he is doing. Learn to respect individuality. Do not make two persons one. If you keep this rule, you will avoid many problems in the family.

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