

Please Pray

- ✳️ **Montréal Brothers' Retreat (June 3):** (1) May many brothers rise up and have a heart to serve the saints and the church. (2) May many brothers be released to attend this time with open ears and open hearts to receive the Lord's speaking. (3) May the Lord speak to us and release what is on His heart for the brothers at this time.
- ✳️ **Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings:** Please continue to pray that: (1) The construction would be completed according to the planned schedule; (2) The final renovations costs would be lower than the estimated budget; (3) The Lord would release the finances through the Body to meet the need, and that we would not need any financial loans to finish this project.
- ✳️ **Learning How to Pray:** May the Lord train us in the matter of prayer. May we learn how to seek His face and inquire of Him. May our prayers be an echo of His heart.
- ✳️ **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.
- ✳️ **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: Ezek 31:1 – 39:29.
- ✳️ HWMR, The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Divine Economy, Week 4.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 39 and 40.

Announcements

- ✳️ The North America College Training will be from July 16-22, 2023 in Champaign, IL. For information, visit collegetraining.org/. Please contact the serving brothers if you are interested to attend.
- ✳️ [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](#).

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳️ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and send your prayer requests by email to Allan Yeow, 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 sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳️ July 3-8, Anaheim, CA: **July Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳️ July 16-22, Champaign, IL: **North America College Training.**
- ✳️ August 6-11, Kitchener, ON: **Summer School of Truth ("SSOT").**

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

This Week's Activities

Sun-May-28 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ◆ 04:00pm: Memorial Day Conference, Message 3 (online). ◆ 07:30pm: Memorial Day Conference, Message 4 (online).
Mon-May-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 05:00pm: Memorial Day Conference, Message 5 (online). ◆ 07:30pm: Memorial Day Conference, Message 6 (online).
Tues-May-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-May-31	◆
Thurs-Jun-01	◆
Fri-Jun-02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jun-03	◆ Brothers' Retreat in Sainte-Adèle.
Sun-Jun-04 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

CHOOSING A MATE

Scripture Reading: Gen. 2:18

II. FACTORS AFFECTING THE CHOICE OF A MATE (cont'd)

F. Compatibility in Personality, Goals, and Interests (cont'd)

3. Generous versus Stingy

Consider another example. A brother may be very generous towards people and willing to give away anything. If a brother or sister comes to his house, he will bring out everything he has in the house. But suppose such a one marries a wife who cringes whenever people come for a meal, and who is worried that others will eat everything that she has. One would expect difficulties in such a marriage. This is not a moral failure but a personality problem. The personality of some people is such that they cringe when they have to share a little food with others. When guests come, they purposely serve poor things and hold back the good things. This is clearly a problem of personality, not of morality. This person always leans in one direction. If the generous person marries a wife who likes to give away everything just as he does, he will feel that he is sailing downstream; he will be happy. But if there is any incompatibility in personality, the two sides will be pulling in opposite directions, and the couple will live in heated arguments all the time. This will become quite a problem.

4. Candid versus Cautious

Some people are very candid by nature. They not only are frank but they also like to be candid. Other people are cautious by nature. They not only are cautious themselves but they also like other people to be cautious. Problems will occur if these two come together. Please remember that there is nothing wrong with being candid, and there is nothing wrong with being cautious. This is not a problem of morality but of personality. Here is a person who is cautious, quiet, and introspective. Next to him is one who is candid and open in everything. The cautious one should not criticize the candid one, nor should the candid one criticize the cautious one. Both are wonderful people. This is not a matter of morality but of personality. One loves to be candid, while the other loves to be cautious. The candid one feels that the other person is too slow, while the cautious one feels that the other person moves too fast. Both suffer. If a candid person meets another candid person, both will go on happily. If a cautious person meets another cautious person, they will also get along with each other smoothly.

5. Thoughtful versus Impulsive

Some people are very thoughtful; they weigh everything carefully and consider it thoroughly. But others are impulsive in everything they do. They act first and think and talk about it later. Again, this is not a matter of morality but of personality. A thoughtful one should not criticize an impulsive one. Rather, he should find a thoughtful wife. An impulsive one should find an impulsive wife. In this way, both will live in peace. If a thoughtful person marries an impulsive wife, it will create quite a problem because each one will be pulling in the opposite direction.

6. Exact versus Careless

Some people are very exact in what they say. They are so exact that their exactness terrifies others. Every word they say has to be exactly right. Other people may not be inaccurate on purpose, but they are not as careful in their words. Again, this is not a matter of morality but of personality. If you put these two kinds of people together, one may criticize the other for telling lies while the other may say that it is better to keep quiet than to speak as the other one does. To be fair, if every word had to be so accurate, perhaps no more than twenty sentences a day would be spoken in the world. You can see that incompatibility of personality is indeed a big problem.

7. Active versus Quiet

Take another example. Some people are very energetic, while others are very quiet. Both are right since this is not a matter of morality. But when a very lively person marries a very quiet one, even though one is a brother and the other a sister, it will no doubt spell trouble for the marriage. Sooner or later, a personality problem will be turned into a moral problem. They will magnify each other's peculiarity. The quiet husband will feel that his wife is too outgoing. The lively wife, in turn, will feel that she has married an insensitive man. A big problem will arise in this family. I know a husband who likes to stay at home, but he is married to a sister who likes to visit others in this place and that place. The husband finds it unbearable. He cannot stand going from place to place with his wife all the time, yet he feels imprisoned at home if he does not follow her. When he comes home, she is never there. He continuously tries to endure. If the situation goes on unresolved in this way, trouble will break out. Again, this is not a matter of morality but of personality; it is something that was overlooked at the time of their marriage.

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