

Please Pray

- ✳️ **The 2023 July Semi-Annual Training (July 3-8 in person in Anaheim, and July 4-12 by video):** The general subject will be “An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord’s Recovery before His Appearing.” Please pray that the Spirit will operate through the Lord’s present speaking to build up the Body and prepare the bride for His return.
- ✳️ **The 30 Days of Prayer for the North America College Training (July 16-22):** A list of prayer burdens was sent out to the saints in the churches in the Lord’s Recovery to pray, petition, and intercede for the Lord to move during the North America College Training. The duration of prayer is 30 days, beginning on June 17 and concluding on July 16, the first day of the NACT. ♦ July 4: Pray that all trainees would be open to and respond to the Lord’s personal speaking during their time in the training. Pray that all trainees would experience dealing with the Lord, issuing in a memorial in their hidden life with the Lord (Rev. 2:29); ♦ July 5: Pray that the students would use the morning time to deepen their hidden walk with the Lord, even continually confessing their sins to maintain freshness throughout the training (1 John 1:9); ♦ July 6: Pray that all trainees would experience touching the Lord and opening to Him in order to be brought on in their knowledge and experience. May the Lord use all the speaking to bring out much fellowship, both within the groups and during one-on-one shepherding with older serving ones, so that all participants would experience the light of life in their daily walk (Phil. 3:12-14); ♦ July 7: Pray that the Lord Jesus would appear to all participants, that His appearing would give them a vision, and that they would enjoy the Spirit daily, increasing day by day (Acts 26:19).
- ✳️ **The Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings:** Our meeting hall will have many necessary renovations to be done in 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 carefully consider our financing offerings before the Lord. May the Lord direct us in our giving toward 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.
- ✳️ **The 2023 Summer School of Truth (Aug 6-11):** (1) May the young people be released and register on time before the July 16 deadline to attend the Summer School of Truth. (2) May they be prepared as open vessels to receive the Lord’s fresh dispensation into them, a personal word according to each one’s situation, and a fresh consecration from each one attending. (3) May the Lord gain the young people for Himself to become age turners to bring the Lord back. (4) May all the serving ones be strengthened and covered in the Lord. May all preparations be headed up in 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: Rev 1:12 – 2:11.
- ✳️ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, Week 3.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 49 and 50.

Announcements

- ✳️ Please take note that 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, before 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 3-8, Anaheim, CA: **July Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳️ July 16-22, Champaign, IL: **North America College Training.**
- ✳️ July 26-30: **North America Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training.**
- ✳️ 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-02 LORD’S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord’s Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jul-03	♦
Tues-Jul-04	♦ 5pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 1 (English & French, on Zoom). ♦ 7:30pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 2 (English & French, on Zoom).
Wed-Jul-05	♦ 7pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 3 (English & French, on Zoom).
Thur-Jul-06	♦ 7pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 4 (English & French, on Zoom).
Fri-Jul-07	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jul-08	♦ 10am: Semi-Annual Training Msg 5 (English & French, on Zoom and also in person in our Meeting Hall). ♦ 2pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 6 (English & French, on Zoom and also in person in our Meeting Hall).
Sun-Jul-09 LORD’S DAY	♦ 10am-11:am: Lord’s Table and prophesying meetings. ♦ 11am: Semi-Annual Training Msg 7 (English & French, on Zoom and also in person in our Meeting Hall). ♦ 2pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 8 (English & French, on Zoom and also in person in our Meeting Hall).
Mon-Jul-10	♦ 7pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 9 (English & French, on Zoom).
Tues-Jul-11	♦ 7pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 10 (English & French, on Zoom).
Wed-Jul-12	♦ 7pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 11 (English & French, on Zoom).
Thur-Jul-13	♦ 7pm: Semi-Annual Training Msg 12 (English & French, on Zoom).

HUSBAND AND WIFE

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

We have already covered the subject of choosing a mate. That word was for the young brothers and sisters. However, not everyone among us is young. In the future some new believers among us will be married ones. The Bible has clear teachings for those who are married. Some portions of the Word contain teachings for husbands, and some portions contain teachings for wives. Before a person is married, he should do his best to choose someone with the fewest number of weaknesses. However, after a person is married, he or she has to learn to behave in a way that avoids causing problems to the family or the church.

I. SPENDING TIME TO LEARN TO BE A HUSBAND OR A WIFE

The first thing a married person must realize is that it is a serious matter to be a husband or a wife. Everyone needs a certain amount of preparation before taking a job. For example, a doctor needs five, six, or seven years of training before he can practice medicine. A teacher has to spend a few years in a teaching college before starting to teach. An engineer also needs to spend four years in the university before launching his career. Even a nurse needs to study for three years in preparation for her career. But the interesting thing is that no one spends a day learning how to be a husband or a wife. It is no wonder that there are so many bad husbands and wives. They have never sat down to consider how to be a proper husband or a proper wife. I would be very hesitant and uneasy about asking someone to treat my illness if he had never studied medicine. Likewise, I would be very hesitant and uneasy about using a nurse who had never studied nursing before. I would be fearful and uneasy about hiring a teacher who had never been trained. If I wanted to build a house, I would only want to hire a civil engineer. I would worry and be afraid if he were not a trained civil engineer. Similarly, I have doubts about those who have become husbands or wives without ever being trained.

Our parents never taught us to be husbands or wives. When we grow up, we find a job. When we have the ability to support a family, we find a partner and get married. Please remember that many difficulties arise between the husband and the wife because neither has undergone any preparation. When two persons are drawn into a marriage unprepared and suddenly find themselves husband and wife, how can they expect anything but problems for the family? Everything we do with our life requires training; we dare not jump into anything rashly. We prepare for our work and try to learn something about it before we plunge into it.

We must see that no job is more difficult than the job of being a husband or a wife. All jobs have fixed working hours. This is the only job that takes up all twenty-four hours of the day. Every job has a retirement age except this one. This is a very serious vocation and a very important one.

For now we will put the past behind us. Even though you were not prepared when you became a husband or a wife, you have nevertheless become one. You are already married and have reached this point in your life. Perhaps your looseness in the past has ruined your family. Today you have to see that the family is a very serious matter. You have to go back and learn your lessons all over again. The husbands need to go back to learn how to be husbands, and the wives need to go back to learn how to be wives.

It may not work for a person to try to apply the same earnestness he adopts in his job to his family. The truth, however, is that many people are far more careless toward their family than they are toward their jobs. This invites inevitable failure into their family. We have to pour all of our energy into building our family. We have to be more conscientious with it than with our jobs. If we behave carelessly and do not consider being a husband or a wife a serious occupation, our family will end up with nothing but failure. If we want our family to be a successful family, we have to cherish it as a job and spend time with it. We have to try our best to make it work. This is serious business, and we have to make it work at all costs. Those who are careless about their marriage and have no intention of making it a success will never have a successful marriage.

All married brothers and sisters must learn this lesson. We must spend time before the Lord to deal with this matter in a responsible way. This is a more difficult job than any other job. We need to spend time before the Lord to learn our lesson well. I hope that we will start learning it today.

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