

## Please Pray

- ✿ **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 the Chinese-speaking saints who will attend be prepared now as proper vessels ready to be trained by the Lord; may these saints be perfected in truth, life, and service.
- ✿ **The 2023 Summer School of Truth (August 6-11):** (1) May the young people 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. (2) May the Lord gain the young people for Himself to become age turners to bring the Lord back. (3) May all the serving ones be strengthened and covered in the Lord. (4) May all the preparations be headed up and covered in Christ. (5) May the need for transportation to and from Montréal be efficiently taken care of.
- ✿ **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: Dan. 11:1 – Hosea 5:15.
- ✿ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, Week 6.
- ✿ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 55 and 56.

## Announcements

- ✿ On the Lord's Day, July 30 at 1:00pm, all saints are invited to the North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training's Open Meeting with English simultaneous translation, which will be available in our Meeting Hall and on Zoom.
- ✿ [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 26-30: **North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training.**
- ✿ July 28-29: **Montréal French-Speaking Saints' Retreat.**
- ✿ July 30 at 1:00pm: **Open Meeting of the North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training** (English translation).
- ✿ 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-23 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Jul-24	♦
Tues-Jul-25	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Jul-26	♦
Thur-Jul-27	♦
Fri-Jul-28	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Jul-29	♦
Sun-Jul-30 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ♦ 1pm: <u>Open Meeting</u> of the North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training (English translation).

## HUSBAND AND WIFE

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

### V. BEING POLITE

One also must exercise politeness in the family. It is repugnant for anyone to be impolite to others. You should treat everyone politely, no matter who he or she may be. No matter how familiar you are with a friend, you should never give up your manners. As soon as you give them up, you will lose him. No matter how close you are to others, you will lose them the moment you give up your manners. In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul told us that love does not behave unbecomingly. Love does not allow anyone to give up his manners. Please remember that problems at home often arise because of small matters. It is often at home that a person behaves with unbecoming manners. Most people think that they can throw away their manners because their wife or husband is so familiar to them. Please remember that the joy and pleasure of human relationships have much to do with manners. As soon as you throw away proper manners, the ugly side of human nature will surface. No matter how familiar people are with one another, they must maintain proper manners between them. A brother put it aptly once when he said that manners are like the lubricating oil in a machine. The machine will run smoothly only with the lubricating oil. When two persons are together and manners are lacking, friction will arise and uncomfortable feelings will breed.

#### A. Words

In the home, we have to learn to always say, "Thank you" and "I am sorry." We should take care of polite words such as thank you, may I, I am sorry, and please. If you do not know how to use these words, you cannot even make friends, let alone succeed at home. Christians must remember that love does not behave unbecomingly. You must learn to say, "I am sorry," "Thank you," and "May I" at home. Learn to speak polite words in the family.

#### B. Dress

In the family not only must our words be proper and polite, but even the way we dress has to be proper and tidy. Everyone wants to dress properly in front of their friends. But one should dress properly in his family as well. You must dress neatly and be proper with your clothing. Love does not behave unbecomingly. Do not be loose through familiarity. Once you become familiar, you become loose, and it is easy to act impolitely. Familiarity breeds disrespect and contempt. Husbands and wives are already very familiar with each other. If propriety is absent, more familiarity will breed. Therefore, be proper in the way you dress yourselves. Do not save your sloppy dress for wearing at home.

#### C. Conduct

One must also be proper in his conduct. Whenever one serves something, it is best to serve it on a plate and to offer it to others with both hands. If he has only one hand to spare, he should still be proper in his attitude. When he passes a knife to others, he should avoid pointing the sharp end at others. When he passes a pair of scissors to others, he should avoid giving the others the pointed end. When he serves others something, he should present it properly and not throw it at them. We have to pay

particular attention to these little gestures around the house. The difference between throwing something at others and handing it to them is only three seconds. But what a great difference it makes! Therefore, learn to have manners.

I cannot say that I have known many families, but I cannot say that I have known few either. When a person is discreet at home, his family will have less problems. I have observed that when a husband and wife are polite to each other, there is more peace and less noise from the plates and chopsticks. Where manners are wanting and things are thrown around, the family is full of friction. If a husband and wife are polite to each other at home, they will at least be able to maintain a peaceful family.

I believe that if many wives treated their friends the way they behaved in their family, no one would want to come to their houses. I also believe that if many husbands treated their colleagues the way they behaved at home, none of their colleagues would want to work with them. I want to tell the brothers that their wives have been very tolerant with them. They have tolerated what no colleagues would tolerate. I also want to tell the wives that their husbands have been very tolerant with them. If they treated their best friends the same way, their friends would desert them. Being impolite is an expression of crudeness. No Christian may be crude. A person who has learned the proper lessons will never be an impolite person.

#### D. Voice

There is another factor crucial to our manner — our voice. We may say similar things, but the way we say it may be different. Our tone can be different. When a boss speaks to his subordinates, he has one kind of tone. When friends speak to friends, they have another kind of tone. When people are in love, there is love in their tone of voice. When a person hates, there is hatred in his tone of voice. The problem with most people today is that they have exhausted their nice tone of voice before they get home. When they come home they have only an ugly tone of voice left. We are polite to our colleagues in the office, we are tolerant of the patients in the hospital, and we speak carefully to students in the school. But we speak bluntly when we are at home. If you spoke in the office with the tone of voice you have at home, you would be chased out of your office in two days. Many people have a very crude tone of voice at home. They use the crudest language in their homes. It is no wonder that they cannot maintain a proper family life.

We must see that the family will not be peaceful as long as the tone of voice is wrong. Any tone of voice that is improper, strong, harsh, or proud must not be allowed in the family. Any tone of voice that is self-pitying, self-loving, or that gives the impression of a self-pronounced martyr must not be found in the family. If you speak in other places with the tone of voice that you use at home, you will ruin your career. Yet you allow such a tone of voice to remain in the family. It is no wonder that you are experiencing trouble at home. Therefore, we need to learn to be polite. Love does not behave unbecomingly, even in one's tone of voice. Do not speak loosely. If one is careless with his tone of voice in the family, his family will not go on well.

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