

Please Pray

- ✳️ **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:** Necessary renovations must be done in our meeting hall for its proper functioning (roof, air conditioning units, etc.) and require a large amount of funds. Please refer to the update letter that the serving brothers sent out last week. Let us 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 we would not need any financial loans to finish this project. May all of us consider our financial offerings before the Lord and may the Lord direct 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.
- ✳️ **Meeting Hall for the Church in Paris:** We would like to share good news with all the saints concerning a major advance for the church in Paris. For many years the saints have been seeking to purchase a meeting place. We thank the Lord that this month the church in Paris has signed a contract to purchase a property that will be very adequate for the needs of the church. The purchase price of the property is 1.4 million euros, with notary fees of 97,000 euros, and an additional 100,000 euros for the renovation of the workshop. Hence, the total cost amounts to 1.6 million euros. Currently, the church in Paris has made the down payment (66,500 euros), and the saints in Paris have willingly received the burden and are continuously offering for the purchase. The final date for the payment and delivery is November 5, 2023. May the Lord release the funds and meet this need through the Body. For more information, visit www.lordsmove.org/pdfs/PrayerBurdens690.pdf.
- ✳️ **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. 3:10 – 5:6.
- ✳️ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, Volume 2, Week 7.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 57 and 58.

Announcements

- ✳️ **TODAY**, 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, 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 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳️ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✳️ 1pm: Open Meeting of the North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training (English translation).
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.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

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

VI. Allowing love to grow

In order for a family to go on well, love must grow. One must not allow love to die. Often young people ask, "Is it possible for love to die?" I will answer today, "Yes, love can die, and it dies easily." Love is like anything organic; it needs feeding, and it needs food. Love dies without food. If you starve it, it will die. But if you feed it, it will grow.

Love is the foundation of a marriage. It is also the foundation of the family. Love leads two people into marriage, and it keeps them together in the family. Love grows easily if you feed it properly. However, it dies easily if you starve it. Many people love each other before they are married, and so they marry one another. But after they are married, they begin to starve their love, and their love gradually dies.

Marriage without love is a painful thing. A family that is without love is an even more painful thing. If a family is without love, it may not feel the pain of it now. It may not feel anything before the couple reaches middle age. But when they become old, you will find that something is wrong with this family; it is too cold! The difference between a family that has love and one that has no love is very great. Learn to feed your family with love before you reach middle age. Try your best to feed it and nourish it. If you do this, your home will be full of love.

Another point which needs much attention: Every married person should find out the things that the other person is most afraid of. Do not indulge in your own carefree lifestyle. Every person has something which he or she hates or fears the most. This hatred and fear may be related to a moral weakness. Husbands and wives must learn to accommodate each other and learn to adjust themselves in this case. One person may fear and abhor something that is not at all related to a moral weakness. In this case the other party should learn to compromise completely.

Let me give one or two examples. A few years ago I read a story about a husband in America who sued his wife for abuse. This story may sound funny, but it is also scary. This husband could not stand monotonous sounds. He simply could not tolerate them. Originally, he and his wife were deeply in love, but the marriage came to a crisis after two years. His wife loved to knit,

but he could not bear the sound of it. For the first year or two, he tried to tolerate it. But gradually it became worse. By the seventh year, he could no longer tolerate it, and he sued her for mental abuse. The judge declared that it was not a crime to knit and did not grant them the divorce. The husband told the judge, "Before I was married, she was like a lamb to me and I loved her. After a year of marriage, I found out that she was addicted to knitting. Each time she completed a piece, she would take it apart and knit it back all over again. She just loves to knit. Today I cannot bear the sight of any woolen yarn. I cannot even bear the sight of a lamb; as soon as I see one I try to kill it. If you do not grant me the divorce, do not blame me for killing someone else's lamb." Do you see the problem here? It is a real problem. His wife felt that there was nothing wrong with her knitting, but her husband hated knitting so much that he was driven to kill any lamb that he saw.

Please remember that everyone has things that he does not like and things that he fears. These things may have nothing to do with morality. A person may hate monotonous sounds; this is his peculiarity. Everyone has his own peculiarity, which has nothing to do with morality. For any family to be successful, the husband and the wife must never do anything which the other party considers obnoxious, even though he or she may not have the same feeling about it. If you do something which the other party cannot stand, yet have no feeling about it, you will end up having problems in your family.

In Shanghai I had many occasions to talk to families. During my travels, I also talked to many families. The things that a family fights over are often very small matters. To outsiders and friends, they may be small matters. But when these so-called small matters happen with such frequency that it exhausts a person's patience, major problems occur in the family.

We must realize before God that it is a very delicate thing for two persons to live together. This is not an easy task. Never think that we can be loose in this. What you consider inconsequential may be intolerable to the other party. You will be mentally torturing the other party if you do what he or she cannot stand.

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