

Please Pray

- ✿ **The 2023 Summer School of Truth (Aug. 6-11):** As the SSOT is going on, let us continue to pray for the Lord to cover every aspect of this time. (1) May the Lord gain the young people for Himself so that they become age turners to bring the Lord back. (2) May all the serving ones be strengthened and covered in the Lord. (3) May the Lord cover the entire SSOT from the beginning to the end and not let Satan have any ground during this time.
- ✿ **The Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training in North America:** We are thankful to the Lord that many saints participated in the recent Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training in person and online. In the coming days, may the interpretation of the New Jerusalem be applied in their daily church life. Let us pray that with the help of this training and by the practice of the rich speaking they received, many saints would grow unto maturity in the Body of Christ.
- ✿ **Gospel Trips to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (Oct. 8-22, 2023):** Last year, in October 2022, we invited saints from all over the Lord's recovery to come to the German-speaking countries to help us reach out to the students on the campuses at the beginning of the semester. These trips last year had a great impact in helping the churches gain remaining fruit from the campuses. In addition, these trips helped to revive the spirit of the gospel in the churches. Like last year, the churches and the developing localities in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria would like to extend our warm invitation again to all the saints in the Lord's recovery to join our campus labor at the beginning of the university year. Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans, Swiss, and Austrians as remaining fruit and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in all these cities through these gospel trips. To get more information and to register for these trips, please visit: bit.ly/GermanyGospelTrips.
- ✿ **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: Hosea 6:1 – 12:14.
- ✿ HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra Nehemiah, and Esther, Week 8.
- ✿ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 59 and 60.

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, 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

- ✿ 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-Aug-6 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Aug-7	♦
Tues-Aug-8	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Aug-9	♦
Thur-Aug-10	♦
Fri-Aug-11	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Aug-12	♦
Sun-Aug-13 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

VII. Not being selfish

There is another consideration which is very important for the family: One must not be selfish. If you are married, you must live like a married person. You should not live like a bachelor. First Corinthians 7 says that a person marries to please the other person (vv. 33-34). Selfishness is probably one of the chief causes of family problems.

I remember a pastor in America who conducted the marriage of more than 750 couples during his lifetime. In every wedding he would advise the newlyweds to take note of one thing — not to be selfish. After they were married, they had to love each other and not be selfish. When the pastor was old, he wrote to all the couples asking how they were doing. All of them replied that they were able to have a happy family life because they took his advice about not being selfish. This is very unusual in America. At least twenty-five percent of American marriages end up in divorce today. But these seven hundred or more couples had lived happily with each other.

We must see that selfishness is a big problem. We must learn to feel what the other person feels. We must learn to feel his pain, his joy, his dislikes, his problems, and his inclinations. A person cannot be a good husband or a good wife if he or she is subjective. Those who are subjective are selfish. In fact, self-love is the most subjective thing.

A basic condition for marriage is self-sacrifice. Sacrifice means learning to please the other person. If you want to please the other person, you must be objective, not subjective. It is not a matter of your likes and dislikes, but of the other party's likes and dislikes. Learn to discover what the other party likes. Learn to understand him and his views. Learn to stand on his side, and learn to understand him and yourself from his perspective. Learn to sacrifice your own feelings, your own opinions, and your own views as much as possible. Try to understand and know the other side. Pursue self-sacrifice and love. If you do this, you will have fewer problems in the family.

Many married men think that they are the center of the universe. They think that the whole universe revolves around them. When they marry a girl, they receive her into the family for their own welfare and benefit. Those who think this way surely bring problems to their family. A wife may also think that she is the center of the universe and that everyone exists for her sake. She may think that everyone is for her happiness, and that when she found a husband, she actually found a slave. For her, everyone else is peripheral and she is the center. She marries a husband only for the purpose of achieving her goal. Such a marriage will surely fail. It serves nothing but self-interest. Brothers and sisters, your family will have problems unless you pay attention to this matter.

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