

Please Pray

- ✳ **Start of the School Year Gospel Preaching and Bibles Distribution (mid-Aug. to mid-Sep.):** (1) May the Lord direct and guide us in every aspect of the preparation. May all the preparation be headed up in Christ. (2) May the Lord of the harvest thrust out the workers into His harvest. May we be willing to cooperate with the Lord in this move by praying and by going. (3) May the Lord prepare those who will be going to be filled with the Spirit within to make them channels of life and clothed without to make them His representative with His authority. (4) May the Lord go before us and brood over the campuses, the metro stations and the streets. May the Lord prepare the hearts of people to make them ready to receive the word when we meet them. (5) May many be attracted to us and willing to be contacted again. May many be willing to have appointments with us, come to the Bible studies, the activities, the home meetings and eventually be added to the church life. May many fruits remain.
- ✳ **Next Generation Start of the School Year:** (1) May the Lord bless each child/young person/college student's transition for this new school year. (2) May the children service serving ones be strengthened for all the changes with the groups and the service. May the Lord be the serving ones' wisdom for all the arrangements. (3) May the Lord cover the young people and the college students' new school year. May they be sanctified from their environment and learn how to depend on the Lord for their studies. (4) May the Lord gain the next generation for Christ and the church.
- ✳ **Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings:** The renovation work began in June and we have completed the air-conditioning system and windows. From the week of August 13, the work on the roof began. It was estimated that by the end of August it would be completed. We received enough money to pay for the first instalment for the roof. However, we are still short of money to pay for the remaining instalments. May all of us continually consider our financial 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.
- ✳ **Gospel Trips to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (Oct. 8-22, 2023):** Last year, in October 2022, we invited saints from all over the 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 fruits 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 their warm invitation again to all the saints in the recovery to join their campus labour at the beginning of the university year. We are hoping that 100 visiting saints will be able to join. Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans, Swiss, and Austrians as remaining fruits 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: Rev. 12:1 – 14:12.
- ✳ Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming, Week 1.
- ✳ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 69 and 70.

Announcements

- ✳ The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please sign up at the Bookroom. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- ✳ The Bookroom and Library services are looking for a few more serving ones; training will be provided, after which schedule will be set up. Please visit the Bookroom to sign up.
- ✳ [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

- ✳ Oct. 5-7, Manila, Philippines: **Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO")**.
- ✳ Oct. 8-22: **Gospel Trips to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria**.
- ✳ Nov. 23-26, Dallas Texas: **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference**.

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

This Week's Activities

Sun-Sep-10 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-11	♦
Tues-Sep-12	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Sep-13	♦
Thur-Sep-14	♦
Fri-Sep-15	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-16	♦
Sun-Sep-17 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

PARENTS

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20

I. The responsibilities of parents

Apart from the book of Proverbs, the Old Testament does not seem to give us much teaching concerning parenting. In the New Testament, however, Paul wrote something about being parents. Most books in the world teach children how to be children; not many books teach parents how to be parents. Most people pay attention to teachings for children. But the New Testament pays much attention to teachings for parents. It does not pay much attention to teachings about being children. Although it does teach us something about children, the emphasis is not on children. Both Ephesians 6 and Colossians 3 put more emphasis on parents than on children. We should learn to be proper parents because God pays more attention to parents than to children.

If we try to summarize the words in the Bible concerning parenting, the main thing parents should do is nurture their children in the teaching and admonition of the Lord and not provoke them to anger or discourage them. This means that parents must exercise self-control and must not be loose in any way. This is Paul's teaching concerning the subject.

As difficult as it is to be a husband or a wife, I hope you will realize that there is something more difficult — being a parent. Being a husband or a wife involves only two people; being a parent involves more. Being a husband or a wife is a matter of personal happiness; being a parent is something that affects the well-being of the children of the next generation. The responsibility over the future of the children of the next generation is on the shoulders of the parents.

We have to realize how serious this responsibility is. God has placed a person's body, soul, and spirit, even his whole life and future, into our hands. No individual influences another individual's future as much as parents. No one controls a person's future as much as parents. Parents almost have a say in whether their children will go to hell or to heaven. We must learn to be good husbands and good wives, but above all we must learn also to be good parents. I believe that the responsibility of being a parent is more than that of being a husband or a wife.

Here we will consider the Christian way of parenting. The knowledge of this will save us from many headaches.

A. Sanctifying oneself for the sake of the children

First, all parents must sanctify themselves before God for the sake of their children.

1. *The Lord sanctifying himself for the sake of the disciples*

What does it mean to be sanctified before God? The Lord Jesus said, "For their sake I sanctify Myself" (John 17:19). This does not refer to being holy, but to whether or not one is sanctified. The Lord Jesus is holy and His nature is holy. But for the sake of the disciples, He sanctified Himself. There were many things that He could have done which were not contrary to His own holiness; nevertheless, He refrained from doing them because of weakness in the disciples. In many matters the disciples' weakness directed the Lord and restricted His freedom. The Lord could do many things, but He did not do them because He did not want the disciples to misunderstand or be stumbled. As far as the Lord's nature was concerned, He often could have acted a certain way. But He refrained from doing so for the sake of the disciples.

2. *Not walking in a loose way*

Similarly, those who have children should sanctify themselves for the sake of their children. This means that we should refrain from doing many things which we could do for the sake of our children. There are many things which we could say, but for the sake of the children we do not say them. From the day we bring our children into our family, we should sanctify ourselves.

If you do not restrict yourself, you will not be able to restrict your children. The looseness of those who do not have children, at the most, results in trouble for themselves. But for those who have children, looseness results in damage to their children as well as to themselves. Once a Christian brings a child into the world, he must sanctify himself. Two eyes, sometimes four, are watching you all the time. They will follow you all your life. Even after you have left this world, they will not forget what they have seen in you; the things you do will remain inside of them.

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