

Please Pray

- ✳️ **2023 Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO), in person at Manila, Philippines (Oct. 5-7) and on Zoom (Oct. 6-8):** May the Lord speak to the responsible brothers what is on His heart and may the Lord's burden be released; may the Lord give all the responsible brothers an ear to hear Him speak and a proper heart to receive His speaking; may the Lord cover all the travelling and every aspect of this training; may the Lord strengthen all the speaking brothers; may the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳️ **Fall 2023 Eastern Canada College Conference (Oct. 13-15):** May the college students be released for this conference; may the students' heart be prepared to have be a good earth to receive the Lord's speaking and may the speaking grow and bear fruit in them; may all the preparations be headed up in the Lord; may the Lord enlarge our hearts to open our homes to receive the students and saints from other localities and may the need of hospitality be met; may the Lord gain the college students and each one attending.
- ✳️ **2023 Canada Brothers' Conference in Vancouver and on Zoom (Nov. 10-12):** May more brothers be released to register before the Sept. 30 registration deadline; may the brothers be prepared to have an ear and a proper heart to receive the Lord's speaking in this time; may all the preparations be headed up in Christ; may the Lord gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳️ **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 it would be completed soon. We received enough 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 to 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: Micah 1:1 – Hab 1:17.
- ✳️ HWMR: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming, Week 2.
- ✳️ Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 71 and 72.

Announcements

- ✳️ The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please visit the Bookroom to register. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- ✳️ The Bookroom and Library services are looking for a few more serving ones; training will be provided, after which a serving schedule will be set up. If you are interested to serve, 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**.
- ✳️ Oct. 13-15: **Fall 2023 Eastern Canada College Conference**.
- ✳️ 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-17 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-18	♦
Tues-Sep-19	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Sep-20	♦
Thur-Sep-21	♦
Fri-Sep-22	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-23	♦
Sun-Sep-24 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

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

I. The responsibilities of parents (cont'd)

A. Sanctifying oneself for the sake of the children (cont'd)

3. Acting according to standards

The day your son is born is the day you should consecrate yourself. You must set a standard for yourself in morality, in conduct at home, and in all moral judgments regarding right and wrong. You must set a high standard for what is ideal, and you must also set a standard for yourself in spiritual matters. You must act strictly according to these standards. Otherwise, you will have problems for yourself, and you will spoil your children. Many children are ruined by their own parents, not by outsiders. If parents are lacking in ethical, moral, and spiritual standards, they will ruin their children.

A young person makes decisions and judgments in his future life according to the training he received during his early years with his parents. A child may remember or forget what you say, but what he sees surely will remain in him forever. He develops his sense of judgment from you, and he also develops his system of values from you.

Every parent must remember that his actions will be repeated in his children; his actions will not stop with him. When you do not have children, you can do whatever you like when you are happy and give up and forget about everything when you are unhappy. But once you have children, you have to restrict yourself. You have to act according to the highest standard of conduct whether you like it or not. The whole life of Christian children depends on the behavior of their parents.

I remember a brother who said something when his son got into trouble. He said, "He is just a replica of me and I am just he." When a parent sees something in his children, he must realize that he is seeing himself. He must see that they are his very reflection. They are just reflecting him. Through them he can see himself.

This is why every couple should consecrate themselves anew to God as soon as they have a child. They should come to the Lord and consecrate themselves to Him again. From that time forward, the Lord has committed a human being, with his entire spirit, soul, life, and future, into their hands. From that day forward, they have to be faithful to the Lord's commitment. Some people are committed to a work for one or two years when they sign a contract. But this work lasts for their entire life; there is no limit to the term of this commitment.

4. The sense of being entrusted

Among believers in China, no failure is greater than the failure of parenting. I think this is due to the influence of paganism. Failure in one's career cannot be compared to failure in parenting. Even failure in being a husband or a wife cannot be compared to failure in parenting. A husband or a wife can protect himself or herself, because both are over twenty years of age. But when a child is placed in your hands, he cannot protect himself. The Lord has entrusted a child to you. You cannot go to Him and say, "You have entrusted five children to me, and I have lost three." You cannot say, "You have entrusted ten to me, and I have lost eight." The church cannot go on if parents do not have a sense of being entrusted. We do not want to see our children being rescued back from the world. Suppose we beget children, lose them to the world, and then try to rescue them back. If we allow this to happen, the gospel will never be preached to the uttermost part of the earth. Our children have been taught many teachings, and we have been taking care of them for years. At least these children should be brought to the Lord. We are wrong if we do not take care of our children. Please remember that it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children turn out the right way.

Please give me the liberty to say this word. Throughout church history, the greatest failure among Christians is the failure in parenting. This is something no one cares much about. The children are young; they are in your hands and can do nothing much themselves. If you are loose with yourself, you will also be loose with them. We must realize that parents must exercise self-control, sacrificing their own freedom. God has committed a human body, along with his soul, into our hands. If we do not exercise self-control and give up our freedom, we will have a difficult time answering to our God in the future.

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