

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 in Montréal (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.
- ✳️ **Wildfires in Maui:** Our hearts go out to all those who have suffered the loss of their loved ones and homes in the devastating wildfires in Maui. Please pray that the Lord would meet their material needs and soften their hearts to receive the gospel. In coordination with the brothers in Hawaii, Bibles for America sent over 2,400 gift packets containing pocket New Testaments, gospel tracts, and ministry books to Maui. So far, about 1,600 packets have been distributed to people who have been affected by the fire, community leaders, firefighters, volunteers involved in the relief effort, and other residents of Maui. (1) Prayer that the Lord will continue to brood over Maui and prepare many open vessels to receive His gospel, that they may gain God in this time of loss. (2) Prayer for the Lord to direct all the New Testament gift packets that are being distributed, to get them into the hands of the seeking ones. (3) Prayer for the local contacts whom the saints in Hawaii have connected with so far, that the Lord who as Chief Shepherd would lead and guide the saints in their shepherding care to bring these new ones into the church life. (4) Prayer for all the saints who are laboring together, that the Lord would lead their coordination in the Body regarding the ongoing assembling and distribution of the gift packets as well as the follow-up effort.
- ✳️ **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. 14:13 – 18:8.
- ✳️ HWMR: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming, Week 3.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 1 and 2.

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, Montréal: **Fall 2023 Eastern Canada College Conference**.
- ✳️ Nov. 10-12, Vancouver: **2023 Canada Brothers' 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

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| Sun-Sep-24 LORD'S DAY | ♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. |
| Mon-Sep-25 | ♦ |
| Tues-Sep-26 | ♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls. |
| Wed-Sep-27 | ♦ |
| Thur-Sep-28 | ♦ |
| Fri-Sep-29 | ♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom. |
| Sat-Sep-30 | ♦ |
| Sun-Sep-31 LORD'S DAY | ♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. |

PARENTS

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

B. The need to walk with God

Second, parents must not only realize their responsibility and sanctify themselves for the sake of their children; they must also walk with God.

One sanctifies himself for the sake of his children. But this does not mean that he can be loose and careless when he is by himself. He should not exercise self-control merely for the sake of his children. The Lord Jesus was not short of holiness in Himself. He did not sanctify Himself just for the sake of His disciples. If the Lord Jesus sanctified Himself merely for the sake of His disciples, but was not holy in Himself, He would have been a total failure. In the same way, parents must sanctify themselves for their children, but they themselves must also walk with God.

No matter how much zeal you show in your children's presence, they can easily see through you if you are not genuinely zealous. They are very clear, but you may not be that clear. You may be a very loose person yet act carefully in their presence. In reality you are not the person you pretend to be. Please remember that your children can see through you easily. If you are a careless person and you try to act in a discreet way before your children, they will easily detect your carelessness and pretension. You must not only sanctify yourself before them for their sake, but you must also be genuinely holy in yourself, walking with God as Enoch did.

I would like to draw your attention to the example of Enoch. Genesis 5:21-22 says, "Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters." Before Enoch was sixty-five years old, we do not know his condition. After he begat Methuselah, we know that he walked with God three hundred years. Then he was taken up by God. This is a special case in the Old Testament. Before Enoch begat children, we do not know anything about his condition. But after Enoch begat Methuselah, the Bible says that he walked with God. When the burden of the family

was upon him, he started to feel his weakness. He felt that his responsibility was too great and that he could not manage it by himself. So he began to walk with God. He did not walk with God just in the presence of his son; he walked with God even when he was by himself. He felt that if he did not walk with God, he would not know how to raise his children. Enoch begat not only Methuselah but also many other children; nevertheless, he walked with God for three hundred years. His responsibility as a parent did not hinder him from walking with God; rather, it caused him to walk with God. Eventually, he was raptured. Please remember that the first person who was raptured was a father. The first person to be raptured was one who had many children and yet who still walked with God. The way one bears his responsibility in a family is a reflection of his spiritual condition before God.

We must see that in order for us to bring our children to the Lord in a genuine way, we need to be a person who walks with God. We cannot send our children to heaven merely by pointing our fingers to heaven. We have to walk in front of them. Only then can we ask our children to follow us. Even though Christian parents want their children to be better than they are in the hope that their children will not love the world and will go on in a positive way, there are many bad families because the parents themselves draw back. If this is the case, they will never realize their goal no matter how hard they try. We must remember that the standard of the children cannot be higher than the standard of their parents. This does not mean that we should set a false standard. We should have a standard that is genuine and spiritual. If we have this, our children will come up to our standard.

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