

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.
- ✳️ **Gospel Trips to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (Oct. 8-22, 2023):** The saints are invited to join the campus labor at the beginning of the university year in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Please pray that the Lord will gain many students in these three countries as remaining fruit and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in these countries through the gospel trips. To get more information and to register for these trips, please visit: bit.ly/GermanyGospelTrips.
- ✳️ **Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings:** The renovation work began in June and we have completed the roof, air conditioning system and windows. May all of us prayerfully consider our financial offerings before the Lord. May the Lord direct us in our giving towards 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: Hab. 2:1 – Hag. 2:23.
- ✳️ HWMR: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming, Week 4.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 3 and 4.

Announcements

- ✳️ The December 2023 Semi-Annual Training will be held from December 25 to 30 in Anaheim, California. The registration deadline is November 1, 2023, for both the live training and the video training. Please let the leading brothers know if you are interested in attending the live training in Anaheim. The registration list for the video training will be posted on the church's bulletin board.
 - The cost for the LIVE training is CAD\$275, plus USD\$5 for the course outline.
 - The cost for the VIDEO training is CAD\$175, plus CAD\$10 for the course outline.

- ✳️ The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from Saturday, February 10 through to the Lord's Day, February 11, 2024. There will also be an opportunity to visit churches in Taiwan before and/or after the conference. Should you be interested to attend this conference, please contact brother Xie Li or brother Jonathan Lin for information and registration.
- ✳️ The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please visit the Bookroom to register. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- ✳️ 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**.
- ✳️ Oct. 27-29, Toronto, Ontario: **Young People's Conference**.
- ✳️ Nov. 10-12, Vancouver: **2023 Canada Brothers' Conference**.
- ✳️ Nov. 23-26, Dallas Texas: **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference**.
- ✳️ Dec. 25-30, Anaheim, California: **2023 December Semi-Annual Training**.
- ✳️ Feb. 10-11, 2024, Taipei, Taiwan: **The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference**.

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

This Week's Activities

Sun-Oct-01 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Oct-02	♦
Tues-Oct-03	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Oct-04	♦
Thur-Oct-05	♦
Fri-Oct-06	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Oct-07	♦
Sun-Oct-08 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 (cont'd)

Please forgive me for saying something that sounds simple and elementary. I once went to visit a family and saw the mother beating her child because the child lied. However, both the father and the mother in this family also lied. I learned that they lied on many occasions. But when their child lied, he was beaten. Honestly speaking, the child's real mistake was only a deficiency in his technique of lying; he was caught lying. The only difference between the child and the parents was that one was caught lying while the others were not. It was not a matter of whether one lied, but a matter of skill. One lied, and he was caught and punished. If you have a double standard, how can you raise your children? How can you tell your children not to lie when you are a liar yourself? You must not have one standard for your life and another standard for your child's life. This will never work. Suppose your children see and receive nothing but lies and dishonesty from you. The more you punish them, the more problems you will have. Some fathers tell their sons, "Wait until you are eighteen, and I will let you smoke." Many children say in their heart, "When I am eighteen, my father will let me lie. I am not yet eighteen, so I cannot lie. But when I am eighteen, I will lie." This pushes your children into the world. You must walk with God as Enoch did, in order to raise your children as Enoch did. If you do not walk with God, you cannot expect to raise your children the way Enoch did.

Please remember that your children will learn to love what you love, and hate what you hate. They will learn to treasure what you treasure, and condemn what you condemn. You must set a moral standard for yourself and your children. Whatever your moral standard is, that will be their standard as well. Your standard of loving the Lord will be their standard of loving the Lord. There can be only one standard in a family, not two.

I know of a family whose father is a nominal Christian. He never goes to church, but he wants his children to go every Sunday. Every Sunday morning, he gives a little money to each of his children and tells them to go to church. The money is for the children to make offerings. Later in the day, he plays a game of mahjong with his three friends. His children, however, spend the money on snack food. They play until the pastor is almost through with his sermon, and then they sneak into the building to hear a verse or two. When they go home, they give their father a nice report. They have snacks, they get to play, and they make a report. This, of course, is an extreme case.

I hope we can see that God has committed our children to us. There can be only one standard in the family. Whatever we forbid our children to do, we should not do. There must never be two standards in a family, one for the children and another for us. We must keep the same standard for our children's sake. We must sanctify ourselves to maintain a standard. Once the standard is set, we must maintain it. I hope we will all take good care of our children. They are constantly watching us. Whether or not they behave well depends on whether we behave well. They are not merely listening to us; they are watching us as well. They seem to know everything. They know if we are pushing them around, and they know if we are acting in front of them. We should not think that we can deceive our children. No! They cannot be deceived. They know how we feel, and they are clear about the true picture. Whatever we demand of our children, we must take the same position in that matter.

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