

Please Pray

- ✳️ **December Semi-Annual Training:** May we have ears to hear what the Lord will be speaking to the churches; may the Lord's up-to-date speaking be released in this training; may we have a heart to be trained by the Lord; may the churches advance with the Lord for His move on this earth; may the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳️ **End of Year 2023:** Dear saints, since it is the end of the year 2023, let us spend time before the Lord to consider our year. Let us spend time before His watching, observing, searching, judging by enlightening, and infusing eyes. Let us end the year by praising and thanking Him for all His doings and applying His blood for all our failures. Let us forget the things that are behind whether good or bad and start afresh this coming new year.
- ✳️ **Growing in Life and Propagation:** May we have a heart to enjoy the Lord each day and may the Lord grant us our daily growth in life. Let us pray for one another that we may be brought to maturity, ready for the Lord's coming. May we also have the Lord's heart to propagate His word and speak the gospel for the increase and building up of the church.
- ✳️ **Burden to Get Into the Life-Studies:** Pray that we may have a heart and hunger to continue in the Life-study reading; may the Lord be our perseverance; even if we fell behind, may we be encouraged to press on and resume. May we enter into the burden for digesting the Word and the ministry.
- ✳️ **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: Matt 6:1 – 8:22.
- ✳️ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philippians, Week 2.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 25 and 26.

Announcements

- ✳️ The 2024 HWMR **annual** subscription is available at the cost of **\$75.00**. **TODAY, Dec. 17**, is the **deadline** to sign up and make your payment to your district serving ones.
- ✳️ The December semi-annual training will begin on December 26. For all the saints registered, please send in your training fees. It is \$185 for video training (training and outline) and \$275 for those attending the training in person. The fee can be paid by cash, by check or by e-transfer. Please include your name and indicate that it is for the semi-annual training.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳️ 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 Summer Olympics Games will be returning to Europe in 2024 and will be hosted in Paris, France. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity prepared by the Lord as the Lord of the harvest. We would encourage all the saints to open to the Lord regarding this next milestone in the Lord's move in Europe, and we would like to invite the saints in the Lord's recovery to join us in this labour next year. Please contact brother [Allan Yeow](#) for more information and for the link to the form to express your interest. May we join the Lord in this move by praying, giving, and going.
- ✳️ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, no later than 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

- ✳️ 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-Dec-17 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Dec-18	♦
Tues-Dec-19	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Dec-20	♦
Thur-Dec-21	♦
Fri-Dec-22	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Dec-23	♦
Sun-Dec-24 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

PARENTS

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

I. The atmosphere in the family being love (cont'd)

You have to learn this lesson from the time the children are young. How dear and near your children are to you depends on how you treat them the first twenty years of their lives. If they are not near to you the first twenty years of their lives, they will not be near to you when they are thirty or forty years old. They will drift further and further away from you. Many children do not like to be near their parents. They are not friends to them and there is no sweet relationship between them. They go to their parents when they have problems in a way that resembles a criminal going before a judge. You must work to such an extent that your children will come and seek your advice first when they have problems. They must feel comfortable confiding in you. If you can achieve this, you will find few problems in your family. In fact, all problems will be solved.

J. The matter of punishment

Tenth, there is the matter of punishment. When a child has done something wrong, he or she must be punished. It is wrong not to punish.

1. Being afraid of beating the children

The most difficult thing is to punish someone. Those who are parents must be afraid of beating their children. They must consider it as serious as beating their own parents. No children should beat their own parents. One can be forgiven for beating his own parents, yet he will not be easily forgiven for beating his own children. You must learn to be afraid of beating your own children and must consider it as serious as beating your own parents.

2. Beating being necessary

However, beating them is sometimes necessary. Proverbs 13:24 says, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: / but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." This is Solomon's wisdom. Parents should chastise their children with the rod. Beating is necessary.

3. Beating justly

If you beat, however, you must beat justly. Do not lose your temper, and do not beat in anger. No one may beat their children in anger. Something is wrong with you when you are angry. Brothers and sisters, when your children do something wrong, and you beat them in your anger, you should realize that you also should be beaten. You must calm down first before God. As long as you are angry, you cannot chastise anyone.

4. Pointing out to the children their fault

Some problems must be settled by beating. But you must show the child what you are beating him for. If you need to beat him, you also need to show him his fault. You must show him his fault each time you beat him. You must tell him what his fault is. It is not enough to try to stop his fault by beating him. You have to explain to him that you are beating him because he is wrong in certain things.

5. Beating being a serious thing

Every time you beat a child, you must not do it in a common way. You must show him that beating is a big thing. The whole family has to know about it. All the adults and children have to come together. The father or the mother has to carry out the beating like a surgeon performing an operation. A doctor does not cut with a knife out of anger; he cuts to remove a problem. In the same way a parent must not punish in anger; he or she must be calm. Parents must never beat their children in a state of fury. On the one hand, they must point out the fault. On the other hand, they must not be angry in any way.

How should you do it? I have a suggestion. By the time you have a cane in your hand, the child must have committed some very serious wrong. While you are holding the cane in your hand, you should ask the child's brother to fetch a pail of warm water and his sister to fetch a towel. Then you have to show the child what he has done wrong. You have to tell him that anyone who has done something so serious must be punished severely. He should not flee from his mistakes. Fleeing from punishment is wrong as well. A person must be bold to receive punishment if he is bold to commit sin. Tell him that he has done something wrong and that you have no choice but to punish him. The beating is for him to realize his wrong. You may beat him two times or you may beat him three times. Perhaps the child's hand will bruise and bleed from the beating. You should then ask his brother to soak the bruised hand in the warm water to relieve the blood circulation. Afterward you should wipe the child's hand with the towel. You have to do this ceremoniously. Show them that there is only love in the family; there is no hatred. I believe this is the right way to punish.

Today much of the punishment in the family is the result of anger and hatred, not love. You say that you love your children, but who will believe you? I will not. You must let them know where they are wrong. Let them know that their father is not beating them in hatred. When you beat, do it properly. After you beat them, you should take them to bed. If the offense is too serious, the mother or the father can share two of the child's stripes. You have to tell the child, "This matter is too serious. I have to beat you five times. But I am afraid that you cannot take it if I give you five stripes. So your mother will share two of them and your father will share one of them on your behalf. You yourself must still take the other two stripes." You have to show him that this is a serious and grave matter. He will remember not to sin freely for the rest of his life.

This is the Lord's discipline; it is not the discipline of your temper. It is the Lord's admonition, not the admonition of your temper. I do not stand with the temper of any parent. The temper of the parents will ruin the future of their children. The parents must learn to have true punishment for their children. But, at the same time, they must also learn to love. This is the proper way to have a Christian family.

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