

Please Pray

- ✱ **Fall 2026 Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference at Camp Penuel (Sept. 18-20):** Many Montréal saints will be attending this conference. May the Lord cover all the travelling of the saints going and coming back. May the Lord prepare the saints to be ready to receive a personal word from the Lord for each one's going on. May the Lord gain this group of saints as the backbone in the church life to bear the burden of the church.
- ✱ **Reconsider our ways:** "Now therefore thus says Jehovah of hosts, consider your ways." Haggai 1:5. "We need to take Haggai's word and consider our ways (Hag. 1:5, 7). We...need to reconsider our church life and our work. We need to consider what has been the result of our living day by day. We cannot allow ourselves to continue in our present way." (CWWL, 1991-1992, Vol. 3, Chap. 1). It is healthy to reconsider every year our daily living, our condition, our service, our meetings and our ways individually and collectively. With the start of the school year, it is a good opportunity for us to reconsider our ways on how to go on as the church. May the Lord lead us to go on.
- ✱ **Homes as fishing nets:** Our homes have several advantages. In America many freshmen attend college away from home. Since they are considered full-grown, they may leave home once they have graduated from high school. Many of them are lonely and homesick. If we invite them into our living rooms for a little snack or perhaps a dinner, they will feel at home, and this will open them to the Lord and the truth. Furthermore, people do not have a goal, and they are tired of their old manner of life. This situation is sovereign of the Lord... Many young people today do not have a goal. They are wondering what to do and where to go. They do not have a goal in their human life. The material riches of America cannot satisfy the hearts of the young people. Therefore, we must take this opportunity to fill up the gap in their hearts with Christ. The best way to do this is by opening up our homes. (Preaching the Gospel on the College Campuses, CWWL, 1977, Vol. 3, pp. 27-28). Pray for more home groups to be raised up for the student core to be connected to so that they can bring their friends and contacts into the homes of the saints.
- ✱ **Bearing fruit for His testimony in Montréal:** "As branches we must bear fruit. If anyone has not borne fruit for several years, I am very concerned for him. There is the danger that such a one may be cut off from the life supply. We must endeavor and be desperate. We must say, "Lord, I am one of Your branches. Why do I not bear fruit? I must bear some. I cannot go on like this anymore. Lord, have mercy on me that by Your grace I may bear at least one fruit." If we will bear even one fruit, the life supply will flood in. The life-juice will stream in, and we will bear more fruit. To bear the first fruit is a breakthrough. We must have such a breakthrough. We need to go to the Lord to have a thorough dealing with Him." (CWWL, 1973-1974, Vol. 2, Chap. 3) – May the prayer in this ministry excerpt be our prayer. May we all endeavor to be normal fruit bearing branches and be desperate before the Lord to bear at least one fruit a year. May we go to the Lord to have a thorough dealing with Him.
- ✱ **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: Isa. 9:1 – 16:14.
- ✱ HWMR: Crucial Aspects of Matthew 5 through 7, Week 9.
- ✱ Life-Study of Philipians, Messages 48 and 49.

Announcements

- ✱ The Fall 2026 Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC), Kingston, NY, on September 18-20, 2026. Registration deadline was September 7, 2026. Fees (USD): Full-Time: Adults \$165, Young People \$110, Children \$90. One night stay: Adults \$125, Young People \$80, Children \$70. Day-only: Adults \$55, Young People \$35, Children \$30. Payment: cash; cheques to "The Church in New York City"; electronic payment via Venmo (@NYCTrainingFund), and PayPal (nyctrainingfund@gmail.com).
- ✱ The upcoming Fall 2026 Canada Brothers' Conference will be held at the Meeting Hall of the Church in Toronto on November 6 and 7, 2026, followed by the Lord's Day blending meeting at the Meeting Hall of the Church in Toronto on November 8, 2026. Please contact the serving brothers to get the registration link.
- ✱ This year's International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held from Thursday, November 26, through Lord's Day, November 29, 2026, at the Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center, Colorado Ballroom, 6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd., Aurora, CO 80019, and will be open to the public. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Live and archived messages will be available at ismwebcast.com, and free for a period of 30 days after the conference.
- ✱ 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. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✱ September 18-20, Camp Penuel, Kingston, NY: **Fall 2026 Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference.**
- ✱ September 24-26, Amsterdam, NL: **September International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**
- ✱ November 6-7-8, Toronto, ON: **Fall 2026 Canada Brothers' Conference.**
- ✱ November 26-29, Denver, CO: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Sep-13 LORD'S DAY	✱ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-14	✱
Tues-Sep-15	✱ 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings in person and on Zoom.
Wed-Sep-16	✱
Thur-Sep-17	✱
Fri-Sep-18	✱ 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts home meetings in person. ✱ Fall 2026 Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference, Kingston, NY.
Sat-Sep-19	✱ Fall 2026 Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference, Kingston, NY.
Sun-Sep-20 LORD'S DAY	✱ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✱ Fall 2026 Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families' Conference, Kingston, NY.

28. MANAGING ONE'S FINANCES

Scripture reading: Luke 6:38; 1 Tim. 6:7-10, 17-19; 2 Cor. 9:6; Mal. 3:10; Prov. 11:24; Phil. 4:15-19

Managing one's finances

IV. Two testimonies concerning financial stewardship

A. Handley Moule's story

Handley C. G. Moule of England was the chief editor of the magazine Life and Faith. He was a great man before the Lord in many ways. One of his outstanding achievements was his knowledge of the Bible. He trusted in the Lord for his living. Throughout his life, he experienced wants and trials many times, but because he knew Luke 6:38, he would tell his wife whenever he was in need, "There must be something wrong with our giving lately." He did not speak of the need in his house. Instead, his thoughts were on his giving.

Once his house was almost empty of everything. He did not even have flour, the main staple of the English diet. He waited for two days, but no one brought him anything. He then told his wife, "There must be something in our house that we do not need." He did not ask the Lord for flour. Instead he said, "There must be something excessive in our house. This is why the Lord does not give." They knelt and prayed and asked the Lord to show them any excess they had in the house. After praying, they looked through every item. They began with the attic, checking to see whether or not a particular item was redundant. They even went through their children's belongings and found that they had just enough of what they needed. Mr. Moule then told the Lord, "There is truly nothing excessive in this house. Lord, You have made a mistake in not supplying us with what we need." After a brief pause, he told his wife, "The Lord never makes mistakes. There has to be some excess in our house." They checked again. When they came to the cellar, they saw a carton of butter, which had been given to them many days earlier. Mr. Moule was happy when he saw the carton. He told his wife, "This must be the excess."

Both of them were rather elderly. They had for many years learned the lesson of giving. They knew the Lord's words: "Give, and it will be given to you." They were anxious to give away the carton of butter. But who should they give it to? Mr. Moule was a responsible brother in his church. After looking down the list of brothers and sisters who were poor, he decided to give every one of them a piece. The old couple cut the carton of butter into small pieces, wrapped them up, and sent them to these brothers and sisters. After sending out all the packets, he told his wife, "Now, we have cleared up this matter." They then knelt down and prayed, "Lord, may we remind You of what You have said: 'Give, and it will be given to you.' Please remember that we have no more flour."

That was perhaps a Saturday. Among those who had received the butter, there was a very poor sister who had been paralyzed and bed-ridden for years. For days, she had been eating her bread without butter and had been praying, "Lord, have mercy on me. Give me a little butter." Soon after this prayer, Mr. Moule came with the butter. She immediately thanked the Lord for this. A while later, she lifted up her head and prayed again, "Lord, although Brother Moule lacks nothing and has given me this butter, hear his prayer if he has any lack." Brother Moule had not told anyone about his lack, and no one knew about it. Some even rumored that Moule was a very rich brother, that he always gave things away, and that he had bought all that butter purposely to

distribute to others. But this sister prayed, "If he has any lack, please answer his prayer." On that same day, probably within two or three hours, Mr. Moule received two sacks of flour. His problem was solved.

We have to believe in every word of the Lord. Most people have difficulty taking God's Word as God's word. Mr. Moule believed God's Word to be God's word. If you do not give, you definitely will not receive. If you give to others, others will surely give to you. This is why we need to learn to give. Giving is not the end; it enables God to give to us. This is the principle of Christian financial stewardship. Do not expect God to supply you with anything if there is excess in your house.

A co-worker once told me, "During the past twenty years, every time money has remained in my hand, there has always been a problem." If there is a problem in giving, there will be a problem in receiving. The more you want to keep, the less you will have. The more you want to give, the more you will have. Most people hold on tightly to all that they have, and so God lets them hold on to that little amount. They have not learned to give. If the grace of giving is not in you, the grace of God will not be upon you. If you do not have grace for others, you will have little of God's grace for yourself.

B. Learning the first lesson of giving

I can give you many testimonies concerning giving. But I do not wish to do so. I will just speak about my first lesson in this matter. In 1923 Brother Weigh Kwang-hsi invited me to his place, Kien-ou, which was about one hundred fifty miles from Foochow. I was a student, and Brother Weigh was my classmate. When I was about to leave for Kien-ou, I asked Brother Weigh, "How much is the fare?" He said, "The fare by boat is several dozen dollars." I then said, "Let me pray about this. If the Lord wants me to go, I will go."

At that time I did not have any money in my hand. I prayed, "If You want me to go, You must provide me the money." After praying this way, the Lord gave me between ten and twenty dollars. In addition, I had more than a hundred silver dimes. But the total amount still fell short of the fare by more than half. Not long after this, Brother Weigh wrote me a letter and told me that everything was ready. I sent him a telegram and told him that I would go. I decided to leave on Friday. On Thursday I rose up early, and the word came to me: "Give, and it will be given to you." I was unsure within. If I gave my money to others and the Lord did not give any back, I would then not be able to go. I was quite troubled.

However, my feeling within grew stronger and stronger. I felt that I should give the dollars and keep the coins. Therefore, I thought about who should be given the money. Eventually, I had the thought of giving the dollars to a certain brother who had a family. I dared not tell the Lord that I would obey, and I dared not tell the Lord that I would disobey either. I just said, "Lord, I am here. If You want me to give to this brother, please let me meet him on my way." I rose up and walked out of the house. Along the way I met the brother. As soon as I saw him, my heart sank. But I was prepared. I went over to him and said, "Brother, the Lord has told me to place this in your hands." After I said this, I turned around and left. When I was two steps away from him, my tears began to roll down. I said, "I have sent a telegram to Brother Weigh that I would go. Now the money is gone. How can I go?" But I also felt very happy within because the Lord said, "Give, and it will be given to you."

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