

Please Pray

- ✿ **September 2026 ITERO in Amsterdam (September 24-26):** The September 2026 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) will be held in person on September 24-26 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The general subject will be "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Many brothers will attend this training in person and online. Please pray that the Lord will release a timely word to all the leading ones and the saints in Europe and around the globe, and that the saints everywhere will receive the revelation and the life supply in this word that will enable them to cooperate with the Lord for the building up of the Body and the preparation of the bride to end this age.
- ✿ **First Lord's table in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg (October 3-4):** The first Lord's table in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg, is scheduled for the weekend of October 3-4, 2026. Please pray for a strong beginning of the Lord's testimony in Luxembourg.
- ✿ **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.
- ✿ **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: 1 Tim. 1:15 – 5:25.
- ✿ HWMR: Noah, Daniel, and Job—Patterns of Living an Overcoming Life on the Line of Life to Fulfill the Economy of God, Week 1.
- ✿ Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 50 and 51.

Announcements

- ✿ 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.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Registration for the December 2026 Semi-Annual Training is now open. The training will take place from December 21 to 26 in Anaheim, CA. Registration is required and the deadline is November 1. The registration fee is CAD\$290 for the live training (in person), and CAD\$185 for the online/video training. Please contact your respective district serving leader to register and to get more information.
- ✿ 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 24-26, Amsterdam, NL: **September 2026 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO).**
- ✿ November 6-7-8, Toronto, ON: **Fall 2026 Canada Brothers' Conference.**
- ✿ November 26-29, Denver, CO: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✿ December 21-26, Anaheim, CA: **December 2026 Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Sep-20 LORD'S DAY	✦ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-21	✦
Tues-Sep-22	✦ 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings in person and on Zoom.
Wed-Sep-23	✦
Thur-Sep-24	✦ September 2026 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO), Amsterdam, NL.
Fri-Sep-25	✦ 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts home meetings in person. ✦ September 2026 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO), Amsterdam, NL.
Sat-Sep-26	✦ September 2026 International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO), Amsterdam, NL.
Sun-Sep-27 LORD'S DAY	✦ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

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 (cont'd)

B. Learning the first lesson of giving (cont'd)

On my way home I said to the Lord, "Lord, You need to give to me. The time is short, and the boat is leaving tomorrow." No money came on Thursday. On Friday when I was about to leave, there was still no money. A brother came to send me off. But there was still no money. The brother took me aboard the boat. As soon as I stepped aboard the boat, I thought to myself, "I cannot go. I will never make it. I have never left Foochow before, and I have never gone inland. I do not know a single person west of Foochow." I had been praying since I left home that day. When I went aboard the boat I was still praying. I prayed until the brother left, and even until I laid down to sleep. I said, "Lord, I have given to others. Yet You have not given to me in return. It is now Your business." That day the boat took me to Hung-Shan Bridge, where I changed boats to Shui-Kou. While on board, I paced back and forth from the upper deck to the lower deck several times, thinking to myself, "In order for God to provide for me, I should make it easier for Him by walking around a few more times to see if He has arranged for me to meet someone." But this did not work out, and I did not find anyone whom I knew on the boat. Nevertheless, I repeated to myself, "Give, and it will be given to you."

This went on until the next day. At about four or five o'clock, the boat was about to reach Shui-Kou. After Shui-Kou, I had to change transportation again for a more expensive ship. After I paid the boat fare, I found out that I had only a little more than seventy dimes left. I was troubled, and I prayed, "Lord, I am now in Shui-Kou. Should I buy a ticket to return to Foochow?" Right then I resolved in my mind to simply go to Kien-ou and leave the rest to the Lord. I said, "Lord, I will not ask for money as long as You will take me to Kien-ou." After praying this way, I felt peaceful.

I was standing on the bow of the boat, and before the boat reached Shui-Kou, a little boat approached and the boatman asked me, "Sir, are you going to Nan-Ping or Kien-ou?" I said, "To Kien-ou." He said, "I will take you there." I asked him how much it would cost, and he said, "Seventy dimes." When I heard that, I knew the Lord had prepared the way for me. I agreed to go with him. He carried my luggage to his boat. The regular fare to Kien-ou was seventy or eighty dollars. I asked him, "Why are you letting me go so cheaply?" He replied, "The fare is so cheap because this boat has been chartered by a county officer. He is in the front cabin of the boat, and he has given me permission to carry another passenger so that I can earn some money to supplement my food." I clearly remember that day; I bought some vegetables and meat with the little money that was left and arrived at Kien-ou safely.

As the time for my return from Kien-ou grew near, I was once again in a quandary. I had only twelve dimes left. After spending about a dollar on shopping, I had only twenty cents left. I kept praying as the conference was coming to an end. One day Mr. Philips, one of the famous Cambridge Seven, invited me for a meal. He said, "Mr. Nee, we have been greatly helped by your visit. Is it all right for me to take care of the traveling expenses of your return trip?" When I heard this, I was overjoyed. But I felt it was not proper for me to accept the offer. I said, "Someone has already taken care of it." When he heard this, he said, "I am sorry to hear that," and did not mention the matter again. When I returned home, I regretted very much turning down the offer. But when I prayed I had peace within.

I waited for another day. On the third day, as I was getting ready to leave, I only had twenty cents in my pocket. This was not enough for the ticket. I was really in a dilemma. Brother Weigh's father and family all came to see me off. My luggage had already been taken away by the porter, and Brother Weigh was walking with me. I prayed, "Lord, You have brought me to Kien-ou. You have to bring me back home. It is Your responsibility and You cannot leave it to others. If I have committed any mistake, I am willing to confess it. But I do not believe that I have done anything wrong." I kept saying, "This is Your responsibility because You have said, 'Give, and it will be given to you.'" Halfway to the pier, Mr. Philips sent someone to me with a letter. I opened the letter, and it said, "I know someone is responsible for your fare. But God has impressed upon me that I should share your expenses. Please allow an elderly brother to have a little share in this and accept this small sum." I took the money and said to the Lord, "God, this has come right on time." I paid the fare with the money, and I still remember that there was enough money to print another issue of The Present Testimony when I returned home.

Upon my return I looked up my co-worker. As soon as I entered his house, his wife said, "Mr. Nee, when you left Foochow, why did you give my husband twenty dollars? Why did you walk away immediately after handing him the money?" I said, "There was only one reason: I had prayed for a whole day, and the Lord told me to give it to him. When I left my house and met him on the way, I simply gave him the money." She said, "That night we only had enough for one last meal. When your money came, we bought a load of rice and many pounds of firewood. The Lord did not supply us any more money until a few days ago. We had prayed and waited for three days on that occasion." I left without telling her my story. As I was walking down the hill, I said within myself, "It was good that I did not keep the twenty dollars for myself. The money would have died if I had kept it in my pocket. But now that it has been given away, it has become useful." I lifted up my head then and told the Lord, "This is the first time I have understood Luke 6:38." I consecrated myself to the Lord once again and said, "From this day forward, I will give. I will not let a single cent remain idle in my hand."

I only wish I could give more money so that it would work more miracles for the Lord. I would give money so that the prayers of others may be answered. I do not wish to hold on to my money, letting it remain idle and useless. I dare not brag about my experience in giving. Perhaps I have given a little more than others. Perhaps I have also received a little more than others. But this I can say: In the whole of China, it is hard to find another person who has received as much and given away as much as I have. You may take this as a word from "a fool" (2 Cor. 11:23, KJV). I would rather let my money work miracles and let it become answers to prayers, than see it remain idle and become useless. If I have no use for it today, I will give it away. When I have a need, it will come back, and when it comes back, it will come back more than what I gave.

A new believer must learn to manage his finances from the very beginning. I do not like to tell many stories about myself. However, I must testify that since 1923, I am behind no one in China with respect to using my last dollar. The Lord said, "Give, and it will be given to you." I am learning this constantly. As I give to others, the Lord meets my needs. I am convinced that a man will only receive when he gives. Time and again, I find that when I give liberally, the Lord liberally gives to me. I do not mind having the reputation of being rich. It is true; I am rich, because I always give. I always let my money go. It never stops, and when it returns to me, it is always multiplied many times. Our God is never stingy.

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