

Please Pray

- ✿ **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.
- ✿ **Meeting to Establish the Church in Bremen, Germany (October 18):** Please pray for this new beginning. May the Lord gain a strong and bright testimony through the raising up of a golden lampstand in Bremen, one that serves His satisfaction.
- ✿ **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: Isa. 17:1 – 25:12.
- ✿ HWMR: Noah, Daniel, and Job—Patterns of Living an Overcoming Life on the Line of Life to Fulfill the Economy of God, Week 2.
- ✿ Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 52 and 53.

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

- ✿ 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-27 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-28	✿
Tues-Sep-29	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings in person and on Zoom.
Wed-Sep-30	✿
Thur-Oct-01	✿
Fri-Oct-02	✿ 6:30pm-9:00pm: English, French, and Chinese Districts home meetings in person.
Sat-Oct-03	✿
Sun-Oct-04 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10:00am-12:30pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

28. MANAGING ONE'S FINANCES

Scripture readings: 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

V. The Christian way of financial management

The Christian way of managing money is not to hold on to money. The tighter you hold on to your money, the more it dies. The more you grasp it, the more it disappears; it will evaporate like vapor. But the more you give away, the more you will have. If God's children would learn to give more, God would have many ways to work out His miracles. Keeping back money only makes God's children poor. God will not entrust Himself to those who hold on to their money and who will not give. The more you give, the more God will give to you.

A. Sowing with one's money

Please read 2 Corinthians 9:6, which says, "He who sows sparingly shall also sparingly reap; and he who sows with blessings shall also with blessings reap." This is also a scriptural principle of financial management. When Christians give, they are not throwing their money away; they are sowing. The Word does not say, "He who throws away his money sparingly shall also sparingly reap; and he who throws away his money with blessings shall also with blessings reap." It says, "He who sows sparingly shall also sparingly reap; and he who sows with blessings shall also with blessings reap." When you give, you are sowing. Do you want your money to grow? If you do, you need to sow. When you give your money away, it grows. When you do not give it away, it does not grow.

Brothers and sisters, can anyone be so foolish as to expect a harvest without sowing? How many times has God not answered your prayer for your needs? You are a "hard man," trying to reap where you have not sown and gather where you have not winnowed. This is impossible. Why do you not sow some of your money? There are many brothers and sisters who are in difficulty. Why do you not sow money upon them so that you may reap when the reaping time comes? The more a person holds on to his money, the less he will have. In the above portion of the Word, we see a very beautiful picture. The Corinthians gave to those in Jerusalem, remembering their needs, and Paul said that it was a kind of sowing, not a kind of throwing away. Please remember that money can be our seeds. If you see a brother or sister in difficulty, and you remember him or her, God will cause that money to grow and harvest thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and even a hundredfold. I hope that more of your money will be sown.

A new believer should learn to sow, so that when he has needs, he can reap what he has sown. You cannot reap what you have not sown. There are many brothers who are getting poorer and poorer. If you eat what you have, of course, there will not be anything left. But if you keep half of your seed for sowing, you will have a harvest next year. If next year you also keep half for planting, you will have another harvest the following year. If you want to sow anything, you must not eat all that you have. Some people always eat and never sow. They also never receive anything when they are in need. Suppose

some young brothers sow some money upon other brothers, praying as they sow, "O God, I have sown upon the brothers. When I have needs, I want to harvest." If they do this, God will honor His own words.

B. Offering to God

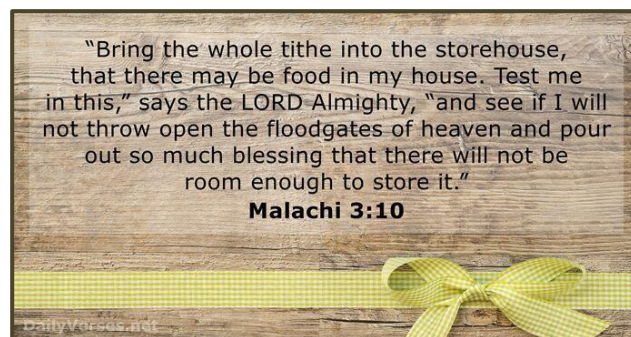
This is not all. In the Old Testament, God said to the Israelites, "Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse that there may be food in My house; and prove Me, if you will, by this, says Jehovah of hosts, whether I will open to you the windows of heaven and pour out blessing for you until there is no room for it" (Mal. 3:10). Here we see the same principle.

At that time, the Israelites were in great poverty and difficulty. How could they carry out the words of Malachi 3:10? The Israelites might have asked, "If we cannot get by with ten loads of rice, how can we get by with nine? If ten bags of flour are insufficient, how can nine bags be sufficient?" These are words out of a carnal and foolish mouth. God reproached the people and told them that what is impossible with man is possible with God. He seemed to be saying, "Bring to My storehouse, and test Me if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing that there shall not be enough room to receive it."

Ten loads are the reason for poverty, while nine loads are the cause for abundance. Man thinks that the more he has in his hand, the better off he will be. However, keeping things in one's hand is the very cause for poverty, while offering things to God is the very cause for blessing. If I have an additional load in my hands, it will become my curse. But if it is put in God's storehouse, it becomes my blessing. The principle with the Israelites was poverty for those who tried to hold back what was due to God. When you hold something back, you end up in poverty.

C. Scattering money

Now read Proverbs 11:24: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Many people have not scattered, and they are left with nothing. Many people have scattered, and they become prosperous. This is what God's Word shows us. This is the Christian principle of managing finances.



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