

## **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – February 12, 2017**

### **Announcements**

- No Wednesday ministry webcast until the full time training resumes on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Please fill out household information sheet. One sheet per household. Particularly note the box for receiving church emails.
- Early registration for the JH girls retreat is today. Please give your check to Sarah Lee.
- Main Hall cleaning (Young People)
- Second floor cleaning (Downtown)
- The parking situation at the meeting hall is very limited; we encourage all saints who park at the meeting to carpool. Saints who drive by themselves are encouraged to park offsite (Chevron, residential streets, etc.)
- College students from USC, Cal Poly Pomona, and San Diego will visit Bellevue in March during spring break. We need homes for hospitality, please contact Martin Hsiung (chengen.hsiung@gmail.com) or Debbie Willey (willeydwa@msn.com)
- If you would like your 2016 donations documentation for tax purposes, please send an email request to [bellevuefinanceservice@googlegroups.com](mailto:bellevuefinanceservice@googlegroups.com).
- The reading schedule this week for our ministry reading is: The Economy of God chapters 1, 2, 3
- We will have overflow prophesying on the All-Inclusive Christ Feb 26.

### **Schedule**

- Morning revival this week, The Crystallization Study of Ezekiel, Week 5
- Sisters prayer meeting, Tuesday, 10:00 am
- Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 pm
- No breakfast Saturday morning Feb 25
- The deadline to sign up for the middle aged training is February 21st. For more information, visit [www.fttamidage.org](http://www.fttamidage.org)
- High School retreat, March 10-12
- JH Girls retreat, March 10-12
- JH Boys retreat, March 24-26

## **Burdens for Prayer**

- Bible study at Bellevue College
- Building up an atmosphere of reading the ministry
- Gospel to the nations in Europe and North America
- Prayer and petition for all who are in a high position in this country (1 Tim. 2:1-3)

<b>This Week:</b> February 13 – February 19		
<b>Morning Revival:</b> <i>The Crystallization Study of Ezekiel</i> , Week 5		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Young People Upstairs – Downtown		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer at meeting hall
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30 am	Lord's Table

## **Ministry Reading Portion**

Basic Lessons on Service

### LESSON TWELVE

## **THE GRACE-MINISTERING SERVICE**

### **VII. THE GOAL OF OUR SERVICE**

The goal of our service is not to accomplish things, even with something such as vacuuming the floor. Our goal is to infuse others with Christ as grace. We can infuse one another with grace while we are serving together. There should be no gossip, murmuring, criticism, or vain talk. Our talk should be our fellowship with grace to infuse one another. We need to have grace to minister to others. Actually, our goal is not to keep a clean hall, but to minister Christ as grace to others.

### LESSON THIRTEEN

## **THE DANGER AND LOSS OF NOT USING OUR GIFT**

### **V. GRACE BEING GOD EMBODIED IN CHRIST AS OUR ENJOYMENT**

In this lesson we want to see the danger and loss of not using our gift. The previous lesson tells us that we all have a gift.

Now this lesson warns us that if we do not use our gift, this is dangerous, and this will be a loss. All these points are covered in detail in Life-study of Matthew (see messages sixty-three through sixty-six, pp. 733-774).

The greatest problem today with the Christians is that most of them do not use their gift. I would say that over ninety percent of the genuine Christians today neglect their gift. Of course, this is absolutely due to Catholicism and Protestantism. Because of these two big organizations with their hierarchy and clergy-laity system, most of the believers' gifts and functions have been annulled. They do not use their gifts, and they do not realize that this is a serious mistake which will cause a great loss to them. I feel we need such a lesson to warn all the saints among us and to stir up their heart to use their gifts.

We must stress the burden of the previous lesson to the saints once again. We need to see that all the members of the Body of Christ are gifted (Rom. 12:6a). In the Lord's parables in Matthew 24 and 25, the Lord indicates that every one of His believers has a gift. He did not give the ground for any of His believers to be excused from functioning. All believers are gifted persons.

Matthew 25 tells us that some have five talents, some have two talents, and others have one talent. At the very least, we are the one-talented ones. A saint cannot say that he has not received a talent. We have to strongly stress this one thing. We have to convince every saint among us that they cannot say that they do not have any gift and cannot do anything. This is a lie. According to the biblical truth, every believer has a gift. You may have the smallest gift, but you still have a gift. Everyone is talented; everyone is gifted.

Of course, Ephesians 4:11 speaks of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds and teachers. The gifted persons mentioned here are those who have been endued with a special gift. But verse 7 says, "To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Each one includes every member of the Body of Christ, each of whom has received a general gift. This shows that everyone is a gifted person and is responsible to use his gift. The Brethren did not like to use the title elders, so they used the term responsible brethren. This is a wrong term because every believer is responsible. Who is not a responsible brother or sister? We have to be careful not to use the term responsible brothers, because all of us are gifted and are responsible before the Lord to use our gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ.

**I. THE DANGER:**

**A. Beating Our Fellow Slaves—  
Mistreating Fellow Believers**

Matthew 24 speaks of the evil slave who "says in his heart, My master delays, and begins to beat his fellow slaves..." (vv. 48-49a). When we mistreat a fellow believer by criticizing, opposing, or despising him, that is to beat him in the eyes of the Lord. We have to say a strong word here. We can easily fall into this danger without any kind of realization. We can fall into criticizing the brothers and sisters. Sometimes we may oppose or despise some of the saints. Perhaps we would even fight against them. This is to beat the Lord's slaves, who are our fellow slaves.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord’s Day, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 31:1 – 32:11
Monday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 33:1 – 34:22
Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 35:1 – 36:12
Wednesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 37:1 – 40
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 38:1 – 39:13
Friday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 40:1 – 41:13
Saturday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Psa. 42:1 – 43:5