

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – December 8, 2019

Announcements

- This week is the deadline for registering for the video training. Registration after this date will incur a late fee.
- The dates of the video training are December 24 – January 1.
- We will start a new Holy Word for Morning Revival on “The One New Man Fulfilling God’s Purpose in Creating Man”. Please pick up a copy from the bookroom.
- We will read the fourth chapter of the section “Maturing in Life” from Volume 2 of the Ministry Digest.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast starts at 7:30 pm and will be shown at the following locations:
 - Miyake – Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English
 - Chang – Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
 - Wang – South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
 - The Smiths will **not** be able to host until December 18th

Burdens for Prayer

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany • Hong Kong • Meeting hall modifications - finding contractor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District meeting • Northwest brothers meeting • Children and YP meetings • College work coordination |
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| This Week: December 8 – December 14 | | |
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| Morning Revival: <i>The One New Man Fulfilling God’s Purpose in Creating Man</i> , week 1 | | |
| Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Redmond Upstairs – Downtown | | |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Prayer meeting |
| Saturday | 8:30am | Breakfast |
| Lord’s Day | 9:30am | Lord’s Table |
| December | | |
| 12/24 – 1/1 | Video Training | |

CRUCIAL WORDS OF LEADING IN THE LORD'S RECOVERY, BOOK 3: THE FUTURE OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY AND THE BUILDING UP OF THE ORGANIC SERVICE

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

A FEW PRACTICAL POINTS

We would now like to fellowship concerning a few practical points. First, we hope the brothers and sisters understand that the way that the Lord has given us requires every saint to be practically involved in serving Him. Every one of us is a part of the church, even if we are the weakest or the smallest member. Furthermore, we should be willing to receive help in order to serve the Lord. We all must serve.

Second, we do not need everyone to be full time, but we must all learn to redeem the time (Eph. 5:16). We must also present our bodies (Rom. 12:1). We must all redeem the time and present our bodies. The Lord has given every one of us a different situation. Some of us must work in a profession, as nurses, doctors, teachers, professors, or clerks, to earn a living and support our families. This is proper. Some of us run our own businesses in order to support our families. This is also proper. No matter what our situation is, we must arrange our time so that every day and every week and every month we have the time to present our bodies to the Lord for His use. We might spend one hour every week visiting people, or we can invite our friends and relatives to our home one evening every week and lead our family to preach the gospel to them. This is what it means to redeem the time and to present our bodies. This is very practical, and I hope that we will all enter into it.

The third point concerns finances and material offerings. We do not want to set up an organization to support the needs of the full-time serving ones. Those who serve full time in the local churches serve and work for the Lord. The locality where they live should support them. For example, the church in Kaohsiung should support the full-time serving ones in the area around Kaohsiung; the church in Taichung should support those who serve in the area around Taichung; the church in Keelung should support those who serve in the area around Keelung; the church in Taipei should support those who serve in the area around Taipei; and the church in Hualien should support those who serve in the area around Hualien. Then we will not need a special group of saints to look after this matter. It will also be more convenient for the brothers and sisters to give material offerings. The brothers and sisters who have a heart for the full-time serving ones can give their offerings to the church in their locality. They can indicate on the envelope that the offering is for the brothers

and sisters who serve full time. Even if it is not indicated on an envelope, the church can use the offering to take care of the full-time serving ones.

We need to realize that once the full-time brothers and sisters begin to serve, there will be a greater need for material offerings in order to support them. There will also be more saints encouraging the various activities of the church, and their work will produce results. This means that our numbers will increase, and when our numbers increase, there will be the need for more meeting halls. Taipei has twenty-one meeting halls. Even if every meeting hall is packed, we would be able to seat only a little more than eight thousand saints. At present, there are only five thousand saints meeting in the church in Taipei, but we hope that by next year we will have recovered more than three thousand of the dormant saints. We will also gain new ones. Therefore, our numbers will reach almost eight thousand. The twenty-one meeting halls will not be able to hold everyone. Some saints have suggested that we divide every meeting hall into two groups, and we would have one group meet in the morning and the other group in the afternoon. However, this is not good for the long-term. If our numbers continue to increase, dividing into two groups will not be adequate. There will be a need for us to increase the number of meeting halls.

In any industrialized country with a growing economy, land and buildings are expensive. This is the case in Taiwan. We must therefore make plans. We will need a large amount of offerings. We must all coordinate together concerning the offerings and concerning the arrangements. The elders and the serving ones must have a long-term view. They must also observe how society is developing and note the locations that will be suitable for meeting halls. This will require many saints, a large amount of material offerings, and much preparation. The brothers and sisters need a heart that is willing to offer up everything to the Lord. Then our way will be prosperous in the Lord.

If a locality has more offerings than it can use, the saints can give the extra funds to make up the lack in other localities so that the local churches care for one another in the matter of finances. In this way there will be no “dead” money among us. In other words, our money should be living and flowing. Our finances should flow from the brothers and sisters to their churches; it must also flow to other localities and to the churches all over the earth. The Lord’s recovery today has spread to all six major continents of the world. Numerous countries in Africa, Germany in Europe, and many other areas need help financially.

We are on the earth today for the Lord’s testimony in this age. The earth has become like a small village in which every country and major region are closely related. We thank the Lord that by His

blessing and mercy, Taiwan is economically developed. Because we are under this blessing and we love the Lord, we should give more material offerings. We must give our offerings to the local church in the locality where we reside. If we live in a city, we give our offerings to the church in that city, and the church will distribute the offerings. Most of the offerings will be used to support the full-timers, to spread the gospel, and to build meeting halls. If a locality cannot use all the offerings it receives, it can care for other localities. If the churches in a country cannot use all the offerings they receive, they can care for the churches in other countries. All our circumstances are under the Lord's blessing; we should seize the opportunity to labor under the Lord's blessing and arrange for the spread of His testimony on the earth.

May we all pray and fellowship with the Lord so that we can act according to the Lord's operation. If we rise up, then after five to ten years we will be able to praise the Lord, and the condition of the churches will be clearly manifested. I hope that the brothers and sisters will receive this fellowship and burden and go before the Lord concerning this move. We must pray much before Him for the sake of His testimony.

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| Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes | |
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| Lord's Day, December 8 th | Rev. 12:1-4 |
| Monday, December 9 th | Rev. 12:5-9 |
| Tuesday, December 10 th | Rev. 12:10-18 |
| Wednesday, December 11 th | Rev. 13:1-10 |
| Thursday, December 12 th | Rev. 13:11-18 |
| Friday, December 13 th | Rev. 14:1-5 |
| Saturday, December 14 th | Rev. 14:6-12 |