TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message One

Taking the Lead to Be Patterns and to Love the Lord with the First Love

Scripture Reading: John 6:57; 1 Tim. 1:16; 4:12; 1 Thes. 1:5-7; Rev. 2:4-5; Eph. 6:24; Psa. 110:3; 22:3

Outline

DAY 1

I. We need to take the lead to be patterns as elders and responsible ones:

A. The Lord Jesus was a pattern of enjoying the Father as the richest grace and the sweetest love to live because of the Father for the Father's glory (John 6:57; Isa. 7:14-15; John 5:19; 4:34; 17:4; 14:10, 24; 5:30; 7:18; Luke 22:27; Matt. 20:26-28).

B. The Lord Jesus charged us to learn from Him, taking Him as our pattern in being constrained by the Father's will and abounding in the work of carrying out the Father's will (11:28-30; cf. Eph. 4:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:58).

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- C. Paul was a pattern to the believers of living Christ for His magnification by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ for the Body of Christ (1 Tim. 1:16; Phil. 1:19-21a).
- D. Paul charged Timothy to be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity (1 Tim. 4:12).
- E. Paul said that we should be imitators of God, as beloved children (Eph. 5:1; Matt. 5:48).

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<u>领头作榜样</u> 并以起初的爱爱主

读经:约六57,提前一16,四12, 帖前一5~7,启二4~5,弗六24,诗一一 \bigcirc 3,二二3

纲 目

周一

壹 我们作长老及负责弟兄 的,需要领头作榜样:

一 主耶稣是榜样, 他享受父作最丰富的 恩典和最甘甜的爱, 使祂能为著父的荣耀 而因父活著一约六57, 赛七14~15, 约五19, 四34, 十七4, 十四10, 24, 五30, 七18, 路二二27, 太二十26~28。

二 主耶稣吩咐我们要跟祂学,以祂为我们的榜样,受父旨意的约束,在将父旨意实行出来这工作上充盈满溢一十一28~30,参弗四20~21,林前十五58。

周 二

三 保罗是信徒的榜样,他为著基督的身体,藉著耶稣基督之灵全备的供应而活基督,以显大基督—提前一16,腓—19~21上。

四 保罗嘱咐提摩太,要在言语、为人、爱、信、纯洁上,都作信徒的榜样—提前四12。

五 保罗说我们应当效法神,好像蒙爱的儿女一样—弗五1,太五48。

- F. Paul said that we should be imitators of him, as he was of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1; 4:16; 1 Thes. 1:5-6; 2 Thes. 3:9; Phil. 3:17).
- G. The Thessalonians became a pattern to other believers and became imitators of the churches of God (1 Thes. 1:7; 2:14).
- H. Peter said that Christ left Himself as a model so that we may follow in His steps to become His reproduction (1 Pet. 2:21).
- I. John said that "even as He is, so also are we in this world"; this refers to Christ who lived in this world a life of God as love and who is now our life so that we may live the same life of love in this world and be the same as He is (1 John 4:17; cf. 3:3, 7).

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II. To love the Lord with the first love, the best love, is to give the Lord the preeminence, the first place, in all things, being constrained by His love to regard and take Him as everything in our life (Rev. 2:4; Col. 1:18b; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Mark 12:30; Psa. 73:25-26; 80:17-19):

A. The beginning of love in everyone toward the Lord is a vision of His person; the leaving of the first love toward the Lord is the source of and main reason for the failure of the church throughout the ages; nothing but love can keep us in a proper relationship with the Lord (Phil. 3:8; Matt. 26:6-13; Eph. 3:16-19; 6:24; Rev. 2:4-5; cf. 3:20).

- B. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to repent and do the first works; the first works are works that issue from the first love (2:5; 1 Thes. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:5):
- 1. In Song of Songs the Lord's banner over us is love, which means that love is our motto and that everything we do is based on our love for the Lord; the seeker in Song of Songs is also "sick with love,"

六 保罗说我们应当效法他,像他效法基督一样—林前十一1,四16,帖前一5 \sim 6,帖後三9,腓三17。

七 帖撒罗尼迦人成了其他信徒的榜样,并且效法神的众召会—帖前一7, 二14。

八 彼得说基督留下自己这榜样,叫 我们跟随祂的脚踪行,成为祂的复制 品—彼前二21。

九 约翰说,『祂如何,我们在这世上也如何;』这是指基督,祂曾在这世上活出神就是爱的生活,如今祂是我们的生命,使我们能在这世上活出同样爱的生活,与祂所是的一样一约壹四17,参三3,7。

周三

贰以起初的爱、上好的爱爱主,就是在凡事上让主居首位,爱被爱的困迫,在第一位,受祂爱的困迫,在我们的生活中以祂为一切,接受下,一切一启二4,西一18下,林後五14~15,可十二30,诗七三25~26,八十17~19:

一 每个人对主的爱的起点,都是从看见主的身位而来的;离弃对主起初的爱,是历世代以来召会失败的根源和主要的原因;惟有爱能保守我们与主有正确的关系—腓三 8,太二六 6~13,弗三 16~19,六 24,启二 4~5,参三 20。

二 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让他居首位,就是悔改,行起初所行的; 起初所行的,乃是因著起初的爱所发出的行为—二5,帖前一3,林後四5:

1 在雅歌里,主以爱为旗在我们以上,表明爱是我们的标语,我们所作的一切,没有别的,就是我们对主的爱;雅歌里的寻求者也『因爱

meaning that she is joyous in the Lord as love, to the point of exhaustion (2:4-5).

- 2. God's love in Christ is a banner spreading over us, displaying, exhibiting, that we who are loved by God are always more than conquerors (Rom. 8:31-39).
- 3. We have a love that conquers everything if we live in His love.
- 4. If we have left our first love toward the Lord and do not repent and do the first works, we will lose the testimony of the Lord, and the lampstand will be removed from us.
- C. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to have a personal, affectionate, private, and spiritual relationship with the Lord (S.S. 1:1-4).

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- D. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to live a day-by-day life of morning revival so that we may satisfy Christ by being His young men like the dew from the womb of the dawn (Psa. 110:3), so that we may have the tongue of an instructed one to know how to sustain the weary with a word (Isa. 50:4-5), and so that we may fellowship with God, seeking God's will and pleasure for His gospel service (Mark 1:35).
- E. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to live a day-by-day life of consecration, becoming today's Nazarites, who are fully separated unto God and saturated with God in order to bless the children of God by dispensing God in His Divine Trinity into them (Psa. 110:3; Num. 6:1-9, 22-27).
- F. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to live a life of prayer (1 Sam. 12:23; Matt. 6:6; 14:22-23; Dan. 6:10; 2:17-18; 1 Tim. 2:1; 2 Tim. 1:3; 1 Thes. 5:17).
- G. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him

- 成病』,意即她在是爱的主里快乐 到没有气力了—二4~5。
- 2 神在基督里的爱,是在我们以上展开的旌旗,陈列、展示我们蒙神所爱的人始终是得胜有馀的—罗八31~39。
- 3 我们有胜过一切的爱,只要我们住在袖的爱里。
- 4 我们若离弃了对主起初的爱, 并且不悔改而行起初所行的,就 会失去主的见证,灯台也要从我 们挪去。
- 三 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂居首位,就是与主有个人、情深、私下、属灵的关系—歌一1~4。

周四

四 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂居首位,乃是过日日晨兴的生活,好是过日日晨兴的生活,时我们成为基督的少年人,诗人。请晨的甘露,使祂得满足,(诗舌头,自使我们有受教者的大,通师,自己有一个,是我们与神交通,是使我们与神交通,是被不够,是我们与神交通,是我们与的服事,寻求祂的旨意和喜悦。(可一35。)

五 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂居首位,乃是天天过奉献的生活,成为今日的拿细耳人,完全分别归神并被神浸透,好将神在祂的神圣三一里分赐到祂的儿女里面,藉此祝福他们一诗一一〇3,民六1~9,22~27。

六 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂居首位,乃是过祷告的生活一撒上十二23,太六6,十四22~23,但六10,二17~18,提前二1,提後一3,帖前五17。

七 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂

the first place in all things, is to love, treasure, and muse on God's word (Psa. 119:11, 14-15, 23, 48, 72, 78, 97, 99, 111, 113, 119, 127, 140, 147-148, 159, 162-163, 165, 167).

DAY 5

H. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to be governed by the direct, firsthand presence of the Lord (Exo. 33:11, 14; 13:21-22; 2 Cor. 2:10).

I. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to love the church in the church-loving Christ (Eph. 5:25; 2 Cor. 12:15; 1 Cor. 16:24).

J. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to love the ministry that builds up the church (2 Cor. 8:5; 1 John 1:3; Eph. 4:11-12).

K. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to live and walk by the Spirit, to serve by the Spirit, and to minister the Spirit (Gal. 5:25; Phil. 3:3; 2 Cor. 3:6; Zech. 4:6; Judg. 9:9; cf. 1 Sam. 2:30b).

L. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to take Him as the fountain of living waters; God's intention in His economy is to be the fountain, the source, of living waters to dispense Himself into His chosen people for their satisfaction and enjoyment to produce the church, God's counterpart, as God's increase, God's enlargement, to be God's fullness for His expression (Jer. 2:13; John 4:14b).

M. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to eat Him as the tree of life; eating Christ as the tree of life, that is, enjoying Christ as our life supply, should be the primary matter in the church life (Rev. 2:7).

N. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him

居首位,乃是爱神的话,宝贵神的话, 默想神的话—诗——九11, $14 \sim 15$, 23, 48, 72, 78, 97, 99, 111, 113, 119, 127, 140, $147 \sim 148$, 159, $162 \sim 163$, 165, 167.

周 五

八 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂居首位,乃是受主直接、头手的同在所管治—出三三11,14,十三21~22,林後二10。

九 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让他居首位,乃是在那爱召会的基督里爱召会一弗五25,林後十二15,林前十六24。

十 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让他居首位,乃是爱那建造召会的职事—林後八5,约壹一3,弗四 $11\sim12$ 。

十一 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让 祂居首位,乃是凭著灵生活行动,凭 那灵事奉并供应那灵—加五25,腓三 3,林後三6,亚四6,士九9,参撒上 二30下。

十三 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让 祂居首位,乃是吃祂作生命树;吃基 督作生命树,就是享受基督作我们生 命的供应,该是召会生活中首要的 事一启二7。

十四 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让

the first place in all things, is to continually come to Him to contact Him, take Him, receive Him, taste Him, and enjoy Him (Isa. 57:20, footnote 1).

DAY 6

- O. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to take Him as our centrality—our holding center—and our universality—our everything; we need to take Him as the center, content, and circumference of our personal universe (Col. 1:17b, 18b).
- P. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to aspire and determine to gain the honor of pleasing Him in all things (2 Cor. 5:9; Col. 1:10; Heb. 11:5-6).
- Q. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to have a clear sky like awesome crystal with God's sapphire throne above it; this means that there is nothing between us and the Lord and that we are filled with the heavenly atmosphere, condition, and situation of His ruling presence—allowing Him to rule and reign within us (Ezek. 1:22, 26).
- R. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to hold Him as the Head, staying intimately connected to Him and enthroning Him as the ruler and decider of everything in our life (Col. 2:19).
- S. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to ask for the counsel of Jehovah in every detail of our Christian life and work (Josh. 9:14; Phil. 4:6-7).
- T. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to give the flow of life, the flow of the Lord Jesus within us, the preeminence in all that we are and do; then He is the shining One, the redeeming One, the reigning One, the flowing One, and the supplying One within us (Ezek. 47:1; Rev. 22:1-2).

他居首位,乃是不断的来到祂面前接触祂,取用祂,接受祂,尝祂并享受祂一赛五七20,第一注。

周六

十五 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让 祂居首位,乃是以祂为我们的中心, 我们维系的中心,并以祂为我们的普 及,我们的一切;我们需要以祂为我 们个人宇宙的中心、内容和圆周一西 一17下,18下。

十六 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让 他居首位,乃是渴望并怀著雄心大志, 要在凡事上讨主的喜悦—林後五9, 西—10,来十— $5\sim6$ 。

十八 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让祂居首位,乃是持定祂作元首,并亲密的联於祂,让祂登位作我们生活中每件事的管治者和决断者—西二19。

十九 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让 祂居首位,乃是在我们基督徒生活与 工作的每个细节上求耶和华指示一书 九14、腓四 $6\sim7$ 。

二十 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让他居首位,乃是在我们所是并所作的一切上让生命的流,就是主耶稣在我们里面的流居首位;如此祂就在我们里面作照耀者、救赎者、掌权者、涌流者与供应者一结四七1、启二二1~2。

U. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to be dominated, governed, directed, led, and moved by our mingled spirit, caring for the rest in our spirit by being His captives and by praying, "Lord, make me Your captive. Never let me win. Defeat me all the time" (2 Cor. 2:13-14).

V. To love the Lord with the first love, to give Him the first place in all things, is to enthrone Him with our praises; praise is the highest work carried out by God's children (Psa. 22:3; 119:164; 34:1).

二一 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让他居首位,乃是受调和的灵所管理、管治、指引、引导和推动,成为祂的俘虏并祷告: 『主阿,使我作你的俘虏,绝不要让我得胜,要一直击败我,』藉此顾到我们灵里的安息—林後二13~14。

二二 以起初的爱爱主,在凡事上让他居首位,乃是藉著我们的赞美使他登宝座;赞美是神的儿女最高的工作—诗二二3,一一九164,三四1。

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Message One (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Be Patterns and to Love the Lord with the First Love

Morning Nourishment

Isa. 7:14-15 "...Behold, the virgin...will bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey until he knows how to refuse evil and choose good."

Matt. 11:29-30 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

In reading the four Gospels, we can see how good and perfect the outward living of the Lord was....Why was He so perfect, and why was He such a Son of Man? Isaiah 7:15 gives us the reason He had such a living. Why was He able to refuse the evil and choose the good? How did He know to reject the world and choose God's will? How did He know to reject glory from men and choose glory from God?...We should know that not only does verse 14 refer to the Lord, but that verse 15 also refers to Him. Verse 15 tells us that He ate butter [curds] and honey all his life. Because He ate butter and honey all His life, He was able to choose the good things and refuse the bad things. This is why He could obey God, seek for His glory, and win His heart.

What is the significance of butter and honey? Among all the tasteful foods, butter is the richest of them all. Moreover, nothing in the world is sweeter than honey. Butter is the richest food, while honey is the sweetest food. The Lord Jesus ate the richest and sweetest food throughout His life. This is why He could reject the evil and choose the good.

The Bible tells us what the richest thing is. It is God's grace. The Bible also tells us what the sweetest thing is. It is God's love. All the time, God placed before Christ the rich grace and gave Him to taste the sweet love. This is why He could obey God and choose His

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晨兴餧养

赛七14~15 『···看哪,必有童女怀孕生子,她要给他起名叫以马内利。他必吃奶酪〔或,奶油〕与蜂蜜,直到他晓得弃恶择善的时候。』

太十一29~30 『我心里柔和谦卑, 因此你们要负我的轭,且要跟我学, 你们魂里就必得安息;因为我的轭 是容易的,我的担子是轻省的。』

我们读四福音书的时候, 要看见主在 外面的生活,不知有多好,有多完 全。…为甚麽祂是这样完全呢?为甚 麽祂是这样的一位人子呢? 以赛亚七 章十五节, 把祂所以能有这样生活的 原因告诉我们了。祂为甚麽知道拣选 善的,弃绝恶的呢? 祂为甚麽知道拒 绝世界, 拣选神的旨意呢? 祂为甚麽 知道拒绝从人来的荣耀, 惟独要神的 荣耀呢?…我们要知道不只十四节是 指著主说的, 就是十五节, 也是指著 主说的。十五节是说他一生一世,都 是吃奶油与蜂蜜。因为祂一生一世, 都是吃奶油与蜂蜜, 所以祂能拣选好 的, 拒绝不好的。所以祂能顺服神, 求神的荣耀, 得神的心。

奶油与蜂蜜,有甚麽意思呢?在所有的味中,奶油的味是最丰的。世界上没有甚麽比蜂蜜还甜的。所以,奶油是最丰的,蜂蜜是最甜的。主耶稣一生一世,吃了那最丰的,最甜的,所以祂能拒绝恶的,拣选善的。

圣经告诉我们, 甚麽是最丰的呢? 神的恩典。圣经又告诉我们, 甚麽 是最甜的呢? 神的爱。神每一次把 丰盛的恩典摆在祂面前, 把甘甜的 爱给祂尝了, 所以祂能顺服神, 拣 will. This is why He could reject the evil and choose the good. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 17, pp. 111-112)

Today's Reading

In carrying out God's New Testament ministry, the Lord Jesus told us that He never did anything out of Himself (John 5:19), He did not do His own work (John 4:34; 17:4), He did not speak His own word (John 14:10, 24), He did everything not by His own will (John 5:30), and He did not seek His own glory (John 7:18). If you use these few points as a standard to measure all the Christian work today, you can see that nearly all the Christian works fall short according to this yardstick. Who can say that they do not do anything in the Lord's work out of themselves? Who can say that they do not do their own work or speak their own words? Also, who can say that they do not do anything by their own will and that they do not do anything to seek their own glory? If we can answer these five points positively, I believe we are also in the New Testament ministry of God. If not, we are off.

This is the section of the Lord Jesus in God's New Testament ministry, and it is this that produces the church, edifies the saints, and builds up the Body. If you are short of these five points, whatever you do will be divisive and will cause division. Therefore, we need to see that there is a big difference with a terminated person who is not doing a work out of himself, not doing his own work, not speaking his own word, and who is not doing things by his own will and not seeking his own glory. This is not only a section of God's New Testament ministry, but our pattern, a pattern of such a Person with such a life. May the Lord make our vision clear concerning these matters. (Elders' Training, Book 1: The Ministry of the New Testament, p. 49)

To take the Lord's yoke is to take the will of the Father. It is not to be regulated or controlled by any obligation of the law or religion or to be enslaved by any work, but to be constrained by the will of the Father. The Lord lived such a life, caring for nothing but the will of His Father (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38). He submitted Himself fully to the Father's will (26:39, 42). Hence, He asks us to learn from Him. (Matt. 11:29, footnote 2)

Further Reading: The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 17, pp. 111-120; Elders' Training, Book 1: The Ministry of the New Testament, ch. 3

选神的旨意。所以祂知道拒绝恶的, 拣选善的(倪柝声文集第一辑第 十七册,一二四至一二五页)。

信息选读

主耶稣告诉我们,在执行神新约的 职事上, 袖从来不凭著自己作其麽 (约五19), 祂不作自己的工(四 34, 十七4), 祂不说自己的话(十四 10、24), 祂不凭著自己的意思作甚 麼(五30), 祂也不求自己的荣耀 (七18)。如果你用这几点作标准, 衡量今天一切的基督徒工作, 你能 看见, 照著这个尺码, 几乎一切的 基督徒工作都达不到标准。谁能说 他们在主的工作上不凭著自己作甚 麽? 谁能说他们不作自己的工,不 说自己的话?还有,谁能说他们不 凭著自己的意思作甚麽, 也不作甚 麼来求自己的荣耀?倘若我们能肯 定的答覆这五点,我相信我们也在 神新约的职事里。不然的话, 我们 就是偏离了。

负主的轭就是接受父的旨意。这不 是受律法或宗教义务的规律或支配, 也不是受任何工作的奴役,乃是是 处旨意的约束。主过这样的处于 方在意别的,只在意他父的自己后 约四34,五30,六38)。 自己完全降服於父的旨意(他二 39、42)。因此,他要我们跟他学 经恢复本,太十一29第三注)。

参读:倪柝声文集第一辑第十七册, 第一二四至一三六页;长老训练第 一册,第三章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES

Message One (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Be Patterns and to Love the Lord with the First Love

Morning Nourishment

Phil. 3:17 "Be imitators together of me, brothers, and observe those who thus walk even as you have us as a pattern."

2 Thes. 3:9 "Not because we do not have the right, but in order that we might give ourselves to you as a pattern that you might imitate us."

Some Christian teachers say that a believer should not give a testimony concerning himself. According to these teachers, to testify of our experience is to preach ourselves. Therefore, they advise others not to speak of how they have repented, believed in the Lord, received grace, and have been saved. These teachers insist strongly that we should preach only the Lord Jesus and teach the Bible, but should never say anything about ourselves. In 1 Thessalonians 2, however, Paul certainly speaks about himself. He gives a strong testimony of his living among the Thessalonians. He reminds them of the apostles coming and of their manner of life among them. Why did Paul emphasize this? He emphasized it because he was presenting a pattern of a proper living to the young saints. I hope that all the elders and leading ones will see from Paul's example that we must be a pattern to the saints. In every local church there must be some patterns, some models, for others to follow. (Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, pp. 109-110)

Today's Reading

In 1:6 Paul says to the Thessalonians, "You became imitators of us and of the Lord." Imitating is related to growing. In fact, in many ways to imitate is to grow. In a family children imitate their parents and older brothers and sisters. The little ones do not invent anything; instead, they imitate others. A very good illustration of this is in the use of language. A child learns the language spoken by his parents. He speaks

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腓三 17 『弟兄们, 你们要一同效法 我, 你们怎样以我们为榜样, 也当 留意那些这样行的人。』

帖後三9 『这并不是因我们没有权利, 乃是要给你们作榜样, 叫你们效法我们。』

有些基督教教师说, 信徒不该为自 己作见证。根据这些教师的看法, 作见证说到自己的经历就是传扬自 己。因此,他们劝告别人不要说自 己是如何悔改, 如何信主, 如何蒙 恩得救。这些教师极力主张我们只 应当传讲主耶稣, 教导圣经, 绝不该说到我们自己的事。但保罗 在帖前二章却说到自己。他作了刚 强的见证, 说到他在帖撒罗尼迦人 中间的生活。他题醒他们, 使徒是 如何来到他们那里, 以及使徒在他 们中间的生活态度。保罗为甚麽强 调这事?他强调这事,是要给年幼 的圣徒看见正当生活的榜样。我盼 望所有的长老和带头的, 都从保罗 这个实例看见, 我们必须是众圣徒 的榜样。在每一个地方召会里, 必 须有一些榜样、一些模型, 让别人 效法(帖撒罗尼迦前书生命读经, 一二七至一二八页)。

信息选读

保罗在帖前一章六节对帖撒罗尼 迦人说,『你们…就效法有关。 也效法了主。』效法与长大面关 大面效法与大面就与 大面实上,效法在许多方面就是们 大多之上,效法在 大多方面就他们作是 大多元是效法别人。 学习语言就是的 好的例证; 孩童学习父母所说的 the same language with the same accent. A child learns the language and the accent by imitation. This illustrates the fact that children grow by imitating their parents. Therefore, in a family to imitate actually means to grow. The children imitate their parents in many things—in gestures, in speech, and even in character. Parents are patterns, models, for their children. Whatever the parents are, the children will be also.

To give the new believers and young ones a lot of teaching is not the proper way to take care of them. The proper way to foster them is to show them a pattern. By showing them a pattern you water them, supply them, nourish them, and cherish them. This is fostering. If you find that your experience is somewhat lacking, point the new believers to different people in the Bible, for example, to ones such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and David in the Old Testament and Peter, John, Paul, and Timothy in the New Testament. We can present the lives of Bible characters in such a way as to foster the growth of the young ones.

If we give too much teaching to new ones and young ones, we shall damage them. Every mother knows that one of the most important matters in the raising of children is proper feeding. Caring for children is ninety percent a matter of feeding and ten percent a matter of teaching. This also should be our practice in caring for new believers in the church. We must learn to have ninety percent feeding and ten percent teaching. Feeding involves the presenting of patterns either from the Bible or from church history. By reading the biographies of saints throughout the ages, we nourish ourselves and experience a kind of fostering. The point here is that the best way to feed others and foster them is to give them a proper pattern. If there is no pattern, there can be no fostering. Only by having a pattern can we feed others.

In the book of 1 Thessalonians Paul was not preaching himself. Rather, he was feeding his spiritual children with his own living of Christ. This means that Paul's way of living was used to feed his spiritual children. This was the reason he emphasized his coming to the Thessalonians, his preaching, his way of handling the word of God, and his manner of living. (Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, pp. 109-110)

Further Reading: Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, msgs. 12-13; Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 3

语言,与父母说同样的话,有写义母说同样的话,有学实同样的话,事者这说明一个事子这说明一个事者模仿他家子是群者模仿他家子是那个人。孩子也会不变语言,父母如何,孩子也会如何。

参读: 帖撒罗尼迦前书生命读经, 第十二至十三篇; 为著建造基督的 身体讲说基督, 第三章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES

Message One (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Be Patterns and to Love the Lord with the First Love

Morning Nourishment

S.S. 1:3-4 "Your anointing oils have a pleasant fragrance; your name is like ointment poured forth; therefore the virgins love you. Draw me; we will run after you....We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you."

Eph. 3:17 "That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love."

Because of Yourself (the ointment) and Your name (the ointment poured forth), the virgins love You. They love You because of Yourself, and because of Your name. We cannot love a work, and we cannot love a power. We can only love a person, one who has a personality. We love You, and we are attracted by Yourself and Your name. Although we have not yet fully perceived Your savor, what we have perceived is enough for us to love You. The revelation of the person of the Lord invokes not only praise from men, but also love. The beginning of love in everyone toward the Lord is a vision of His person. (Watchman Nee, The Song of Songs, p. 13)

Today's Reading

After we have read the book of Ephesians, we will see the relationship between "the first love" and "the first works" [Rev. 2:4-5]: "But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ, out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love" (Eph. 4:15-16)....The "first works" are not what man praises or

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歌一3~4 『你的膏油馨香;你的名如同倒出来的香膏,所以众童女都爱你。愿你吸引我,我们就快跑跟随你…我们必因你欢喜快乐;我们要称赞你的爱情,胜似称赞美酒。她们爱你是理所当然的。』

弗三17 『使基督藉著信,安家 在你们心里,叫你们在爱里生根 立基。』

『所以众童女都爱你。』〔歌一3〕 因著你自己(膏油),因著你的名 (倒出来的香膏), 所以『众童女 都爱你』。爱你的原因,是因著你 自己;爱你的原因,也是因著你的 名。我们不能爱一个工作, 我们也 不能爱一种能力, 我们只能爱一个 有人格的人。我们爱你。但是, 们之所以被吸引, 乃是因著你的自 己和你的名。虽然在这里的时候, 我们还未尽闻你的香味;但是,我 们所闻到的, 已经彀我们爱你了。 主身位的启示, 不只是会叫人赞美, 也是会叫人爱的。每一个对主的爱 的起点, 都是从看见主的身位而来 的(歌中的歌,一四页)。

信息选读

我们读过以弗所书,我们看见『起我们爱』与『起初所书真和所书真的。『惟在初所著真神,弟若真神,就不真相。以至事上长礼,籍书。以至事上长礼,籍书。以为者,并有一个人,以为者,并是是一个人,,是是一个人,,是是一个人,,是是一个人。。。《四15~16》:『起初所行

sees. They are works in secret, like the works done by the "joints." The works considered precious by the Lord are not those that are outwardly great or important but those that actually build up the Body of Christ "in love." This is the truly effective work. Without the intention of love there is no work of love. Because there is the love of the Lord Jesus, all the works become works for the building up of the church, and there will be the fitting and the knitting in harmony, and no dissension of opinions will be brought in. Although the church has now left its first love and has not done its first works, we can still be joined to the Head and can grow into Him in all things, from whom we will receive the supply and the strength. All those who have received the power of love from the Head can do the "first works."

At present, we see the desolation of the church. Both the first love and the first works are all gone. This is the time for us to bow down before God, to humble ourselves, and to confess our sins. The Lord calls us to repentance. The door of grace is still wide open. We should come quickly. Thank the Lord. He has shown us that many saints are willing to leave all organizations and are willing not only to hold fast to the first love but to revive the first works....How did the church fall to such an extent? Paul saw the danger among the Ephesians from the very beginning. Hence, he had the prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19. It is easy for a Christian to love the Lord in an instant....I am afraid that many who loved the Lord a few years ago have now gradually become cold....Paul's prayer gives the reason for this fall: "That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love" (v. 17). Anything that does not have a foundation will not last forever. If our love is like the tree that has roots or the house on the ground, this love will be the "first love" all the time....[The root and ground is Christ making "His home in your hearts." This is the source for the love to be rooted and grounded. Our greatest danger is to have much spiritual knowledge without the experience of Christ living in our hearts....[The Ephesians] had received God's love (1:5-8), but this love had not been rooted and grounded in their hearts. Hence, Paul prayed for them. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 4, pp. 299-300)

Further Reading: The Song of Songs, introduction, ch. 1; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 4, pp. 289-307; Crystallization-study of Song of Songs, msgs. 1-2; Life and Building as Portrayed in the Song of Songs, chs. 2-3

的』并非人所赞美的,也非人所常 看得见的, 乃是一个暗中的工作, 像『每一···节』所作的一样。神所 看作宝贝的行为,并非外面的伟 大、重要, 乃是实在於祂的 里』, 建造基督的身体; 这是真有 效力的行为。没有爱主的心意, 就没有爱主的工作。因为有了主 耶稣的爱, 就所作的工都是建造 召会,彼此相助,联络得合式, 并无意见分歧的事。虽然召会已 经离弃起初的爱, 而不行起初所 行的了; 然而, 我们尚能联於元 首,凡事长到祂里面,以得著供 给和能力。凡得著元首爱心的能 力者,都能行『起初所行的』。

当今的时候, 我们眼见神的召会荒 凉纷乱, 当初的爱心和工作, 二者 都没有; 所以, 现在正是我们俯伏 在神面前, 自卑认罪的时候。主召 我们悔改(恩门仍然大开),我们 应当快来。感谢主, 祂叫我们看见 许多的圣徒, 愿意离开一切的组织, 不特持定当初的爱心, 并且复兴当 初的行为。…召会何以竟到此地步 呢?保罗在起初的时候,就见到以 弗所人这个危险了; 所以, 他有以 弗所三章十四至十九节的祷告。基 督徒一时爱主是很容易的。…我恐 怕几年前热心爱主的,许多今日已 渐冷淡了。…保罗的祷辞,说出这 个堕落的原因。『使基督藉著信, 安家在你们心里, 叫你们在爱里生 根立基。』(17)凡没有根基的,都 不能永久。我们的爱心如果像树木、 房屋之有根有基,则我们的爱心天 天都是『起初』的。…〔根和基乃是〕 『基督…安家在你们心里』, 这是 爱心有根有基的源头。我们最大的 危险就是: 虽然有了许多属灵的知 识,却没有基督安家在我们心里的经 历。…以弗所的圣徒…已经得了神的 爱 (一5~8), 但是, 他们还没有得 著这爱有根有基的在他们心里; 所 以,保罗替他们祈求(倪柝声文集第 一辑第四册, 一三七至一三八页)。

参读: 歌中之歌, 导言及第一段; 倪柝声文集第一辑第四册, 第 一二六至一四六页; 雅歌结晶读经, 第一至二篇; 雅歌中所描绘的生命 与建造, 第二至三章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message One (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Be Patterns and to Love the Lord with the First Love

Morning Nourishment

Rev. 2:4-5 "But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works..."

1 John 4:16 "And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him."

The first thing we are charged to overcome is the leaving, the missing, the losing, of the first love (Rev. 2:4-5a)....If we love someone, we surely want to hear his voice, his work....If we do not love a person, we do not want to hear his voice, his word.

When we wake up in the morning, the first thing we should do is say, "O Lord Jesus. O Lord Jesus." It is better to add, "I love You." We should say, "O Lord Jesus, I love You. O Lord Jesus, I love You." How intimate, how sweet, and how affectionate this is! (The Overcomers, pp. 30-31)

Today's Reading

Our God, our Christ, our Lord, is not only loving but also very affectionate....God has "fallen in love" with us, His chosen and redeemed people....Quite often I would not do some things, not merely because they are not right or because I fear God but because I love Him. I would say, "Lord Jesus, I love You, so I cannot do this." I just cannot do certain things, because I love Him.

We need to overcome the loss of the first love. The church in Ephesus was a good church. It was an orderly church and a formal church (Rev. 2:2-3). Surely we would like such a church, but such an orderly church had left the first love (v. 4). The

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启二 4~5 『然而有一件事我要责备你,就是你离弃了起初的爱。所以要回想你是从那里坠落的,并要悔改,行起初所行的。…』

约壹四16 『神在我们身上的爱,我们也知道也信。神就是爱,住在爱里面的,就住在神里面,神也住在他里面。』

[主]吩咐我们要胜过的第一件事,乃是要胜过离弃、偏离、失去了起初的爱(启二4~5上)。…我们若爱一个人,我们必定愿意听他的声音,他的话语。…我们若不爱一个人,我们就不愿意听他的声音,他的话语。

…当我们早晨醒来时,我们第一件必须作的事乃是说,『哦,主耶稣。』最好加上说,『我爱你。』我们该说,『哦,主耶稣,我爱你。』我爱你。哦,主耶稣,我爱你。』这是何等亲密、甜美、富有感情!(得胜者,三二至三三页)

信息选读

我们必须胜过失去起初的爱。在以弗所的召会是很好的召会。那是一个有次序而正式的召会(启二2~3)。我们当然喜欢这样的召会,但这样一个有次序的召会却离弃了起初的爱(4)。『起

Greek word for first is the same as that translated best in Luke 15:22. Our first love toward the Lord must be the best love for Him. When the prodigal son in Luke 15 came back home, the father told the servants to bring the best robe. The best here is the first.

Many Christians think that the first love is the love with which we loved the Lord Jesus when we were saved. I would not say that this is wrong, but it is not adequate. The first love which is the best love is much more than this.

The first love is the love which is God Himself. In the Bible we are told that God is love (1 John 4:8, 16). In the whole universe, only God is love. The Lord charges the husbands to love their wives. But it is impossible for the husbands to love their wives in themselves because we are not love. There is only one Person who is love—God.

God is not only the best but also the first. In the whole universe, God is first. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God...." This is the opening of the Bible. God is the beginning. God is the first. Colossians tells us that our Christ must have the first place. He must have the preeminence (1:18b). Christ must be the first. What is it to recover the first love? To recover the first love is to consider the Lord Jesus as the first in everything. If we make Christ everything in our life, that means we have overcome the loss of the first love.

We need to consider our situation. Is Christ the first in everything with us? The first item we have to overcome is the loss of Christ as the first, as the best, as the real love. The failure of Israel was that they forsook God, the fountain of living waters, and the degradation of the church is the leaving of the first love. Actually, to leave the first love is just to leave Christ, not taking Him as the first in everything.

In all things we should give the preeminence to Christ. If we do this, our Christian life will be different, and our feeling will be different. Throughout the day, we will be happy in the Lord. When we are joyful in and with the Lord, everything is pleasant. On the other hand, when we are not joyful in the Lord and with the Lord, everything is unpleasant. The enjoyment of the Lord as grace is with those who love Him (Eph. 6:24). Thus, the first thing we have to overcome is the leaving of the first love. The leaving of the first love is the source of and main reason for the failure of the church throughout the ages. (The Overcomers, pp. 31-33)

Further Reading: The Overcomers, ch. 2; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 16, pp. 17-19

初』这辞和路加十五章二十二节里译为 『上好』的辞,在原文里是同一个字。 我们向著主起初的爱,必须是对祂上好 的爱。十五章里的浪子回家时,父亲告 诉仆人把上好的袍子拿来。这里的『上 好的』,就是起初的。

许多基督徒认为起初的爱就是当我们初得救时爱主耶稣的爱。我不说那是错的,但那还是不彀的。起初的爱乃是上好的爱,是比这更多的。

…起初的爱就是神自己。圣经告诉 我们,神就是爱(约壹四8、16)。 在整个宇宙中,只有神是爱。主他 时作文夫的要自己的妻子。但为 文夫的凭自己不可能爱妻子,就 我们不是爱。 对人位,就是 神,才是爱。

神不仅是上好的,也是起初的。在整个节语里,神是起初。创世记的一章里,神是起初。这是圣经的开头的神是和神是第一。歌罗西书告诉我们,我们的基督必须是第一位。被第一位的人。基督必须是知识是为第一的发现。就是在凡事上以主为第一,那意思就是我们胜过了失去起初的爱。

参读:得胜者,第二章;倪柝声文集 第一辑第十六册,第一七至一九页。

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Message One (Day 5)

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Morning Nourishment

Rev. 2:4-5 "But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent."

Col. 1:18 "And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things."

We need to be those who overcome the loss of the first love by giving Christ the first place, the preeminence, in everything....There are four main points in the Lord's epistle to the church in Ephesus—love, life, light, and the lampstand (Rev. 2:4-5, 7). Love, life, and light are actually God Himself. God is love (1 John 4:8, 16), God is life (John 5:26; 14:6a), and God is light (1 John 1:5). Actually, the Divine Trinity is love, life, and light. The Father is love, the Son is life, and the Spirit is light.

To have the first love is to give the preeminence, the first place, to the Lord Jesus in everything, even in all of the small things. When the brothers buy a tie, they need to give Christ the preeminence. When the sisters go shopping, they need to give Christ the first place.

With the church in Ephesus, the Lord reveals that if we are going to overcome all the situations and be a real overcomer, we have to give the Lord the preeminence in everything. Then we will be ones who enjoy the Lord as the tree of life. First, we have love, and then we have life. Then corporately we will be the lampstand shining forth the divine light. Thus, we will have the four "l's"—love, life, light, and the lampstand. This is the revelation in the first epistle, which is to the church in Ephesus. (The Overcomers, pp. 39, 41)

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启二 4~5 『然而有一件事我要责备你,就是你离弃了起初的爱。所以要回想你是从那里坠落的,并要悔改,行起初所行的。不然,我就要临到你那里;你若不悔改,我就把你的灯台从原处挪去。』

西一18 『祂也是召会身体的头; 祂 是元始,是从死人中复活的首生者, 使祂可以在万有中居首位。』

有起初的爱就是在凡事上,甚至在一切的小事上,将第一位,将首位,给主耶稣。当弟兄们买领带的时候,他们必须将首位给基督。当姊妹们买东西的时候,她们应当把第一位给基督。

Christ is our life. This is victory! This is holiness! The victorious life, the holy life, the perfect life, are all Christ. From beginning to end, everything is Christ. Outside of Christ, we have nothing. Christ must have the first place in all things. The victorious life God has given us is not a thing, such as patience or meekness, but the living Christ. Christ never mends our wrongs. What we lack is not patience but a living Christ. God will never tear a piece of cloth from Christ to mend our hole. To be short of patience is to be short of Christ, because God wants Christ to have the first place in all things. Therefore, to put the self to death is not holiness. Holiness is Christ. Christ must have the first place in all things.

If God were to cause us to have power, it would only make us powerful persons; Christ would not have the first place in us. Christ is my power; it is Christ who holds the first place in me. We do not have power because we are not weak enough. The power of Christ "is made perfect in weakness." It is not that the Lord makes me powerful; but it is the Lord who is the power in my stead.

Victory is Christ! Patience is Christ! What we need is not patience, meekness, or love, but Christ. Christ must have the first place in all things. From within us, Christ lives out patience, meekness, and love. Man deserves only to die. There is nothing else that he deserves. After God created Adam, He had a will, and Adam had to obey this will. But when God re-created us, it was not like this. He put us in death, and God Himself lives out His will from within us. We should not only see a substitutionary Savior on Mount Golgotha; we should also see a Lord within us who lives in our stead. Christ is our wisdom. In the past He was our righteousness for our salvation. In the present He is our sanctification for us to live a holy life. In the future He will be our redemption that our body may be redeemed (1 Cor. 1:30). He holds the first place in all things!

Christ has to be lived out in our lives. Our victory is based on our yielding to Christ the first place in all things and allowing Him to be the Lord in all of our living. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 744-746)

Further Reading: The Overcomers, ch. 3; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 743-753

如果神叫我们自己有能力,不过使我们自己有能力,有能力的人,却督在我们身上居首位。基督首位。基督首位,是基督在我身上居首位。基督首位,因为我们不彀软上,同是在人的能力,『是在人的能力,『是主替我有能力!

得胜就是基督!忍耐就是基督! 们所需要的, 不是忍耐、温柔、 心, 乃是基督。基督要在万有中居 首位。基督在我们里面活出忍耐、 温柔、爱心来。我们人,除死以外, 不配别的,只配死。神造亚当, 给他一个旨意, 叫他去遵行。神新 造我们,不是这样;乃是把我们摆 在死地,神自己在我们里面活出祂 的旨意来。我们不只当看见在各各 他山上,一位代替的救主; 更当看 见在我们里面,一位替我们活著的 主。祂是『我们的智慧』:已往是 我们的『公义』,使我们得救;现 在是我们的『圣别』, 使我们过圣 别的生活;将来是我们的『救赎』, 使我们的身体得赎(林前一30)。 祂在万有中居首位!

基督要在我们的生命里活出来。我们的得胜,是根据於叫基督在万有中居首位,让祂在我们的生活中作一切的主 (倪柝声文集第一辑第十一册,一〇四至一〇七页)。

参读:得胜者,第三章;倪柝声文 集第一辑第十一册,第一○三至 一一五页。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES

Message One (Day 6)

Taking the Lead to Be Patterns and to Love the Lord with the First Love

Morning Nourishment

Eph. 2:10 "For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them."

Heb. 6:10 For God is not unrighteous, so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name in having ministered to the saints and in ministering still."

Christ should have the first place in our work....[The] "good works" [in Ephesians 2:10] are just Christ. The goal of God's work is Christ, and we should walk in this work. All believers, no matter what profession they hold, are doing the work of God and should walk in God's good works....Many work for God but do not serve God. Whether or not a work is of faithfulness depends upon the intent, motive, and purpose and if the goal is for Christ. In doing God's work, although there is suffering, there is also joy; although there is difficulty, there is also comfort. There is also the attraction to God's work. We often work because of our interest, not because of Christ. Many times men run to and fro to work for a name for themselves. They have worked, but they have not served God. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 750-751)

Today's Reading

God's work from eternity to eternity has always been with the view that His Son would have the first place in all things. Therefore, our work should also be for Christ. If God does not purify our intent and motive, we cannot receive God's blessing. We work not for sinners but for Christ. How successful our work is depends on how much Christ is in it. We should allow the Holy Spirit to discern our intention right from the beginning, to see if it belongs to the spirit or to the soul....Our work should not be for our own increase, our own group, or our own message;

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弗二10 『我们原是神的杰作,在基督耶稣里,为著神早先豫备好,要我们行在其中的善良事工创造的。』

来六10 『因为神并非不公义,竟忘记你们所作的工,和你们为著祂的名所显出的爱,就是先前供应圣徒,如今还是供应。』

基督当在我们的工作里居首位。… 〔以弗所二章十节的〕『善良事 工』就是基督。神工作的目的, 就是基督。我们当行走在这工作里。信徒不分居何职业,都是作 神的工, 都当行走在神的善良事 工里。…许多人作神的工,却不 是事奉神。所有忠心的工作,都 在乎存心、动机和目的是否为著 基督。作神的工,虽有痛苦,也 有快乐;虽然艰难,也有安逸。 作神的工, 也有吸引人的地方。 许多时候, 我们是为兴趣而作工, 不是为基督。许多时候, 人东跑西 奔, 作工得了名誉。他们作了工, 却未事奉神 (倪柝声文集第一辑 第十一册, 一一二至一一三页)。

信息选读

rather, we should work for Christ. As long as God gains something, we should rejoice. When we see God gaining something, even if it is not through our hands, we should be happy for it. We are not saving our message but saving sinners; we are not here to gain our own heart but Christ's heart. When things go our way and we gain something, it means that the Lord gains nothing and nothing goes His way. If we would take God's gain as our satisfaction, we would not be proud or jealous. Many times we seek God's glory as well as our own glory. God saves men for Christ, not for us. Paul planted, and Apollos watered. It was not accomplished by one person, lest anyone would say, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos." All the things concerning the work are for Christ, not for the worker. We are the loaves in the Lord's hand. When people eat loaves, they thank the one who gives them the loaves; they do not thank the loaves. The work from its beginning to its end is all for Christ, not for us. We should be satisfied with the work allotted to us by the Lord and with the position the Lord arranged for us. We should not be "in another man's rule" (2 Cor. 10:16). We like very much to leave our own lot to tread on another's lot. The question is not whether we can do it or know how to do it, but whether God has commanded it. Sisters should stand in the sisters' position (1 Cor. 14:34-35). Sisters should not be teachers, making judgments concerning God's word (1 Tim. 2:12). In all the work, we should let Christ have the first place.

Christ should also have the first place in our messages. We "preach...Christ Jesus as Lord" (2 Cor. 4:5). "For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). Christ is the center of God's plan and the center of God's goal. The cross is the center of God's work. The work of the cross is to accomplish God's goal. The cross works to eliminate all that issues from the flesh in order that Christ may have the first place. Our central message should not be the dispensations, the prophecies, the types, the kingdom, baptism, forsaking denominations, speaking in tongues, keeping the Sabbath, or holiness, etc. Our central message should be Christ. The centrality of God is Christ. Therefore, we should take Him as the center. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 751-752)

Further Reading: The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 743-753

作工, 乃当为基督而作工。只要神 有所得著, 我们就当快乐。看见神 有所得著,虽然不是藉著我们所作 的工, 我们也当快乐。我们不是要 救我们的道, 乃是要救罪人; 不是 要得著我们自己的心,乃是要得著 基督的心。我们顺利, 有所得著, 主必不顺利, 无所得著。我们若 以神有所得著为满足, 就不至於骄 傲、嫉妒。我们许多的时候, 求神 的荣耀, 也求自己的荣耀。神救人 是为著基督,不是为著我们。保罗 撒种, 亚波罗浇灌, 不是一人成功 的, 免得人说, 我是属保罗的, 我 是属亚波罗的。工作所有的问题, 都是为基督,不是为工人。我们在 主的手中作饼,人家吃了饼,只谢 谢给饼的人,并不谢谢饼一我们。 工作从起头到末了,都是为基督, 不是为我们。我们当满意主所分给 我们的工作,和主所安排我们的地 位。不当『在别人的尺度之内』(林 後十16)。我们很喜欢撇下自己的 地,去践踏别人的地。问题不是我 们能作不能作,会作不会作,乃是 神有没有命令。姊妹当站在姊妹的 地位(林前十四34~35),姊妹不应 当作教师—断定神道的是非(提前 二12)。一切的工作,都当让基督 居首位。

基督也当在我们的信息里居首 位。我们『乃是传基督耶稣为 主』(林後四5)。『只知道耶 稣基督,并这位钉十字架的。』 (林前二2) 基督是神计划的中 心, 神目的的中心。十字架是 神工作的中心。十字架的工作, 是成功神的目的。十字架作工 除去一切出於肉体的, 好叫基 督来居首位。我们中心的信息, 不当是时代、豫言、豫表、国度、受浸、离宗派、说方言、 守安息日、圣别…,当是基督。 神的中心就是基督, 所以, 们也当以祂为中心(倪柝声 集第一辑第十一册, 一一三至 一一四页)。

参读: 倪柝声文集第一辑第十一册, 第一○三至一一五页。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Scripture Reading: Gen. 2:7-9; Psa. 36:7-9; John 12:24-26; 2 Cor. 4:10-12; Rom. 8:13; Matt. 7:13-14

Outline

DAY 1

I. Christ as life is the reality of the tree of life, which is the center of the universe (Gen. 2:9; John 1:4; 10:10; 14:6; 15:1; 6:35, 63; 1 Cor. 15:45b):

A. Life is the goal of God's creation (Gen. 1:26-28, 31; 2:7-9).

- B. God's organic salvation, being saved in Christ's life, is the goal of the process of God's judicial redemption (John 19:34; Rom. 5:10; Col. 3:3-4; Rev. 22:1-2).
- C. Life is God Himself in Christ as the Spirit flowing out to be enjoyed by man and to please and satisfy man (Psa. 36:7-9; Rev. 22:1; Jer. 2:13).
- D. God is in Christ, Christ is the Spirit, and the Spirit is life (John 14:9-10, 17-19; 6:63; Rom. 8:2).
- E. Life is the Lord Himself as the bread of life for us to eat (John 6:35, 57, 63; Matt. 15:22-27).
- F. Life is the light, light overcomes darkness, and light is in God's word (John 1:4-5; Psa. 36:8-9; John 6:63):
- 1. If we want to touch life, we need the word, the inner feeling given to us by the Spirit; such a feeling is the living word of God (v. 63; 1 Sam. 3:19-21).

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第二篇 <u>领头经历生命</u>

读 经: 创二 $7 \sim 9$,诗三六 $7 \sim 9$,约十二 $24 \sim 26$,林後四 $10 \sim 12$,罗八13,太七 $13 \sim 14$

纲 目

周 一

壹 基督作为生命乃是生命树的实际,生命树是宇宙的中心—创二9,约一4,十10,十四6,十五1,六35,63,林前十五45下:

一 生命乃是神创造的目标—创一 $26 \sim 28$, 31, $二 7 \sim 9$ 。

二 神生机的救恩,就是在基督的生命里得救,乃是神法理救赎过程的目标—约十九34,罗五10,西三3 \sim 4,启二二1 \sim 2。

三 生命是神自己在基督里作为那灵的流出,为著给人享受,使人喜悦满足一诗三六7~9,启二二1,耶二13。

四 神在基督里,基督就是那灵,那灵就是生命—约四 $9\sim10$,17 ~19 ,六63,罗八2。

五 生命是主自己作为给我们吃的生命之饼一约六35,57,63,太十五22~27。

六 生命就是光,光胜过黑暗,光在神的话语里—约一 $4\sim5$,诗三六 $8\sim$ 9、约六63:

1 我们要摸著生命,必须藉著话语,藉著那灵在我们里面所给的感觉;那个感觉就是神活的话语—63节,撒上三19~21。

- 2. If the Spirit in us gives us a word or a feeling to open our mouth and praise the Lord, we should receive this word and open our mouth to praise the Lord; thus, we will have light within, and this light is life, the Spirit, Christ, and God.
- 3. When we respond to this feeling and offer a prayer of praise to the Lord, we sense the satisfaction of life, the sweetness of Christ, the presence of God, and the moving of the Spirit.
- G. All the beauty, power, brightness, and ability of the church come from the fact that Christ as life is her inward content; the church is the result of life, and life is the content of the church (Gen. 2:22; John 19:34; 12:24; 1 Cor. 10:17).

DAY 2

II. We need to see the obstacles that God's life encounters in man:

- A. The first problem that God's life encounters in us is that we do not realize the darkness of our human concepts:
- 1. We need to see that the only thing that matters in the Christian life is how we take care of the living Christ in us (Gal. 1:16; 2:20; 4:19; Phil. 1:19-21; Eph. 4:13; 2 Cor. 3:18).
- 2. Being a Christian means not taking anything other than Christ as our aim; many people have difficulty in their spiritual life after they are saved because they do not know the pathway of life, and they do not take Christ as their life.
- B. The second problem that life encounters in us is hypocrisy (Matt. 6:2, 5; 7:5; 23:13-29):
- 1. A person's spirituality is not determined by outward appearance but by how he takes care of the indwelling Christ.
- 2. Our natural goodness is false spirituality and is actually a great hindrance to life; the expression of life involves the rejection of our natural disposition and preference and simply allowing Christ to operate in us and break us.
- 3. If we always do things according to our disposition and natural being, the outcome will always be hypocrisy.

- 2 若是那灵在我们里面,给我们一句话语、一个感觉,要我们开口赞美主,我们就应该接受那个话语,开口赞美;这样,我们里面就会有光,那个光就是生命,就是那灵,就是基督,就是神。
- 3 当我们接受那个感觉,向主有一个赞美的祷告後,我们会觉得生命的饱足、基督的甘美、神的同在、并那灵的运行。
- 七 召会所有的美丽、能力、光明,以及召会能作出许多的事,都是因为里面有这位是生命的基督作内容;召会是生命的结果,生命是召会的内容—创二22,约十九34,十二24,林前十17。

周 二

贰 我们需要看见神的生命 在人里面所遇到的难处:

- 一 神的生命在我们里面所遇到的第 一个难处,就是我们不认识我们人的 观念乃是黑暗的:
- 1 我们需要看见,活的基督在我们里面,我们怎样对待祂,是基督徒生活中惟一值得关切的事—加一16,二20,四19,腓一19~21,弗四13,林後三18。
- 2 作基督徒就是不以基督以外的任何事物为对象;许多人得救後,所以有属灵生命上的难处,都是因为他们不认识生命的道路,不以基督作生命。
- 1 一个人是否属灵,不在於外面的表现,乃在於他如何对待内住的基督。
- 2 我们天然的良善乃是假冒的属灵,这是生命的一个大难处;生命的彰显就是不理睬我们的天性,不管我们的爱好,让我们里面的基督,简单的在我们里面运行,破碎我们。
- 3 若是我们凡事都凭天性、天然去 作,其结果无论是甚麽都是假冒。

- 1. Christ operates and moves in us in order to make us clear about His will and requirements for us and about His leading and dealing with us.
- 2. However, if we do not obey but go against the feeling within, not accepting His leading or paying the price, this unwillingness and opposition are rebellion.
- 3. The sin that we commit the most frequently and most severely is not outward and visible; rather, it is the sin of disobeying the sense of Christ in us; Christ is living in us, and He is constantly giving us an inward sense of life (Rom. 8:6; 1 John 2:27; cf. Eph. 3:1; 4:1; 6:20; 2 Cor. 2:12-14).
- D. The fourth problem that life encounters in us is our natural capability:
- 1. Many brothers and sisters truly love the Lord, are zealous for the Lord, and are very godly; nevertheless, their greatest problem is the strength and greatness of their capabilities and abilities; consequently, Christ has no ground or way in them.
- 2. We may be capable and talented, but we do not consider these things as sin or filthiness; instead of despising our natural capabilities, we treasure them; if they remain unbroken in us, they will become a problem to Christ's life.
- E. There is one solution to all these obstacles in us—we must pass through the cross and let the cross break us; if we want Christ's life to be unhindered in us, we must experience the breaking of the cross and allow these obstacles to be dealt with and removed (Matt. 16:24-25).

DAY 4

III. We need to see the subjective obstacles encountered by God's life in us:

A. A proper Christian is one whose mind, will, and emotion cooperate with his spirit; an abnormal Christian is one whose mind, will, and emotion

周三

三 生命在我们里面所遇到的第三个难处,就是悖逆:

- 1 基督在我们里面运行,给我们感动,叫我们明明知道祂要我们作甚麽,祂向我们要求甚麽,要带领我们甚麽,对付我们甚麽。
- 2 然而我们若不顺服,一味的违反我们里面的感觉,不接受带领,也不肯出代价,这样的反叛、顶撞,就是悖逆。
- 3 我们所犯的罪,最多、最厉害的,还不是外面看得见的罪行,乃是里面那些违背基督所给我们感觉的罪恶;基督活在我们里面,他一直给我们里面生命的感觉—罗八6,约壹二27,参弗三1,四1,六20,林後二12~14。

四 生命在我们里面所遇到的第四个难处,就是我们天然的干才:

- 1 许多弟兄姊妹都非常爱主,也为主热心,实在是敬虔的;然而,他们身上最厉害的难处,就是他们的干才太大,本事太高,使得基督在他们身上没有地位,没有出路。
- 2 我们可能有干才,有本能,却认为这不是罪恶,不是污秽;我们没有轻看这些天然的干才,反而宝贝这些干才;这在我们身上若是一直牢不可破,就会成为基督生命的难处。

五 这些难处在我们身上,只有一个出路,就是经过十字架,让十字架来破碎;我们要基督的生命在我们里面不受限制,就必须经历十字架的破碎,让这些难处受到对付并被除掉一太十六24~25。

周四

参 我们需要看见神的生命 在我们身上主观的难处:

一 一个正常的基督徒,他的心思、 意志、情感,和他的灵完全配合得来; 一个反常的基督徒,他的心思、意志、 cannot cooperate with, and even contradict, his spirit; thus, he lives under a veil.

- B. The first subjective problem is the problem of our mind:
- 1. If the things we want to do originate from our thoughts, then these things will be nothing more than religious activities, even if they are successful; they are not a testimony of Christ lived out from our spirit (cf. Phil. 2:5; 1 Cor. 2:16; Eph. 4:23; Rom. 12:2).
- 2. Although we have the life of Christ within, we do not cooperate with Christ's life in our thoughts and actions, and so this life cannot be lived out from us.
- 3. When our mind is set on the spirit, our outward actions are in agreement with our inner man, and there is no discrepancy between us and God; He and we are at peace, not at enmity; the result is that we feel peaceful within (8:6).
- C. The second subjective problem is the problem of our will:
- 1. Even though our mind often understands the intention in our spirit, and we know the will of God, we are unwilling to submit and obey.
- 2. We may understand, know, apprehend, and deeply sense that the Lord wants us to do a certain thing, but our will refuses to submit and surrender, and we lose the Lord's presence.
- 3. Both a strong will and a weak will to carry out the Lord's will are hindrances to God's life; a will that has been dealt with is both strong and pliable by being subdued and resurrected by the Lord; having a will that can cooperate with God is a great matter (Phil. 2:13).
- D. The third subjective problem is the problem of our emotion:
- 1. Our emotion needs to have God's emotion, and we need to fully enter into God's emotion (2 Thes. 3:5; Phil. 1:8).
- 2. We should love whatever God loves, like whatever God likes, and hate whatever God hates; our emotion and His emotion should become one emotion (Eph. 5:25; 2 Cor. 12:15; 1 Cor. 16:24; Rev. 2:6).

情感,和他的灵配不起来,甚至是相反的,所以他是隔著幔子生活的。

- 二 第一个主观的难处是我们心思的 难处:
- 1 我们所想作的事,若是出於我们的头脑,即使作成功了,也不过是宗教的事业而已,并不是基督从我们灵里活出来的见证—参腓二5,林前二16,弗四23,罗十二2。
- 2 虽然我们里面有基督的生命,但 因著我们的思想、行事,没有与基督 的生命配合,这生命就活不出来了。
- 3 我们的心思若置於灵,我们外面的行事就与里面的人一致,我们与神之间也就没有不合;我们与神有和平,不为仇;结果我们里面就有平安的感觉—八6。
- 三 第二个主观的难处是我们意志的 难处:
- 1 许多时候,我们的心思领会灵里的意思,也明白神的旨意,但我们的意志不肯降服,不肯服下来。
- 2 我们也许懂得、明白、也领会了, 我们深深感觉到,主要我们作一件 事,但我们的意志不肯折服,不肯 降服,於是失去了主的同在。
- 3 在实行主旨意的事上,人的意志 无论硬或软,都是神生命的难处; 一个受过对付的意志,乃是刚柔相 济的,这样的意志为主所折服,也 为主所复活;一个能与神配合的意 志,是何等的重要—腓二13。
- 四 第三个主观的难处是我们情感的难处:
- 1 我们的情感必须有神的情感,必须完全进到神的情感里—帖後三5, 腓一8。
- 2 神爱甚麽,我们也爱甚麽;神喜欢甚麽,我们也喜欢甚麽;神所厌恶的,我们也厌恶;我们的情感和祂的情感,应当成为一个情感—弗五25,林後十二15,林前十六24,启二6。

E. From all this we can see that our person is truly an obstacle for the living out of God's life; this is why we need to be broken and why we daily need to be strengthened into the inner man so that Christ can make His home in our heart, the main parts of which are the mind, will, and emotion (Eph. 3:16-17).

DAY 5

IV. We need to see the pathway of life (Matt. 7:13-14):

- A. A part of God's work in His salvation is to pave a clear way for His life in us; this work is accomplished through the death of the cross (Phil. 3:10).
- B. There is life in a grain of wheat, but unless the grain falls into the ground and dies, the life within the grain will not be released (John 12:24-26).
- C. The way of life is the way of death; when there is the death of Christ operating in us, there is a way for the life of Christ to come out of us (2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10; Gal. 2:20).
- D. The cross of Christ is experienced by us through the Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 24; Rom. 8:13-14; Exo. 30:23-25; Phil. 1:19).
- E. The stronger the Holy Spirit's work in us is, the stronger our experience of the cross will be; wherever the Holy Spirit works, there is a putting to death by the Spirit, and resurrection life can be manifested in and through us (2 Cor. 4:11-12).
- F. The discipline of the Holy Spirit also carries out the work of the cross in us:
- 1. For our spiritual understanding, it is not enough only to know the Holy Spirit; we must also know the "all things" in our circumstances (Rom. 8:28); a Christian who is spiritual and lives before God needs to "read" three things every day: first, he needs to read the Bible; second, he needs to read his inward sense of the spirit; third, he needs to read his environment and circumstances, which are the persons, matters, and things around him; God arranges our environment and circumstances to

五 由此我们可以看见,神的生命从 我们身上活不出来,就因我们这个人 是难处;所以我们需要被破碎,需要 天天得以加强到里面的人里,使基督 安家在我们心里;心的主要部分就是 心思、意志、情感—弗三16~17。

周 五

肆 我们需要看见生命的道路—太七13~14:

- 一 在神的救法里, 祂有一部分的工作, 是要为祂的生命在我们里面打出一条通路; 这工作是藉著十字架的死所作成功的一腓三 10。
- 二 一粒麦子里面有生命,麦子若不 是落到地里死了,里面的生命就不能 释放出来—约十二 $24 \sim 26$ 。
- 三 生命的道路就是死路;甚麽时候基督的死在我们里面运行,基督的生命在我们身上就有出路—林後四10, 腓三10, 加二20。
- 四 我们乃是藉著那灵经历基督的十字架 五 16,24,罗八 $13 \sim 14$,出 $= +23 \sim 25$, = 19。
- 五 圣灵在我们身上的工作,作得越厉害,我们这个人身上经历的十字架,也就越厉害;圣灵在那里工作,那里就有那灵的治死,复活的生命在我们里面并藉著我们就得以显明一林後四11~12。
- 六 圣灵的管治也在我们身上执行十 字架的工作:

cause all persons, matters, and things to work together for good, that is, for transforming and conforming us to the image of God's firstborn Son (vv. 28-29).

2. The environment that the Lord has created for us causes us to know the Lord's grace and experience the Lord's power (2 Cor. 12:9).

DAY 6

V. We need to see a vision of how the life of God can be lived out of us:

A. We need to realize and know that the life of God is in us (Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:10).

B. We need God to open our eyes to see that our natural man, our very person, is a hindrance to the life of God.

C. We need to see that we have been crucified on the cross, and we must hate our self; the more we see God, know God, and love God, the more we abhor ourselves and the more we deny ourselves (Col. 3:3; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:6; Job 42:5-6; Matt. 16:24; Luke 9:23; 14:26).

VI. "There is a very heavy burden within me, a very deep feeling, that what every church today needs most is the things of life. All our work and activity must come out of life...Unless it comes out of life, our work and service will neither last nor bear much weight. If we want our work to bear abundant and lasting fruit, we must have a foundation in life. We ourselves must touch the Lord in life...Only thus can we fit into the work which God desires to do in this age...We should have only one desire—to know and experience the life of the Lord more, and to be able to share with others what we have known and experienced so that they too may obtain something...Our work should just be the releasing of 力,叫我们得益处,就是使我们变化并模成神长子的形像—28~ 29节。

2 主为我们所制造出来的环境,叫 我们认识主的恩典,经历主的能力— 林後十二 9。

周六

伍 我们必须有异象,看见神的 生命如何能从我们里面活出来:

一 我们需要领悟并认识神的生命在我们里面一西三4,罗八10。

二 我们需要神开我们的眼睛,看见 我们天然的人,就是我们的人位,是 神生命的拦阻。

三 我们需要看见自己这个人已经钉在十字架上,并且恨恶自己;我们越看见神、认识神并爱神,就越厌恶自己并否认己一西三3,加二20,罗六6,伯四二5 \sim 6,太十六24,路九23,十四26。

『我里面有一个很重的 负担,有一个极深的感觉, 就是今天各地召会最需要的, 乃是生命的东西。我们一切的 工作和活动,都该是出於生命 的。…若不是出於生命的,我 们的工作, 我们的事奉, 就不 能持久, 也不能有多少分量。 要我们的工作有丰富而持久 的果实, 我们就必须在生命里 有根底。我们自己在生命里摸 著主, …惟有这样, 我们才能 构得上神在这时代里所要作 的工作。…我们…只该有一个 愿望,就是能在主的生命上多 有认识,多有经历,并且能把 所认识所经历的分给人, 叫人 也得著。我们作工, …只该是

the life of the Lord, the imparting and supplying of the Lord's life to others. May the Lord have mercy upon us and open our eyes to see that the central work of God in this age is that man may gain His life and grow and mature in His life. Only the work which comes out of His life can reach His eternal standard and be accepted by Him" (The Knowledge of Life, pp. 57-58).

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Morning Nourishment

Gen. 2:9 "...Out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

Psa. 36:8-9 "They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, and You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light."

The Old Testament speaks of creation, and the New Testament speaks of redemption. Both in creation and redemption God's purpose and center is life. If we look at the first two chapters of Genesis under God's light, we can clearly see that life is the goal of His creation. Although God created many things of such diversity and variety, His purpose and final goal are simply life....

In Psalm 36 God's lovingkindness, the fatness of His house, and the river of His pleasures all refer to God's riches; all the riches of God are in His life....From this psalm, we can see that the riches in God's nature can be touched by us in His life. Life is God's nature, God's substance. All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ bodily (Col. 2:9). Christ is life, that is, the divine life. He came to the earth so that man could obtain God and obtain His life (John 10:10). This proves that life is God Himself. Revelation 22:1-2 shows that the river of water of life and the tree of life proceed and grow out of God. Life originates with God because life is God. Therefore, when God flows out and is enjoyed by man, it is called life. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 7, 18)

Today's Reading

When God is alone in heaven, He has no relationship with us and cannot be enjoyed by us. In such a condition, He can only be called God. But when He dispenses Himself into us for us to eat and enjoy, then

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第二篇 (周 一) <u>领头经历生命</u>

晨兴餧养

创二9 『耶和华神使各样的树从地里长出来,可以悦人的眼目,也好作食物;园子当中有生命树,还有善恶知识树。』

诗三六 8~9 『他们必因你殿里的肥甘得以饱足,你也必叫他们喝你乐河的水。因为在你那里,有生命的源头;在你的光中,我们必得见光。』

诗篇三十六篇中有神的慈爱、殿里的肥 甘、乐河的水, 这些都是指著神的丰富说 的;神的这些丰富,都在祂的生命里。… 从这篇诗我们可以看见, 神本性里的丰 富,都在祂的生命里给我们摸著。生命 就是神的本性, 就是神的本质。神格一 切的丰满,都有形有体的居住在基督里 面(西二9)。这位基督就是生命,就是 神的生命。祂来到地上, 是要叫人得著 神,叫人得著生命(约十10)。这也证 明, 生命就是神自己。启示录二十二章 给我们看见, 那道生命河和那棵生命树, 都是从神里面流出来、长出来的(1~2)。 生命是出自於神, 因为生命就是神。所 以, 当神出来给人享受时, 就叫作生命 (认识生命与召会,二、一五页)。

信息选读

当神单独在天上,不与我们发生关系,我们也不能享受祂时,祂称作神。有一天,祂把自己分给我们,让我们吃下去,给我们享受,祂就

He can be called life. Life comes out of God, and life is God. If we understand these words, we will know why the Lord said to the Jews, "I am the living bread which came down out of heaven" (John 6:51). He is the bread of life.

Since life is God Himself, how can man touch and obtain life so that this life can come into him?...God is in Christ....Where is Christ? In John 14 the Lord Jesus said that the Father is in Him, and then He said that He would leave the disciples in a little while. Although the Father is in Him, He did not want the disciples to treasure this and hold on to Him. The Lord told the disciples that they should not let their heart be troubled or be afraid, because He would leave them in a little while but would come again (vv. 18-19, 27-28). He came as the Spirit, "even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him" (v. 17). This shows that God is in Christ, and Christ is the Spirit.

Where is the Spirit? The Spirit has a very special name; He is called the Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), which means that the Spirit gives life to people. John 6:63 says that the words that the Lord speaks are spirit and are life. The Spirit is life....In other words, life is God, God is in Christ, Christ is the Spirit, and the Spirit is life.

Where is life? Life is in those who believe into Him. This is absolutely true, but how does life enter into man? We need to see that life is the light of man [John 1:4; Psa. 36:9]...Life is in the light, and this life is the light of man. Wherever the light shines, life comes in. Wherever life comes, the Spirit is also there. Wherever the Spirit is, Christ is there. Wherever Christ is, God is there. Wherever God is, life is there. Life is in the light.

Where is the light? The light is in the word of God. The words that the Lord speaks to us are spirit and life (John 6:63). We minister God's word because we hope that God's word will enter into everyone. As soon as God's word enters into man, it becomes light. As soon as we receive light inwardly, we have life. When light is received by man, it becomes life. Moreover, life is the Spirit, the Spirit is Christ, and Christ is God. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 19, 22-24)

Further Reading: Knowing Life and the Church, chs. 1-2; The Organic Aspect of God's Salvation, ch. 1; The Knowledge of Life, ch. 2

叫生命。生命是出於神,生命也就 是神。若是我们领会这些话,就能 晓得主为甚麽对犹太人说,『我是 从天上降下来的活粮。』(约六51 上)祂是生命的粮。

那麼圣灵在那里? 圣灵有一个很特别的称呼,叫作生命的灵(罗八2),意思是这圣灵叫人得生命。约翰六章也说,主对我们所说的话,就是灵,就是生命(63); 圣灵就[是] 生命…。换言之,生命就是神,神在基督里,基督是圣灵,圣灵是生命。

生命在那里呢?生命乃是在信祂的人里面。这一点也不错,但这生命是后祂的人里面呢?我们要看见,证生命就是一个的光〔一4,诗三六9〕。…生命是是在完义生命就是人的光。光里,这生命就是人的光。光野里,生命就进到那里;基督到那里,基督到那里;基督到那里;生命为是在光里面。生命乃是在光里面。

参读: 认识生命与召会,第一至二篇; 神救恩生机的一面,第一篇;生命 的认识,第二篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Morning Nourishment

Gal. 1:15-16 "But when it pleased God...to reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood."

Matt. 6:2 "Therefore when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets..."

23:28 "So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

We need to see the obstacles that God's life encounters in us....Every part of our entire being, both inwardly and outwardly, presents some obstacles to life. Although we know that God's life has come into us to be our life and to be lived out of us, in reality, this life encounters obstacles in us. Thus, it is very difficult for life to be lived out from us.

The first problem that God's life encounters in man is the problem of ignorance. After any person is saved and becomes a Christian, he still has his thoughts and concepts [even] concerning what it means to be a proper Christian....However, all human concepts are in darkness. It does not matter whether we are wise or foolish, whether we are highly educated or uneducated, all our human concepts are in darkness, and they prevent us from knowing...Christ as life in us. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 27-29)

Today's Reading

Being a Christian is not a matter of zeal, nor a matter of spreading the gospel, nor a matter of forsaking the world, nor even a matter of not caring for material enjoyment. Being a Christian does not depend upon

二〇一二年春季国际 长老及负责弟兄训练

长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第二篇 (周 二) <u>领头经历生命</u>

晨兴餧养

加一 15~16 『然而…神…既然乐意将祂儿子启示在我里面,叫我把祂 当作福音传在外邦人中,我就即刻 没有与血肉之人商量。』

太六2 『所以你施舍的时候,不可在你前面吹号,像那假冒为善的人在会堂里和巷道上所行的,为要得人的荣耀…。』

信息选读

作基督徒不是热心的问题,不是广 传福音的问题,不是撇弃世界的问 题,也不是不重物质享受的问题。 作基督徒不在乎作任何事,…作基 doing anything...; [rather, it] depends upon how we take care of the Christ in us. The day we were saved, we received a living Christ, who became our life in us. From that day forward, our being a Christian has not depended on anything other than taking care of the living Christ in us. The only thing that matters is how we take care of the living Christ in us.

It is difficult to change our concepts, but we will not have a way to go on unless we put aside our own concepts and opinions. Being a Christian means not taking anything other than Christ as our aim. Many people have difficulty in their spiritual life after they are saved because they do not know the pathway of life, and they do not take Christ as their life.

The second problem that life encounters in us is hypocrisy....Many people think that to be slow is of life and to be quick is not life....[However,] whether or not a person's actions are of life does not depend upon whether he is quick or slow; rather, it all depends upon how he takes care of Christ....A person's spirituality is not determined by outward appearance but by how he takes care of Christ.

Some people may be naturally gentle, modest, uncontentious, caring, willing to shed tears for others, sympathetic, and self-sacrificing. They have many good points and virtues. After they become Christians, they bring these natural virtues into the church. They think that these virtues are of life and that Christians should have them, but they do not realize...that these virtues are false. From the point of view of morality, people should have these virtues, but from the point of view of life, these virtues are false. Life is God Himself, life is Christ, and life is the Holy Spirit. Anything that is not of God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit is not life. Hence, regardless of how much a person can meet and even go beyond—the standard of morality, this is still not necessarily life....Life involves only the expression of Christ Himself out of us.

The expression of life involves the rejection of our natural disposition and preference, and simply allowing Christ to operate in us and break us. Then our actions through the inner operation of Christ will be of life. If we always do things according to our disposition and natural being, the outcome will always be hypocrisy. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 29-30, 32-35)

Further Reading: Knowing Life and the Church, ch. 3

督徒只在乎你怎样对待你里面的基 督。你得救时,接受了一位活的基 督,祂在你里面作了你的生命;从 那一天起,你作基督徒全不在於别 的,只在於你怎样对待你里面那位 活的基督。这位活的基督在你里面, 你怎样对待祂,才是值得关切的。

虽然要转这样的观念,并不容易,但请我们记得,除非我们将自们将,除非我们将自们无观念、看法摆在一边,否则我自们无路可走。作基督徒不是以任何事物为对象,基督徒只该以基督为对象。许多人得救後,所以有生命上的的道路,不以基督作生命。

其次,生命在我们里面所遇到的难处,就是假冒。…许多人把慢当作不是生命。把快当作不是生命。可以不一个人所作的是生命,或不是生命,全不在於他的动作快或慢,乃在於他对基督如何。…一个人是否属灵,不在於外面的表现,乃在於他如何对待基督。

另有一些人, 生性温柔、谦让, 人无争, 体贴人, 肯为人落泪, 情人, 愿为人舍己。他们有这许多 的长处、美德; 等到他们作了基督 徒後, 这些生性的美德也带进来了。 他们以为这些就是生命, 就是基督 徒该有的, 却不知道…那些都是假 冒的。以道德来说, 那是该有的; 以生命来说, 那都是假冒的。到底 生命是甚麽? 生命就是神自己, 生 命就是基督,生命就是圣灵。凡不 是神、基督、圣灵的, 就不是生命。 所以, 那些无论多麽构得上道德标 准, 其至超过道德标准的, 都不一 定是生命。只有…基督从你里面出 来,那个才是生命。

甚麽叫作生命呢?就是不理睬你的 天性,不管你的爱好,让你里面破乎里 好,简单的在你里面运行,简单的在你凭著督 ,简单时,你凭著督。 你自己;行所作的,就是生命,在若 后。 你凡事都凭天性、天然去作,识生命 是甚麽都是巨二六页)。

参读:认识生命与召会,第三篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Morning Nourishment

Rom. 8:6 "For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace."

Matt. 16:24-25 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it."

The third problem that life encounters in us is rebellion. Christ operates and moves in us in order to make us clear about His will and requirements for us and about His leading and dealing with us. However, if we do not obey but go against the feeling within, not accepting His leading or paying the price, this unwillingness and opposition are rebellion. In this case, we may have our freedom and choice, but we will not have the way of life.

Many times, we think that we are obeying the Lord, but actually we are rebelling against the Lord. For example, we may want to preach the gospel, but the Lord's operation in us is to pray. Since we do not like to stay at home and pray, but instead prefer to speak to gospel friends and fellowship with the brothers and sisters, we may simply act according to our desires. This is to act in rebellion. Nevertheless, we may think that we are following God by visiting people for the gospel and fellowshipping with the saints....If we visit people in this way, they will certainly not be able to sense God's presence with us, because we have disobeyed the living Christ in us. At such a time we should realize that our outward work of preaching the gospel is merely a religious activity. (Knowing Life and the Church, p. 35)

Today's Reading

The sin that we commit the most frequently and most severely is not an outward and visible sin; rather, it is the sin of disobeying the sense of Christ in us. Christ is living in us, and He is 二〇一二年春季国际 长老及负责弟兄训练

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> > 晨兴餧养

罗八6 『因为心思置於肉体,就是死;心思置於灵,乃是生命平安。』太十六24~25 『於是耶稣对门徒说,若有人要跟从我,就当否认己,背起他的十字架,并跟从我。因为凡要救自己魂生命的,必丧失魂生命;凡为我丧失自己魂生命的,必得著魂生命。』

然还要运喜福交作为我感违得是实的,们面不找通去以…人经记过识别和面不找通去以…人经记过识别的面不找通去以…人经记过识别的面不找通去以…人经记过识别的面不找通去以…人经记过识别。

信息选读

我们许多人天天都在犯…的罪,最多、最厉害的,还不是外面看得见的罪行,乃是里面那些违背基督所给我们感觉的罪恶。我们里面的这位基督是活的,祂

constantly giving us an inward sense of life. We should obey Him, but we often disobey Him. We often do not do what He wants us to do, and we often do what He does not want us to do. We often rebel against Him. Rebellion continually creates obstacles for His life in us.

The fourth problem that life encounters in us is our natural capability. Our natural being, disposition, and self are all problems that prevent God's life from coming out of us. However, the problem of our natural capability and ability is even more serious, and it is a strong obstacle that prevents God's life from flowing out of us. Many brothers and sisters truly love the Lord, are zealous for the Lord, and are very godly. Nevertheless, their greatest problem is the strength and greatness of their capabilities and abilities. Consequently, Christ has no ground or way in them....When a person touches them, he only senses their capability and ability because they have never been broken in their capability and ability. When he contacts them, he can only say that they seek and pursue the Lord but that their natural capability has not been broken. This is because the Lord is unable to get through in them when He encounters their capability.

Many brothers and sisters...are capable and talented, but they do not consider these things as sin or filthiness. They even think that these are good and useful things to the church. They think that they need such capabilities and talent in order to serve God. They do not despise their natural capabilities; instead, they treasure them. If these capabilities remain unbroken in them, they will become a problem to Christ's life.

May the Lord have mercy on us so that we would be enlightened to see how many obstacles there are in us and how much these obstacles restrict God's life. Actually, the obstacles in us are not limited only to these things. Nevertheless, there is one solution to all these obstacles in us—we must pass through the cross and let the cross break us. If we want Christ's life to be unhindered in us, we must experience the breaking of the cross and allow these obstacles to be dealt with and removed. This will allow Christ's life to be lived out from us. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 36-37)

Further Reading: Basic Lessons on Service, lsn. 20; The Training and the Practice of the Vital Groups, msg. 13

一直并随时给我们的,乃是祂在我们里面生命的感觉。我们应该顺从祂,然而我们却常不顺从。祂要我们作的,我们不作;祂不要我们作的,我们偏去作。我们经常是这样的悖逆祂;这个悖逆,使祂的生命在我们里面,常常遇到难处。

第四, 我们人天然的干才, 是生命 在我们里面所遇到的第四个难处。 无论是我们的天然,或是天性,或 是我们的己,都是一种难处,使神 的生命在我们里面,不容易出来。 然而, 我们天然的干才、本领, 更 是一种厉害的拦阻, 使神的生命 不容易从我们里面出来。有许多弟 兄姊妹, 他们都非常爱主, 也为主 热心,实在是敬虔的。然而,在他 们身上有一个最厉害的难处, 就是 他们的干才太大,本事太高,使得 基督在他们身上没有地位, 没有出 路。…你在他们身上碰来碰去, 所能摸著的, 就是他们的本事和干 才。你碰著他们时, 你只能说, 他 们是要主的人,是追求主的人,但 他们身上那些天然的干才, 并没有 被破碎过。主在他们身上所碰到的, 所行不通的, 就是这个干才。

参读:事奉的基本功课,第二十课; 活力排的训练与实行,第十三篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Morning Nourishment

Phil. 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

2 Thes. 3:5 "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ."

A proper Christian is one whose mind, emotion, and will cooperate with his spirit. An abnormal Christian is one whose mind, emotion, and will cannot cooperate and even contradict his spirit. Thus, he lives under a veil. If our mind, emotion, and will cannot adequately cooperate with our spirit, we will have problems.

If the things you want to do originate from your thoughts, then they will be nothing more than religious activities even if they are successful. They will not help people see and gain Christ, because they are merely religious activities that originate from your thoughts; they are not a testimony of Christ being lived out from your spirit.

Christ is the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in our spirit. When the Spirit comes out of us, it is life. Nevertheless, we...often...ignore, suppress, and put Him aside....Although we have the life of Christ within, we do not cooperate with Christ's life in our thoughts and in our actions, and so this life cannot be lived out from us. This is the problem of our mind. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 43-45)

Today's Reading

There is also the problem of our will. Even though our mind often understands the intention in our spirit and we know the will of God, we are unwilling to submit and obey. For example, consider the brother who decides to preach the gospel according to the concept in his mind. When he prays and the

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晨兴餧养

腓二5『你们里面要思念基督耶稣里 面所思念的。』

帖後三5『愿主修直你们心中的途径,引导你们的心,进入神的爱以爱神,并进入基督的忍耐以忍耐。』

一个正常的基督徒,他外面的人,就面的人。是他的心思、意志、情感,一个心思反常来。然而,一个心是配合得来。然而,他的灵空,正好完全相反;他的灵配不是有反,他的灵配不是有反,和他里面的灵阳不慢心。甚至是相反的,我们的是隔天生、甚至的。若和我们的灵相配得不是不知,结果就会产生难处。

你所想作的…事,若是出於你的头脑,即使作成功了,也不过是宗教的事业而已,并不能叫人看见基督、得著基督。因为你所作的,是你头脑所想出来的宗教事业,并不是基督从你灵里活出来的见证。

信息选读

我们再来看意志的难处。许多时候, 我们的心思领会灵里的意思,也明白 神的旨意,但我们的意志不肯降服, 不肯服下来。比方 [一] 位弟兄,他 定规要传福音,这是他心思里的意 思。当他祷告时,主在他灵里给他一 Lord gives him a feeling in his spirit to apologize to his wife, his mind has no difficulty in understanding this feeling, but his will is stubborn and unwilling to submit. This shows the problem of the will. Such a brother is not able to submit even to the Lord, much less to his wife. Thus, our will is another great obstacle....Thus, God's Spirit and life encounter an enemy and an obstacle.

A will that has been dealt with is both strong and pliable. Being pliable is not the same as being soft. Being pliable means that one is not insistent or stubborn. However, when a need arises, one can be strong and bold; such a one is not afraid to give up his own life. Only a person with such a will can carry out the Lord's command and act according to the Lord's leading. A person with this kind of will allows the Lord's Spirit to come out of him as life. Having a will that can cooperate with God is a great matter.

Second Thessalonians 3:5 says, "The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God." This means that our emotion needs to have God's emotion and that we need to fully enter into God's emotion. We should love whatever God loves, like whatever God likes, and hate whatever God hates. Our feelings of love, anger, sorrow, and joy should be God's feelings of love, anger, sorrow, and joy. Our likes and dislikes should be God's likes and dislikes. Everything of God is ours because His nature has been wrought into us. Our emotion and His emotion have become one emotion.

When we consider the problems related to our mind, emotion, and will together, we can see that our person is the problem; our person is truly an obstacle for the living out of God's life. If we analyze this matter, we see that some problems are related to the mind, others are related to the will, and still others are related to the emotion. Speaking as a whole, however, all of our problems are due to our person, which has never been broken by God....God's life cannot come out of us because our person is an obstacle; our person hinders God's life. In order for God's life to come out of us, we need to exercise to have our person broken and shattered. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 45-49)

Further Reading: Knowing Life and the Church, ch. 4

参读:认识生命与召会,第四篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two (Day 5)

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Morning Nourishment

John 12:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Rom. 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

[Having seen] the obstacles that the life of God encounters in us...we need to see how God deals with these problems and how He opens a clear pathway for His life in us. This pathway is called the pathway of life. Although the life of God is in us, His life often cannot come out of us because there are strong hindrances, obstacles, and restrictions in us....A part of God's work in His salvation is to pave a clear way for His life in us. This work is accomplished through the death of the cross.

In the Bible we can see that God's salvation and life have been concealed in death....There is life in a grain of wheat, but unless the grain falls into the ground and dies, the life within the grain will not be released [John 12:24]. If, however, the grain dies, the life will be released. This shows that death is the way for life to be released. Since death is an outlet for life, life must pass through death. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 51, 53)

Today's Reading

Similarly, in order for the life of God to come out of the Lord Jesus, He had to pass through death. He said that without death there would be no life (John 12:24). Without death as the pathway, life cannot be released. The way of life is the way of death; wherever there is death, there is a way for life to come out. If there is no death in us, God's life will not be able to find a way

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第二篇 (周 五) 领头经历生命

晨兴餧养

约十二24『我实实在在的告诉你们,一粒麦子不落在地里死了,仍旧是一粒;若是死了,就结出许多子粒来。』 罗八28『还有,我们晓得万有都互相效力,叫爱神的人得益处,就是按祂旨意被召的人』。

我们从圣经里可以读出,神的救恩乃是藏在死里面,神的生命也是杀,可以读出命也是藏在死里面,神的生命也是不是面的生命者不是落到地里死死。一个生命就不能释放出来;是是死死,是给我们看见,生命的出路,是是一个出去。他们看见,生命从里面召唤,以识生命的出路,(认识生命与不不可)。

信息选读

同样的,神的生命要从主耶稣里面出来,也必须经过死。正如祂自己曾说,若不死了就不生。没有死亡这条路,生命就没有出路。实在说,生命的道路就是死路;那里有死,那里就有生命的出路。在你这人身上,若没有死,神的生命从你里面

to be released from us. Paul said, "Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body" (2 Cor. 4:10). The expression of the Lord's life in us is contingent upon one thing: death. The extent to which death has worked in us is the extent to which the Lord's life has a way to come out of us. For this reason, even Paul, who was full of experience and was mature in life, pursued to know Christ's death; he wanted to be conformed to Christ's death. He pursued this death because he knew that the extent to which death worked in him would be the extent to which the Lord's life could be released from him.

God uses the tools of grace, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, the church, the saints, the light of the truth, and especially the environment. Strictly speaking, the environment and our circumstances are the discipline of the Holy Spirit. The discipline of the Holy Spirit is the greatest tool in God's ordination. Many people treasure the Bible and pay much attention to the Holy Spirit, but they do not pay attention to the environment; they do not pay attention to the people, things, and matters they encounter. A Christian who is spiritual and lives before God needs to "read" three things every day. First, he needs to read the Bible. Second, he needs to read his inward sense. Third, he needs to read his environment and circumstances. which are the people, things, and matters around him. Many people...neglect and ignore their circumstances and environment, and they miss the benefit that can be gained from them. This is a big mistake. Our circumstances and environment are a great means arranged by God for dealing with our person and subduing us.

Romans 8 speaks specifically about the Holy Spirit; the first half of chapter 8 speaks of the Holy Spirit, and the second half speaks of the environment, circumstances, and sufferings, including God causing all things to work together for good (v. 28). For our spiritual understanding, it is not enough only to know the Holy Spirit; we must also know the "all things" in our circumstances. The purpose of all things working together is to gain man's cooperation to conform him to the image of God's Son and to deal with man to the extent that he is exactly the same as God's Son....The environment that God has created [is] to cause us to know the Lord's grace and to experience the Lord's power. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 54, 79-81)

Further Reading: Knowing Life and the Church, chs. 6-7

神恩待我们所用的工具中, 有圣 经、有圣灵、有召会、有圣徒、 有真理的亮光、更有环境, 就是 我们所说的遭遇。实在说,那 不是环境, 也不是遭遇, 乃是 圣灵的管治; 圣灵的管治是神 所安排莫大的工具。许多人宝 贝圣经、重看圣灵, 却不看重环 境,不看重我们所遇见的人、 事、物。一个属灵、活在神面前 的基督徒, 每天要读三个东西。 第一要读圣经, 第二要读灵里 面的感觉, 第三要读环境、遭 遇,就是读他四围的人、事、 物。许多人…忽略、轻看, 环境过去, 这是大错特错。 记得, 我们的遭遇和环境, 神安排的大工具, 用以对付我 们这个人,好使我们能折服。

参读: 认识生命与召会, 第六至七篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Two (Day 6)

Taking the Lead to Experience Life

Morning Nourishment

Col. 3:4 "When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory."

Rom. 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves."

How can the life of God live out of us? First, we need to realize that we have the life of God in us. From the day that we were saved, God's life came into us to be our life. However, this life is surrounded by our person. The life of God wants to come out of us, but our person hinders and restricts Him. Therefore, it is difficult for Him to come out of us.

Many saints become behavior-improving Christians and take the way of self-improvement because they do not know the life of God that dwells in them or the way of life....The actual living of a Christian is the living out of God. Our problem depends on the divine life opening up a way in us so that God can live out of us. This is what we need to seek and discover. (Knowing Life and the Church, pp. 56-57)

Today's Reading

Second, we need God to open our eyes to see that we are a hindrance to the life of God. We may be naturally irritable or meek, or we may be naturally quick or slow, but in any case, we are a problem to the life of God. As long as we have a heart for God, sooner or later He will show us that we are a problem to His life. In other words, if we want to let the life of God come out of us and if we want to walk the way of life and live the Christian life, we need to look to God to open our eyes and show us that our very person is a problem to the life of God.

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晨兴餧养

西三4『基督是我们的生命, 祂显现的时候, 你们也要与祂一同显现在荣耀里。』

罗六6『知道我们的旧人已经与祂同 钉十字架,使罪的身体失效,叫我 们不再作罪的奴仆。』

信息选读

Third, if God has opened our eyes, we will hate our self. When we are enlightened, we will truly hate the way we are....When we abhor and hate our self, the Holy Spirit will show us that our self, which restricts and opposes God, has been crucified on the cross (Rom. 6:6). (Knowing Life and the Church, p. 57)

There is a very heavy burden within me, a very deep feeling, that what every church today needs most is the things of life. All our work and activity must come out of life. This does not mean that we should not engage in much work and activity. It may be that our work and activity later will increase and be even more intensified than today. But unless it comes out of life, our work and service will neither last nor bear much weight. If we want our work to bear abundant and lasting fruit, we must have a foundation in life. We ourselves must touch the Lord in life and lead others to touch the Lord in life. Only thus can we fit into the work that God desires to do in this age.

All the results of our work should be measured by life. Only that which comes out of life is recognized by God. In Matthew 7, the Lord says that some preach the gospel and some cast out demons, yet they are not approved by Him (vv. 22-23). Furthermore, the apostle in Philippians 1 says that some preach the gospel out of envy (v. 15). Such works undoubtedly did not come out of life, but out of man's doings. We cannot and should not do such work. We should learn to live in the life of the Lord and allow His life to lead us to do His work. We should not aspire to some great work or to some accomplishment in work. We should have only one desire—to know and experience the life of the Lord more, and to be able to share with others what we have known and experienced so that they too may obtain something. When we work, we should not establish a work; neither should we set up an organization. Our work should just be the releasing of the life of the Lord, the imparting and supplying of the Lord's life to others. May the Lord have mercy upon us and open our eyes to see that the central work of God in this age is that man may gain His life and grow and mature in His life. Only the work which comes out of His life can reach His eternal standard and be accepted by Him. (The Knowledge of Life, pp. 57-58)

Further Reading: Knowing Life and the Church, ch. 5; The Knowledge of Life, ch. 6 [第三,]若是神开了你的眼睛,你就会恨自己。当你蒙光照当你就会恨自己为甚麽如此。 —— 灵就会恨自己、恨要自己,不可以就会的自己,你这个讨厌的自己,就到神的自己,抵到神的自己,抵到神的自己,抵到神的自己,不不了。 证生命与召会,六五至六页)。

我们所有工作的结果, 都需要用生 命来测量。出於生命的, 在神面前 才算得数。主在马太七章说, 有的 人传道赶鬼,并不是祂所称许的 [22~23]。使徒在腓立比一章也说, 有人传福音是出於嫉妒的〔15〕。这 些工作,无疑都不是出於生命的, 乃是出於人的作为的。我们不能, 也不可作这样的工作。我们要学习 活在主的生命里, 让主的生命带著 我们作祂的工作。我们不该盼望作 甚麽大的工作, 有甚麽工作的成就, 只该有一个愿望,就是能在主的生 命上多有认识,多有经历,并且能 把所认识所经历的分给人, 叫人也 得著。我们作工,不该是建设一个 工作, 也不该是建立一个团体, 该是释放主的生命,将主的生命分 给人, 供应人。愿主怜悯我们, 我们的眼睛,给我们看见,神在这 世代里最中心的工作, 就是叫人得 著祂的生命,并在祂的生命里长大 成熟。惟有出於祂这生命的工作, 才能构上袖永远的标准,才能蒙袖 悦纳(生命的认识,六〇至六一 页)。

参读:认识生命与召会,第五篇; 生命的认识,第六篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES **Message Three**

Taking the Lead to Minister Life

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:14-17; 2 Cor. 1:9; 4:10-12; Josh. 3:17; 4:10, 17

Outline

DAY 1

- I. We not only have eternal life and 壹 我们不只拥有并享受永 enjoy eternal life, but we can also minister this life to other members of the Body (1 John 5:14-17):
- A. God wants us to have life, and He wants His life to flow out of us (vv. 11-13; John 3:15; 7:37-39):
- 1. When we received the Lord's life, we were joined to the fountain of life (Psa. 36:8-9; John 3:15; 4:14).
- 2. The living water is not only within us, but it also has become rivers of living water, flowing out of us into others and supplying them with life and satisfying their thirst (7:37-39):
- a. God is seeking those into whom He can dispense Christ's life more and more so that they can supply others with His life (Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11).
- b. Life needs channels, and God wants us to be the channels through which His life can flow into others (1 John 1:1-2).
- 3. The eternal life within us can overcome death both in ourselves and in other members of the church (3:14; Matt. 16:18).

DAY 2

B. First John 5:16 refers to the ministering of life, 二 约壹五章十六节说到供应生命, to the imparting of life; when we have a surplus of 就是分赐生命; 当我们有生命的富馀,

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> 长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第三篇 领头供应生命

读经:约壹五14~17,林後一9, 四10~12,书三17,四10,17

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- 远的生命, 我们还能将这生命 供应给身体其他的肢体-约 壹五14~17:
- 一 神不仅要我们得著祂的生命,并 且要从我们里面流出祂的生命来— $11 \sim 13$ 节,约三 15,七 37 \sim 39:
- 我们得著主的生命, 我们就和生 命的泉源连在一起一诗三六 $8\sim9$, 约三15,四14。
- 2 活水不仅进到我们里面,还成为 活水的江河,从我们流出来,流到别人里面,供应人生命,解人的乾渴—七37~39:
- 神正在寻找人, 好将基督的生命多 多的分赐到他们里面,使他们能将祂的生命供应别人一罗八2,6,10~11。
- 生命需要运河, 神要我们作运 b 河, 好藉著我们将祂的生命运到别 人里面去一约壹一1~2。
- 3 在我们里面的永远生命能胜过我 们自己身上,并召会别的肢体身上的死一三14,太十六18。

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life, we can minister life to others:

- 1. In verse 16 he shall ask and he will give refer to a believer who is abiding in the Lord and who is one with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17), indicating that such a believer can become the means, the channel, by which God's life-giving Spirit can give life to others; this is a matter of the ministering of life in the fellowship of the divine life.
- 2. In order to be those who can give, impart, life to others, we must abide in the divine life and live and have our being in the divine life (1) John 1:1-7):
- a. We need to experience and enjoy the eternal life within us, and we need to minister this life by being a channel through which eternal life can flow to other members of the Body (5:11-13, 16).
- b. If we would be a channel for eternal life to flow out to others, we must be deep in the Lord, and we must know the Lord's heart by being in His heart (Psa. 25:14; Gen. 18:17, 22-33; Amos 3:7).

DAY 3

II. The building up of the church requires the ministry of life (2 Cor. 4:12):

- A. Throughout its history the church has been divided by gifts, but it cannot be divided by the ministry of life; if we pay our full attention to the ministry of life, we will always be kept in oneness (1) Cor. 12:4-11; 2 Cor. 3:6; 4:1).
- B. The ministry of life is to minister as life the Christ whom we have experienced (1:3-4):
- 1. The ministry comes out by the working of the cross; it is by the way of the cross that we have the riches of Christ as life to minister to others (4:12).
- 2. How much life and how much reality of the riches of Christ we can minister depends upon how much revelation we have received and how much we have suffered for what has been revealed to us (Eph. 3:8).

DAY 4

III. If we would minister life, we need to know, experience, and gain 要认识、经历并得著神作复

就能将生命供应给人:

- 1 十六节的『人…就当…祈求』, 以及『将生命赐给…』,指住在主里面,与主是一的信徒;(林前六 17;) 这指明这样的信徒能成为凭 藉、管道,使神赐生命的灵能将生 命赐给人;这是一件在神圣生命的 交通里, 供应生命的事。
- 我们要成为能将生命赐给别人、 分给别人的人, 就必须住在神圣的 生命里,并在神圣的生命里生活为 人一约壹一1~7:
- 我们需要经历并享受我们里面永远 的生命, 也需要成为管道, 让永远的生 命藉著我们流到身体其他的肢体里面, 藉此供应这生命—五11~13,16。
- 我们若要成为永远的生命流出给人 的管道, 就必须在主里是深的, 也必须 因著在主的心里而认识主的心—诗二五 14, 创十八 17, 22~33, 摩三 7。

周 =

召会的建造需要生命的 贰 职事-林後四12:

- 一 整个召会历史中, 召会总是因恩 赐而分裂;但召会不可能因生命的职 事而分裂; 如果我们充分注意生命的 职事,我们就会一直蒙保守在一里— 林前十二 $4 \sim 11$, 林後三 6, 四 1。
- 生命的职事乃是供应我们所经历 的基督作生命— $-3\sim4$:
- 1 职事的产生,乃是藉著十字架的作 工; 我们藉著十字架的路, 才有一些 基督的丰富当作生命供应人一四12。
- 我们能供应多少生命, 能供应多 少基督丰富的实际, 是根据我们得 到了多少启示, 以及我们因所得的 启示受了多少苦一弗三8。

我们若要供应生命,就需

God as the God of resurrection (Rom. 4:17; 2 Cor. 1:9; John 11:25):

- A. God is working through the cross to terminate us, to bring us to an end, so that we will no longer trust in ourselves but in the God of resurrection (2 Cor. 1:9).
- B. When the God of resurrection works in us, His life and nature are wrought into us (4:16).
- C. The killing of the cross results in the manifestation of resurrection life (vv. 10-12):
- 1. The putting to death of Jesus destroys the natural man, the outer man, and the flesh, with the result that the inner man is given the opportunity to develop and be renewed to live out the resurrection life (v. 16).

DAY 5

- 2. All the work that the Lord is doing on us is to destroy our outer, natural man so that we can live out the life of Christ from within us; this is the deepest thought in the New Testament concerning the life of a Christian (John 12:24-26; Phil. 1:21a).
- 3. Remaining in the death of Christ and being conformed to His death is a profound principle of the Christian life (Rom. 6:4-5; Phil. 3:10):
- a. When we remain in the death of Christ, we experience the power of Christ's resurrection (vv. 10-11; Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 4:14).
- b. The more we die with Christ in this way, the more His resurrection power will be manifested in us and the more we will be able to minister life to the Body of Christ (John 11:25).
- 4. Our natural strength and ability need to be dealt with by the cross so that they may become useful in resurrection for the ministry of life (Phil. 3:3).
- D. The budding, blossoming, fruit-yielding rod signifies the resurrection life of Christ for us to minister life to the Body (Num. 17:8).

DAY 6

IV. Like the apostles, we minister 肄 我们乃是藉著死供应生命, life by dying (2 Cor. 4:10-12; Josh. 与使徒们一样一林後四10~

活的神—罗四17, 林後一9, 约十一 25:

- 神藉著十字架作工来了结我们, 把我们带到尽头, 使我们不再信靠自 己,乃信靠复活的神一林後一9。
- 复活的神在我们里面作工时, 便将 祂的生命和性情作到我们里面一四16。
- 十字架的杀死, 结果叫复活的生 命显明─10~12节:
- 耶稣的治死, 毁坏我们天然的 人、外面的人和肉体, 使我们里面 的人有机会发展并更新,活出复活 的生命—16节。

周 五

- 2 主在我们身上所作的一切工作, 就是杀死我们外面天然的人, 使我们 里面基督的生命得以活出来; 这是新 约中,关於基督徒的人生最深奥的思想—约十二24~26,腓一21上。
- 3 一直留在基督的死里并模成祂的 死,乃是基督徒生活中一个深奥的原则—罗六 $4\sim5$,腓三10:
- 当我们一直留在基督的死里, 我们 就经历基督复活的大能-10~11节, 罗八 11, 林後一 8 \sim 10, 四 14。
- 当我们越这样与基督同死, b 复活的大能就越在我们身上表彰出 来, 我们也越能将生命供应给基督 的身体一约十一25。
- 我们天然的力量和才干需要经过 十字架的对付,好在复活里在供应生命的事上成为有用的一腓三3。
- 发芽、开花并结果的杖表徵基督 复活的生命, 使我们能把生命服事给 身体一民十七8。

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3:17; 4:10, 17):

- A. "So then death operates in us, but life in you" (2 Cor. 4:12):
- 1. The work of the apostles is the work of death operating in them so that life may operate in the believers; this is the real work of the new covenant ministry (3:6; 4:10-12).
- 2. In the Lord's recovery we need to die in order that life may work in others:
- a. When we are under the killing of the Lord's death, His resurrection life is imparted through us into others (vv. 10-12; Phil. 3:10).
- b. The impartation of life into others is always the issue of our suffering the killing of the cross (1 John 5:16; John 12:24-26).
- c. The Lord does not need us to accomplish a work for Him; He needs us to die (1 Cor. 15:31; 2 Cor. 1:9).
- d. If we die, life will work in others; we minister life to others by dying (4:12).
- B. "The priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel was crossing over on dry ground, until all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan" (Josh. 3:17):
- 1. God put the priests in the place of death so that all Israel would have a way into the land of life; the priests were the first ones to go into the water and the last ones to come up out of the water (vv. 11-17; 4:10, 17).
- 2. Before others can receive life, God must first put us in the place of death so that death may operate in us and life in others; this is to minister life by dying (2 Cor. 4:12).
- 3. Today God is seeking those who are willing to stand in the place of death in order that the church may find the way of life.

12, 书三17,四10,17:

- 一 『这样,死是在我们身上发动,生命却在你们身上发动』—林後四12:
- 1 使徒们的工作乃是死在他们身上发动,使生命在信徒身上发动;这是新约职事的真实工作—三6,四 $10 \sim 12$ 。
- 2 在主的恢复里,我们需要死,好叫生命在别人身上发动:
- a 当我们在主死的杀死之下,祂 复活的生命就藉著我们分赐到别人 里面—10~12节,腓三10。
- b 分赐生命到别人里面,总是我们接受十字架杀死的结果—约壹五16,约十二 $24 \sim 26$ 。
- c 主不需要我们为祂完成甚麽工作; 祂需要我们死—林前十五31, 林後一9。
- d 如果我们死了,生命就会在别人身上作工;藉著死,我们就把生命供应人—四12。
- 二 『抬耶和华约柜的祭司在约但河中的乾地上站定,以色列众人就从乾地上过去,直到国民尽都过了约但河』—书三17:
- 1 神把祭司放在死里,好叫以色列人有一条路到生命之地;祭司是首先下水去,末後从水里上来的—10~17节,四10,17。
- 2 在别人能得著生命以前,神必须 先把我们摆在死里,好叫死在我们身 上发动,生命就在别人身上发动;这 就是藉著死供应生命—林後四12。
- 3 神今日在寻找一班愿意站在死里的人,好叫召会有一条生命的路。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Three (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Minister Life

Morning Nourishment

John 7:38 "He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."

1 John 5:16 "If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to him...."

In 1 John 5:14-17 there is the indication not only that we have eternal life and enjoy it, but also that we can minister this life to others. This means that we can give eternal life to others. Regarding this matter, John's thought is deep. Although the thought here is deep, the matter is very practical in our Christian life. If we enjoy eternal life and experience it, surely we shall be able to channel this life to others. We shall be able to minister eternal life to other members of the Body. (Lifestudy of 1 John, p. 343)

Today's Reading

The Gospel of John is a book that is particularly devoted to life. Chapter three speaks of regeneration through water. This water is for burying the old man. In chapter four the Lord says, "But the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life" (v. 14). This water is the gushing forth of God's life within man. When we received the Lord, His life entered into us. This is like putting a fountain within us. When we received the Lord's life, we were joined to the fountain of life. In chapter seven the living water is not only in us, but it also has become rivers of living water. It flows out of us into others and supplies others with life and satisfies their thirst. God is not satisfied with us only having His life; He wants His life to flow out of us.

Miss Barber was such a person. As soon as others touched her, they touched life. If you sat down and fellowshipped with her for a minute or two, you

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第三篇(周 一) <u>领头供应生命</u>

晨兴餧养

约七38 『信入我的人,就如经上 所说,从他腹中要流出活水的江 河来。』

约壹五16 『人若看见他的弟兄犯了不至於死的罪,就当为他祈求,将 生命赐给他…。』

信息选读

约翰福音是特别讲生命的一卷书。 三章论到藉水重生, 这水是为著埋 葬旧人。接著,在四章里主说,『人 若喝我所赐的水,就永远不渴;我所 赐的水, 要在他里面成为泉源, 直 涌入永远的生命。』(14)这里的水 乃是神的生命在人里面的涌流。当 我们接受了主, 主的生命进到我们 里头来,就像一个泉源和我们接上 了。我们得著主的生命, 我们就和 生命的泉源连在一起了。到了七章, 这活水不仅进到我们里面, 还成为 活水的江河, 从我们流出来, 流到 别人里面, 供应人生命, 解人的乾 渴。神不仅要我们得著衪的生命, 并且要从我们里面流出祂的生命来。

和受恩姊妹就是这样的人, 人一碰 著她, 就碰著了生命。当你和她坐 下来交通, 一两分钟就觉得有生命 would feel life flowing out of her. If a person with life sits beside you, his very presence will bring life to you. Today God is seeking people into whom He can dispense Christ's life more and more so that they can supply others with His life. Life needs channels, and God wants men to be the channels through which His life can flow to others. May the Lord gain us so that we can have a life-supplying ministry and supply others with life. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 44, p. 851)

The word "and" at the beginning of 1 John 5:14 connects the life in 5:4-13 to the fellowship in 5:14-17. In the former section we have received eternal life, and we have the written word as the assurance of this. Now John uses what he has written in 5:4-13 as a basis to show us that this eternal life can overcome death. We have received eternal life, and this life has been testified, proved, and pledged within us. Now John intends to point out that eternal life overcomes death.

Perhaps you regarded 5:14-17 as verses concerning our prayer and God's answer to our prayer. Actually, John's intention in these verses is to show us that the eternal life within us can overcome death both in ourselves and in other members of the church. Eternal life swallows up death within us and death within other members.

In the church life we do not live alone. Because the church is the Body, we live with the fellow members of the Body. Since we are in the Body, we are members with the other fellow members. Eternal life not only takes care of our own need; it also takes care of the need of the fellow members around us. It overcomes death within us, and it overcomes death within our brothers. Especially, it overcomes death in those who are weak or who have problems.

Weakness is related to death, and problems come from death. As long as there are problems in the church life, this is an indicator that there is death among those in the church. Therefore, we need eternal life to overcome, to swallow up, this death. If you are stronger and a fellow member is weaker, then you may become the one to supply the life from within you to the weaker one in order to swallow up the death within him. (Life-study of 1 John, p. 328)

Further Reading: Life-study of 1 John, msgs. 37-38

流露出来。有生命的人坐在那里,别人就能觉得他的供应。今天命多人,我这样的人,能将基督的生命人。则是有人,我这样的人,能将基供应别的这样的人。则是有一个人里面去。则是有一个人里面,使我们有供应生命的现象,并是命供应到众人里面(倪四十个人里面(倪四十个里)。

你也许认为十四至十七节是论到我们的祷告,以及神答应我们的祷告。实际上,约翰在这几节的用意是要给我们看见,在我们里面的永远生命能胜过我们自己身上,并召会别的肢体身上的死。永远的生命吞灭我们里面的死,也吞灭别的肢体里面的死。

参读:约翰一书生命读经,第 三十七至三十九篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Three (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Minister Life

Morning Nourishment

1 John 5:14 "And this is the boldness which we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

Amos 3:7 "Surely the Lord Jehovah will not do anything unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."

In the church life we must learn to minister life. This is what is needed. Do not try other ways. No way of helping is better than that of ministering life.

You may indeed be short of life. Then what should you do?...You yourself must turn to the Lord. "Lord, have mercy upon me. My brother is sinning; he needs the supply of life. He lacks life. But so do I, Lord. I don't have much life either. Have mercy upon us, but first have mercy upon me. I need more life. I must have more life." You may be so burdened that you will even fast and shorten your sleeping hours in order to pray for more life. I can assure you that you will be supplied....When you yourself have the supply, then you can supply others. (The Mending Ministry of John, pp. 94-95)

Today's Reading

We need to learn that when any brother or sister sins, this is a strong indication that he or she is short of life. To be of help, we must first check whether we have life. Do we have a surplus of life? Do we have more than we need? If not, we must wait on the Lord with prayer and fasting until we get the rich supply. Then we can minister from this supply to others. This is the way to go on in the church life during this time of degraded Christianity.

John stresses that this life which we need to minister to others is simply God Himself. It is the Son of God. "This is the true God, and eternal life." Our need is to have a bigger portion of the Lord Jesus. Then we shall have a surplus to

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晨兴餧养

约壹五14 『我们若照祂的旨意求甚麼, 祂就听我们; 这是我们向著祂 所存坦然无惧的心。』

摩三7 『主耶和华若不将秘密启示 祂的仆人众申言者,就一无所行。』 我们在召会生活中必须学习供应生 命,这是我们所需要的。不要尝试别 的路,帮助人最好的路就是供应生命。

信息选读

我们必须知道,不论甚麽弟兄或是甚麽,不论甚麽弟兄或是弟兄或是弟明这位帮助我们若要的指若要的我们若要是我们所有是不是有的我们。我们所不能会。我们所有们是不会的多麽?若不然,我们得著自己的多麽?若不直到我们得著自己的,我们得不供应,就能看到我们的时代里,这样的人。在这样的的路。

约翰强调说,我们需要供应给别人的这个生命,就是神自己,就是神的儿子。『这是真神,也是永远的生命。』〔约壹五20〕我们的需要乃是得著更大一分的主耶稣,这样我们就有

minister to others, a surplus not of knowledge or doctrine but of God. (The Mending Ministry of John, p. 95)

The subject of "will give life" [in 1 John 5:16] is still he, the subject of the first predicate "shall ask." This indicates that the asker will give life to the one asked for. This does not mean that the asker has life of himself and can give life by himself to others. It means such an asker, who is abiding in the Lord, who is one with the Lord, and who is asking in one spirit with the Lord (1) Cor. 6:17), becomes the means through which God's life-giving Spirit can give life to the one he asks for. This is a matter of life-imparting in the fellowship of the divine life. To be one who can give life to others, we must abide in the divine life and walk, live, and have our being in the divine life. In James 5:14-16 the prayer is for healing; here the prayer is for life-imparting.

The vital point here is that if we would pray for a brother according to what is described in verse 16, we need to be one with the Lord. We must abide in the Lord and ask in one spirit with Him. Because we are so one with the Lord, we can become the means, the channel, through which God's life-giving Spirit can impart life to the one for whom we ask. This imparting of life takes place in the fellowship of the divine life.

The eternal life within us is real and practical. On the one hand, we can enjoy this eternal life within us. On the other hand, we can pass on this eternal life to others. We can be a channel for eternal life to flow out from us, or through us, to others. However, the experience of being a channel for eternal life to flow out to others is a deep matter. This cannot be done in a superficial way. If we would be a channel for eternal life to flow out to others, we must be deep in the Lord, and we must know the Lord's heart by being in His heart. If we have entered into the Lord to such a degree, spontaneously we shall know the Lord's will concerning a brother close to us who has sinned. Because we know the Lord's will concerning the brother's situation, we shall know how to pray for him. (Life-study of 1 John, pp. 331, 338)

Further Reading: The Mending Ministry of John, ch. 11; Life-study of 1 John, msg. 39

富馀来供应人。这不是知识或道理 的富馀,而是神的富馀(约翰的修 补职事,一二五至一二六页)。

[约壹五章十六节的] 『将生命赐 给他』,这句话的主词还是上文的 『人』,这人也是『祈求』的主词。 这指明祈求的人将生命赐给他所代 求的人。这不是说, 祈求的人本身 有生命, 能凭自己将生命赐给别人。 这乃是说,这样一个住在主里面,与 主是一,并在与主是一的灵里(林 前六17)祈求的祈求者,成了神赐 生命之灵能将生命赐给他所代求之 人的凭藉。这是一件在神圣生命的 交通里, 分赐生命的事。我们要成 为能将生命分赐给别人的人, 就必 须住在神圣的生命里, 并在神圣的 生命里行事、生活、为人。雅各书 五章十四至十六节的祷告是为著医 治,这里的祷告是为著分赐生命。

这里要紧的点乃是,我若要照著约壹 五章十六节所描述的为弟兄祷告,就 需要与主是一。我们必须住在主里 面,与祂在一灵里来祈求。因为我们 这样与主是一,我们就能成为神赐生 命之灵能将生命分赐给我们所代求之 人的凭藉、管道。这生命的分赐乃是 在神圣生命的交通里进行的。

我们里面永远的生命是真实而实际 的。一面我们能享受我们里面这永远 的生命。另一面我们能将这永远的生 命传给人。我们能成为管道, 让永远 的生命从我们或藉我们流到别人里 面。然而, 成为管道让永远的生命流 出给人的经历是很深的, 不能肤浅的 去作。我们若要成为永远的生命流出 给人的管道, 就必须在主里是深的, 也必须因著在主的心里而认识主的 心。我们若进到主里面到这样的程 度, 自然就会明白主对这位与我们亲 近、犯了罪的弟兄的旨意如何。因为 我们知道主对这位弟兄的光景旨意如 何, 我们就知道怎样为他祷告(约翰 一书生命读经,四〇一至四〇二、 ○八至四○九页)。

参读:约翰的修补职事,第十一章; 约翰一书生命读经,第三十九篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Three (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Minister Life

Morning Nourishment

2 Cor. 1:4 "Who comforts us in all our affliction that we may be able to comfort those who are in every affliction through the comforting with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

4:12 "So then death operates in us, but life in you."

Throughout its history the church has always been divided by gifts. But it can never be divided by the ministry. If we focus our attention on the gifts, we will be divided within a short time. But if we forget about the gifts and pay our full attention to the ministry of life, we will always be kept in oneness....If you are a Christian worker and you are always trying to argue with others, this proves that you merely have a gift. People with the ministry of life will never argue....If we pay our attention to gifts and teachings, we will argue. But if we focus our attention on the ministry of life, we will not have anything to argue about. Gifts and teachings with doctrinal debates and arguments tear down the local church. The local church can be built up only by the ministry of life. (The Experience of Christ as Life for the Building Up of the Church, p. 128)

Today's Reading

The gifts are replaced in [2 Corinthians] by the ministry, which is constituted with, and produced and formed by, the experiences of the riches of Christ gained through sufferings, consuming pressures, and the killing work of the cross. This Epistle gives us a pattern, an example, of how the killing of the cross works, how Christ is wrought into our being, and how we become the expression of Christ. These processes constitute the ministers of Christ and produce the ministry for God's new covenant. The first Epistle deals negatively with the gifts; the second speaks positively about the ministry. The church needs the ministry much more than the gifts. The ministry is for

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晨兴餧养

林後一4 『祂在我们一切的患难中安慰我们,叫我们能用自己从神所受的安慰,安慰那些在各样患难中的人。』

四12 『这样,死是在我们身上发动,生命却在你们身上发动。』

整个召会历史中, 召会总是因恩赐 而分裂; 但召会不可能因职事而分 裂。如果我们专注於恩赐,不久我 们就要分裂。但如果我们忘记恩赐, 充分注意生命的职事, 我们就会一 直蒙保守在一里。…如果你是基督 徒工人, 而你总是想要与人争论, 这证明你只有恩赐。有生命职事的 人绝不争辩。…如果我们注意恩赐 和教训, 我们就会争论。但如果我 们注意生命的职事, 我们就没有甚 麽可以争论。恩赐、教训、道理的 辩论和争论, 拆毁地方召会。地方 召会只能藉著生命的职事建造起来 (经历基督作生命为著召会的建造, 一五四至一五五页)。

信息选读

ministering the Christ whom we have experienced, whereas the gifts are just for teaching the doctrines concerning Christ. Not the gifts but the ministry produced and formed by the experience of the sufferings, the afflictions, of Christ is the proof that the apostles are ministers of Christ. (2 Cor. 1:4, footnote 1)

The book of Acts and the Epistles of Paul show us his sufferings (Col. 1:24). We know by Paul's writings that before he passed through the sufferings, he received revelations (2 Cor. 12:1, 7). He firstly received the revelations, but this does not mean that after receiving them he immediately went out to eloquently pass on his knowledge to people. If he had done this, it would not have been the ministry. What he shared would have been merely a teaching or an exercise of his gift, but not the ministry. We know, however, that the apostle Paul was not like this. After he received the revelations of the Lord, the Lord put him into the oven, into the fire, to be burned, to suffer. In his writings we see the sequence of the revelations first and then the sufferings. Then the ministry came out of these two things.

The revelation has to be burned into us. We may use the illustration of making a certain kind of porcelain vase. An artist may paint a picture on the vase, but the vase then needs to be burned. Then the picture is burned into the vase. After the picture has been burned into the vase, it can never be erased because it is one with the vase. Our receiving the revelation may be compared to the vase receiving the picture. But after this the revelation needs to be burned into us in order to make the revelation one with us. To receive revelation is one thing; to be burned with the revelation is another thing.

The revelation is burned into us by suffering. No real minister of God can avoid suffering....How much life and how much reality of the riches of Christ we can minister depends upon two elements—how much revelation we have received plus how much we have suffered for what has been revealed to us. Suffering has to be added to revelation. Then we have a ministry. (The History of the Church and the Local Churches, p. 97)

Further Reading: The Experience of Christ as Life for the Building Up of the Church, ch. 15; The History of the Church and the Local Churches, ch. 8 恩赐只教导关於基督的道理。使徒作基督执事的证据,不是恩赐,乃是由经历基督的苦难,患难,而产生并形成的职事(圣经恢复本,林後一4第一注)。

使徒行传和保罗的书信给我们看见 保罗所受的苦难(西一24)。我们 藉著保罗的著作得知, 他经过苦难 以前,就领受了启示(林後十二1、 7)。首先他得著了启示,但这并 不是说, 他得著启示以後就立刻很 有口才,将他知道的传给人。即使 他这样作了, 那也不是职事。他所 分享的不过仅仅是教训或恩赐的运 用, 而不是职事。然而, 我们知道 使徒保罗并不是这样。他领受了主 的启示以後, 主把他摆在炉里, 摆 在火中, 好经过焚烧, 经过苦难。 我们在他的著作中看见一个顺序: 先是启示, 後有苦难。职事就从这 二者而出。

启示乃是藉著苦难烧进我们里面的。 没有一个神真正的执事能免, 难。…我们能供应多少生命,然而 多少基督丰富的实际,取决,然而 表于,我们领受了多少启示, 我们领受了多少启示, 我们为著所得的启示经过多少 启示必须加上苦难,这样我们 有职 (召会与地方召会的历史, 一〇至一一页)。

参读: 经历基督作生命为著召会的 建造, 第十五章; 召会与地方召会 的历史, 第八章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Three (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Minister Life

Morning Nourishment

2 Cor. 1:9 "Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."

4:16 "Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day."

The experience of death ushers us into the experience of resurrection. Resurrection is the very God, who resurrects the dead. The working of the cross terminates our self that we may experience God in resurrection. The experience of the cross always issues in the enjoyment of the God of resurrection. Such experience produces and forms the ministry (2 Cor. 1:4-6). (2 Cor. 1:9, footnote 3)

Today's Reading

Paul's word [in 2 Corinthians 4:7-12] shows us that we need to be terminated. We need to be brought to an end. Then we will learn not to trust in ourselves but in God. For us to say that we need to trust in God and not in ourselves is easy, but to be wrought through in this matter needs a certain amount of experience. God is working through the cross to terminate us. God is working to bring us to an end, even to bring our spirituality, our spiritual attainment, to an end. We may trust so much in our spiritual attainment, but even that has to be terminated. (An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit, p. 12)

As we have seen, in 2 Corinthians 4, transformation becomes renewing. This renewing does not merely involve the addition of the divine element into our being. Our old nature, the outward man, is actually taken away so that the life within us, that is, the Spirit of life, may have the opportunity to develop. This development of the life within is the renewing....We may use trees as an illustration. During the winter they are dormant, but in the springtime we can see

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晨兴餧养

林後一9 『自己里面也断定是必死的,叫我们不信靠自己,只信靠那叫死人复活的神。』

四16 『所以我们不丧胆,反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏,我们里面的人却日日在更新。』

死的经历引我们进入复活的经历。 复活就是那叫死人复活的神。十字架的工作了结我们的己,使我 们在复活里经历神。十字架的 历总是带进对复活之神的享受。 这样的经历产生并形成职事(後一4~6)(圣经恢复本,林後 9第三注)。

信息选读

the development of the inner life. This is not only transformation; it is renewing. (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, p. 287)

The putting to death of Jesus in our environment cooperates with the indwelling Spirit to kill our natural man (our outer man), comprising our body and our soul. The indwelling Spirit works to kill us. The Spirit is the Killer, but He needs an instrument, a "knife," to kill us. The "knife" may be our spouse, our children, or certain brothers and sisters in the church. A certain saint can become a "knife" which the Spirit uses to kill us.

We all want to have a nice environment where everything is smooth, peaceful, sweet, and nice. But instead, we are under an environment of sufferings and pressures, which works with the Spirit to kill our natural man. The putting to death, the killing, in 2 Corinthians 4 is through the environment. In speaking about the application of Christ's death, Romans 8 refers to the indwelling Spirit, whereas 2 Corinthians 4 refers to the outward environment. The outward environment cooperates with the inward Spirit to carry out the killing of our natural man.

In 2 Corinthians 4:10 Paul goes on to say, "That the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." The killing of the cross results in the manifestation of the resurrection life. This daily killing is for the release of the divine life in resurrection. Here the life of Jesus refers to the resurrection life, which the Lord Jesus lived and expressed through the working of the cross. This portion shows us that the termination of the cross eventually causes the manifestation of the resurrection life. The putting to death of Jesus destroys the natural man, the outward man, and the flesh in order that the inward man can be given the opportunity to develop and be renewed to live out the resurrection life.

The resurrection of Christ is the manifestation of the divine life. Resurrection is the life of Jesus manifested through His death. Paul wrote the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians fully from experience. He described how the apostles lived out the crucified life and manifested the resurrection life. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 4084)

Further Reading: Life-study of 2 Corinthians, msgs. 33-34

就能看见里面生命的发展。这不仅是变化,这乃是更新(哥林多後书生命读经,三三六页)。

在我们环境里耶稣的治死与内住的灵作,杀死我们天然的身体和残人(我强的人),包括我们的身体和灵作和灵作者死我们。那是一把『刀』有能是不死我们。但他需要一把『刀』可能是些灵光的配偶、一位圣徒可能成了,位圣徒可能成为,但不是我们的一把『刀』。

基督的复活乃是神圣生命的显明。 复活就是耶稣的生命藉著祂的死而 显明。保罗写林後四章完全是从他 的经历来写的。他描述使徒们怎样 活出钉十字架的生命并显明复活的 生命(新约总论第四百零二篇—中 文尚未出书)。

参读: 哥林多後书生命读经, 第 三十三至三十四篇。

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Morning Nourishment

John 12:24-25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life."

In our Christian life, regardless of what kind of circumstances we are in, we must put our self to death. At home, in the church, or among brothers and sisters, we should voluntarily put our self to death so that the life of God can have an opportunity to live out from within us. For this reason, the Bible likens us saved ones to seeds of life (Matt. 13:38). If we do not die, we will not live. Only when the outward shell is broken can the inward life be manifested. Hence, all the work that the Lord is doing on us is to destroy our outward, natural man so that we can live out the life of God within us. This is the deepest thought in the New Testament concerning the life of a Christian. It is not a matter of self-endeavoring through refinement. It is not a removal of evil and a practice of good works. Rather, through death and resurrection, man dies and God lives. (Words of Life from the 1988 Full-time Training, p. 52)

Today's Reading

"All the way to Calvary" [Hymns, #481] means remaining in the death of Christ continuously and walking in such a death. This is an extremely profound principle of the Christian life. When we remain in the death of Christ and walk in it, we can enjoy the power of Christ's resurrection within us. Hence, Romans 6:5 says that if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. The likeness of His death here is the baptism mentioned in the previous verse, and the likeness of His resurrection is the newness of life. In baptism, we grew together with Him in the

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晨兴餧养

约十二 24~25 『我实实在在的告诉你们,一粒麦子不落在地里死了,仍旧是一粒;若是死了,就结出许多子粒来。爱惜自己魂生命的,就丧失魂生命;在这世上恨恶自己魂生命的,就要保守魂生命归入永远的生命。』

在我们基督徒的生活中, 我们不论 处在任何的境遇,都必须把自己摆 在死地;在家庭中,在召会里,或 在弟兄姊妹中间, 都该自愿的把自 己摆在死地, 让神的生命得著机会, 从我们里面活出来。因此, 圣经把 我们得救的人比作一粒生命的种子 (太十三38), 若不死, 就不生; 惟有外面的体壳破裂, 里面的生命 才能显明出来。为这缘故, 主今天 在我们身上所作的一切工作, 就是 杀死我们外面天然的人, 使我们里 面神的生命得以活出来。这是新约 中,关於基督徒的人生最深奥的思 想,不是修身养性,去恶行善,乃 是藉死得生, 人死神活(生命的话, 五四至五五页)。

信息选读

likeness of His death. Now through His death, we have grown into His resurrection, where we walk in newness of life.

Moreover, when we stay under the termination of the Lord's death, His resurrection life will be dispensed into others through us. The dispensing of life into others is always the result of our receiving the killing of the cross.

The basic principle set up by the Bible for us believers is neither self-improvement nor the rejection of evil and the practice of good, but the putting of ourselves into the death of Christ. When we love the Lord and enjoy Him, we abide in Him. As such, His first operation is to put to death all the fleshly things in us....The more we die with Christ this way, the more His resurrection power will be manifested in us. (Words of Life from the 1988 Full-time Training, pp. 56-59)

After being dealt with by the cross, [the natural strength and ability are useful because] they are in resurrection....In resurrection something divine has been wrought into our strength and ability. Even some divine element has been wrought into our eloquence. When we speak, we need to have our eloquence dealt with by the cross. The cross always works the divine element into the person it deals with, bringing God into him. If you have never been dealt with by the cross in your eloquence, that is the natural eloquence with nothing divine. But if your eloquence has been dealt with, that kind of eloquence is in resurrection and is full of the divine element. In the natural eloquence, there is no God. But the "dealt with" eloquence in resurrection is full of God. After being dealt with, our strength and ability become useful in resurrection for our service to the Lord. (Basic Lessons on Service, pp. 155-156)

The almond tree is the first tree in the year to blossom, blossoming in either January or February. The first fruit which comes out of a tree is the almond. This signifies resurrection. Hence, the budding, blossoming, fruit-yielding rod signifies the resurrection life of Christ. The leadership among God's children must be Christ Himself as the resurrection life which buds, blossoms, and bears almonds to feed God's people. (Life-study of Hebrews, p. 681)

Further Reading: Words of Life from the 1988 Full-time Training, chs. 5-6

的死,我们长到祂的复活里,就在生 命的新样中生活行动。

并且,当我们在主死的杀死之下, 他复活的生命就藉著我们分赐到别 人里面。分赐生命到别人里面,总 是我们接受十字架杀死的结果。

圣经对我们信主之人所立的基本原则不是修行,也不是去恶从善,乃是把我们摆在基督的死里。当他把我们摆在基督的第一个面,这时候他对我们的第一个西。就是治死我们一切肉体的东西。当我们越这样和基督同死,他出来的大能就越在我们身上表示的大能就越在我们身上表示一个二页)。

天然的力量和才干若经过十字架的对 付,就会非常有用。…在复活里,有 一些神圣的东西已经作到我们的力量 和才干里, 甚至有些神圣的元素已经 作到我们的口才里。每当我们说话, 我们的口才需要受十字架的对付。十 字架总是将神圣的元素作到所对付的 人里面,将神带到那人里面。你若从 未在口才上受过十字架的对付, 你所 有的就只是天然的口才, 没有一点神 圣的成分。然而, 你的口才若经过对 付, 那种口才就是在复活里, 并满了 神圣的元素。天然的口才里没有神, 然而在复活里『被对付』的口才却满 了神。我们的力量和才干受过对付之 後, 在复活里对於我们事奉主就成为 有用的(事奉的基本功课,一七八至 一七九页)。

杏树是一年最早开花的树,大约在一月或二月就开花。杏子也是果树中先熟的果子。这表徵复活。因此,发芽、开花并结果的杖[民十七8],表徵基督复活的生命。神儿女是活的生命,发芽开花,结出熟杏,变牙形。,发芽开花,结出熟杏,疾经,八〇八页)。

参读:生命的话,第五至六篇。

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Taking the Lead to Minister Life

Morning Nourishment

2 Cor. 4:10 "Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."

Josh. 3:17 "And the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel was crossing over on dry ground, until all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan."

Second Corinthians 4:12 says, "So then death operates in us, but life in you." When we are under the killing of the Lord's death, His resurrection life is imparted through us into others. The impartation of life into others is always the issue of our suffering the killing of the cross. In verse 12 Paul seems to be saying, "We are dying, but you Corinthians are being made alive. Our dying infuses life into you and makes you alive. For us, it is a matter of being put to death; for you, it is a matter of the impartation of life." (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, p. 93)

Today's Reading

In [2 Corinthians 4:12] Paul does refer to his work. His work was a work of death operating in him. What is the work of the apostles? The work of the apostles is the work of death operating in them so that life may operate in the believers.

It may not sound pleasant to us to hear of death operating in the apostles. But the issue, the result, of this operation of death is wonderful—it is life in others. This is the real work of the new covenant ministry. It is not a matter of working; it is a matter of dying. In the Lord's recovery we need to die so that life may work in others. Hence, our dying is our working. The Lord does not need you to accomplish a work for Him. He needs you to die. If you die, life will work in others. You will minister life to others by dying.

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晨兴餧养

林後四10 『身体上常带著耶稣的治死,使耶稣的生命也显明在我们的身体上。』

书三17 『抬耶和华约柜的祭司在约但河中的乾地上站定,以色列众人就从乾地上过去,直到国民尽都过了约但河。』

信息选读

在〔林後四章十二节〕里,保罗的确题到他的工作。他的工作乃是死在他身上发动。使徒们的工作是甚麽?使徒们的工作乃是死在他们身上发动,使生命在信徒身上发动。

Therefore, our work is to be put to death. (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, p. 295)

God put the priests in the place of death so that the Israelites would have a way to the land of life. The priests were the first ones to go into the water and the last ones to come up out of the water. They were the overcomers of God. Today God is seeking for a group of people who, like the priests of old, step into the water, that is, walk into death first. They are willing to be dealt with by the cross first, to stand in the place of death in order that the church will find the way of life. God must first put us in the place of death before others can receive life. The overcomers of God are the pioneers of God.

The priests could not do much by themselves; they merely bore the Ark. They had to bear the Ark of the Covenant and go down into the midst of the water. We have to let Christ be the center, to put on Christ, and to go down to the water. The feet of the priests were standing on the riverbed while their shoulders were bearing the Ark. They were standing in death, while lifting up Christ.

The bottom of the river is the position of death; it is not comfortable, attractive, or restful. They were not sitting there, nor lying there, but standing there. If I live in my temper, Christ cannot live in others. If I stand at the bottom of the river, others will cross over the Jordan victoriously. Death works in me, but life works in others. If I die in submitting to God, life will work in others to make them also submit to God. The death of Christ works His life into us. Without death, there is no life.

May we be able to pray, "Lord, let me die so that others can gain life." God has said clearly that this is not an easy matter. Yet only in this way will God accomplish His eternal plan.

Before they could come out, they waited at the bottom of the river for all of God's people to cross over. We cannot come out of death before the kingdom comes. Eventually, Joshua commanded, saying, "Come up out of the Jordan" (Josh. 4:17). Our triumphant Joshua will tell us to come up out of the water. This will happen at the beginning of the kingdom. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 764-765)

Further Reading: Life-study of 2 Corinthians, msgs. 10-11; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 11, pp. 763-766

此,我们的工作乃是被治死(哥林多後书生命读经,三四六至三四七页)。

神把祭司放在死里,好叫以色列人有一条路,到生命之地。祭司是他。祭司是他。祭司是他。祭的是他们是神的得胜者。神今日在寻找一班像当日的祭司的人,叫他们先下水,先受十字架的对付,站在死里,好叫召会有一条生叫的路。神先把我们摆在死里,就是神的得胜者。神的得胜者,就是神的开道者。

不是祭司能成功甚麽,乃是因为他们抬著约柜。他们必须抬著约柜,下到河底。我们必须让基督作中心,必须披著基督,下到水里。祭司的脚站在河底,肩抬著约柜。站在死地,高举的是基督。

在河底是死的地位,不是舒服的,不是好看的,不是安息的,不是坐著。我发脾气,不是躺著,乃是站著。我发脾气,我发脾后,为人身上就不能,别人身上发动,生就有生在别人身上发动,其作出死来顺服们也发动,其个人身上发动,使他的生发,就有生在别人身上。没有死,就没有生。

愿我们能祷告说, 『主啊, 让我死, 好叫别人得生。』神明说, 这并非一件容易的事。但是, 惟有这样, 才能成功神永远的计划。

在河底,直等到神的百姓都过了河,才能出来。国度还没有进来,我们不能出死。但终有约书亚吩咐说,『你们从约但河里上来。』(书四17)我们得胜的约书亚,必要叫我们从水里上来。这是在国度起始的时候(倪柝声文集第一辑第十一册,一二八至一二九页)。

参读: 哥林多後书生命读经, 第十 至十一篇; 倪柝声文集第一辑第 十一册, 第一二三至一三一页。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Four

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: Deut. 18:15; Num. 11:29b; 1 Cor. 14:1, 3-6, 12, 19, 31

Outline

DAY 1

I. "A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers;...you shall listen to Him" (Deut. 18:15):

A. A prophet is not mainly one who predicts the future but one who speaks for another, as Aaron spoke for Moses (Exo. 7:1-2).

- B. Acts 3:22 applies Deuteronomy 18:15-19 to Christ, who is God incarnated to be a man, indicating that Christ is the Prophet promised by God to His people, the children of Israel, to speak forth God and to prophesy many things concerning God's economy.
- C. That the Prophet was to be from among their brothers indicates that Christ as the coming Prophet would be human as well as divine (Deut. 18:15a).
- D. God would raise up this Prophet through the incarnation of Christ to speak the word of God (John 1:45; 3:34; 7:16-17; 8:18; Heb. 1:2a):
- 1. To speak God's word, that is, to prophesy, is to dispense God, to speak God forth into others; this is what the Lord Jesus did as the Prophet raised up by God (1 Cor. 14:1, 3-5, 24-25, 31).

二〇一二年春季国际 长老及负责弟兄训练

长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第四篇

<u>领头申言,</u> <u>以建造召会</u> 作基督生机的身体

读经: 申十八 15, 民十一 29 下, 林前十四 1, $3 \sim 6$, 12, 19, 31

纲 目

周一

壹 『耶和华你的神要从你们弟兄们中间,给你兴起一位申言者…,你们要听从祂』—申十八15:

- 一 申言者主要不是豫言未来的人, 乃是为别人说话的人,就如亚伦为摩 西说话—出七 $1\sim2$ 。
- 二 行传三章二十二节把申命记十八章十五至十九节应用於基督, (祂是神成为肉体来作人,)指明基督是神应许给祂百姓以色列人的申言者,说出神并申述许多关於神经纶的事。
- 三 这位申言者要从他们的弟兄们 中间兴起,指明基督这位要来的申 言者既是神圣的,又是属人的一申 十八15上。

四 神要藉著基督的成为肉体,兴起这位申言者讲说神的话—约—45,三34,七16~17,八18,来—2 上:

1 说神的话,就是申言,乃是分赐神,把神说到人里面;这就是神兴起为申言者的主耶稣所作的一林前十四1,3 \sim 5,24 \sim 25,31。

- 2. The Lord Jesus lived a life of speaking God, a life of expressing God for His glory (John 7:16):
- a. Instead of speaking His own words, He spoke God (12:49-50; 14:10).
- b. When He spoke God's word, God was expressed through His speaking; God came forth from Him through His words (1:18).

II. "Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets!" (Num. 11:29b):

- A. Moses desired that all the people of Israel would be prophets, those who spoke for God.
- B. This word was a great prophecy uttered by Moses; it was promoted by Paul and is fulfilled in God's New Testament economy (1 Cor. 14:24, 31).
- C. Three things characterize a prophet: a history before God, an inward burden, and divinely given words that express and interpret that burden.

DAY 2

III. "He who prophesies builds up the church" (v. 4b):

- A. Prophesying is for the building up of the church as the organic Body of Christ (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:12, 27; 14:1, 3-4, 12; Eph. 4:16):
- 1. The central and divine thought of the Scriptures is that God is seeking a divine building as the mingling of Himself with humanity—a living composition of persons redeemed by and mingled with Himself (Exo. 25:8):
- a. God's intention is to have a group of people built up as a spiritual building to express Him and to represent Him (Gen. 1:26; Eph. 2:21-22).

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- b. Whatever God is doing today—in preaching the gospel, edifying the saints, or establishing churches—is part of His building work; these activities are part of God's main work, the work of building (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:16).
- 2. Prophesying builds up the church (1 Cor. 14:1, 12):

- 2 主耶稣过著讲说神的生活,就是为著神的荣耀彰显神的生活—约七16:
- a 他不说自己的话,乃是讲说神一十二 $49 \sim 50$,十四10。
- b 他说神的话时,神就藉著祂的说话彰显出来;神藉著祂的话从祂里面出来了——18。

贰 『惟愿耶和华的百姓都是 申言者』—民十一29下:

- 一 摩西愿意所有以色列人都是申言者,就是为神说话的人。
- 二 这话是摩西所发出一个极大的豫言;这事为保罗所推动,并且在神新约的经纶里得著应验—林前十四24,31。
- 三 申言者有三个特徵:有在神面前的历史,有内里的负担,有神所给的话来发表并解释这负担。

周二

参 『那申言的,乃是建造召会』—4节下:

- 一 申言乃是为著建造召会作基督生机的身体—太十六 18, 林前十二 12, 27, 十四 1, $3 \sim 4$, 12, 弗四 16:
- 1 圣经中心而神圣的思想乃是:神在寻找一个神圣的建造,就是祂自己与人性的调和;祂在寻找一个活的组成,由蒙祂救赎并与祂调和的人所组成—出二五8:
- a 神的心意是要得著一班人建造成为属灵的建造,以彰显神并代表神一创一26,弗二21~22。

周三

- b 今天神无论作甚麽—传福音、造就圣徒、或建立召会—都是祂建造工作的一部分;这些活动乃是神主要工作—建造工作—的一部分—太十六18,弗四16。
- 2 申言建造召会—林前十四1,12:

- a. Prophesying is not for the building up of a congregation, an organization, which is a façade.
- b. Everyone prophesying builds up the church as the organic Body of Christ (vv. 12, 31; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:16).
- B. We need to help the saints to arrive at the goal of the practice of the church life according to the God-ordained way—prophesying in the district meetings for the building up of the church as the organic Body of Christ (1 Cor. 14:1, 3-5, 12, 31):

DAY 4

- 1. All the believers have the capacity to prophesy; this capacity is in the divine life, which the believers possess and enjoy and which needs to increase within them so that this capacity may be developed (v. 31; John 3:15).
- 2. When the saints prophesy in the district meetings, supplying Christ to others, the riches in the Body of Christ are expressed (Eph. 3:8; 4:12, 16).
- C. We should speak with the three constituting elements of prophesying:
- 1. A knowledge of the Word of God—the human element of learning (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ezek. 3:1-4).
- 2. The instant inspiration of the Holy Spirit—the divine element of inspiration (1 Cor. 14:32, 37a).
- 3. A vision concerning God's interest and economy, the church as the Body of Christ, the local churches, the world, the individual saints, and ourselves—the view through the enlightening of the divine light (Eph. 1:17-18; 1 Cor. 2:11-12).

DAY 5

- D. The ability to prophesy, the greatest of all gifts, is produced through the enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ revealed in 1 Corinthians (1:2b, 9, 24, 30; 5:7-8; 10:3-4; 15:45b):
- 1. The enjoyment of Christ first issues in the growth in life to produce materials for the building up of the church (3:6, 9-14).
- 2. The enjoyment of Christ also issues in the 2

- a 申言不是为著建造堂会,建造组织,那是门面的。
- b 众人申言就建造召会作基督生机的身体—12,31节,太十六18,弗四16。
- 二 我们需要照著神命定之路,帮助圣徒达到召会生活实行的目标,就是在区聚会中申言,以建造召会作基督生机的身体—林前十四1,3~5,12,31:

周四

- 1 所有信徒都有申言的性能;这性能是在神圣的生命里,这生命是信徒所拥有、享受的,并且需要在他们里面增长,使这性能得以发展—31节,约三15。
- 2 圣徒在区聚会中申言,将基督供应给人,就把基督身体的丰富彰显出来—弗三8,四12,16。
- 三 我们必须用三种构成申言的元素来讲说:
- 1 对神的话有认识—属人学习的元素—提後三16~17,结三1~4。
- 2 有圣灵即时的感动—神圣感动的元素—林前十四32,37上。
- 3 有异象,看见神的权益和经纶、召会是基督的身体、地方召会、世界、个别的圣徒、以及我们自己一藉著神圣之光的光照而有所看见一弗一17~18,林前二11~12。

周 五

- 四 申言的能力乃是所有恩赐中最拔 尖的,是藉著享受哥林多前书所启示 包罗万有的基督而产生的——2下,9, 24,30,五7~8,十3~4,十五45下:
- 1 对基督之享受的头一个结果,就是在生命里长大,以产生建造召会的材料— Ξ 6, $9 \sim 14$ 6.
- 2 对基督的享受也带进恩赐的发

development of gifts for functioning to build up the Body of Christ, prophesying being the excelling gift (14:1, 3-4, 12).

- 3. The highest development of the gifts as an issue of the enjoyment of Christ is to prophesy—to speak for Christ, to speak forth Christ, and to speak Christ into others, supplying them with Christ by ministering, dispensing, Christ into them (vv. 19, 31).
- E. Like the apostle Paul, we should minister Christ by prophesying with clear and plain words (vv. 6, 19, 23-24, 31):
- 1. Paul determined not to know anything but Christ, his preaching was not with persuasive words but in demonstration of the Spirit, and he spoke in revelation, knowledge, prophecy, and teaching (2:1-2, 4; 14:6).
- 2. Paul functioned in the way of ministering Christ to others by speaking in clear and plain words with the demonstration of the Spirit (2:4; 14:19).

DAY 6

- 3. When we come together in a meeting, we should speak something for Christ and of Christ with the strong exercise of our spirit.
- 4. In prophesying for the building up of the church, we need spiritual words; these words come from God's Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2; 1 Cor. 12:8):
- a. The Spirit of life will give us the words, the utterance, and the boldness to prophesy (2:11-13).
- b. When we depend on Him, we can prophesy for the Lord unto the building up of the Body of Christ (14:31; Eph. 4:12, 16).
- 5. Prophesying is the highest expression of the Christian life; in order to prophesy for the building up of the church as the organic Body of Christ, we need:
- a. To love the Lord, have fellowship with Him, and be one with Him (Mark 12:30; 1 Cor. 1:9; 6:17).
- b. To be saturated and constituted with the Lord's word (Col. 3:16).
- c. To walk according to the Spirit, receiving instant inspiration (Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16, 25).

- 展,好尽功用以建造基督的身体;申言乃是超越的恩赐—十四1,3~4,12。
- 3 享受基督所发展出来最高的恩赐乃是申言,就是为基督说话,说出基督,并把基督说到人里面,藉著把基督服事、分赐到人里面,用基督供应人—19,31节。
- 五 我们应当藉著申言,用清楚、明白的话供应基督,与使徒保罗一样—6、19、23 \sim 24、31 节:
- 1 保罗定了主意,不知道别的,只知道基督,他的传讲不是用动听的言语,乃是用那灵的明证,讲说启示、知识、豫言和教训—二1~2,4,十四6。
- 2 保罗尽功用将基督供应给别人的路,乃是讲说清楚、明白的话并有那灵的明证—二4,十四19。

周六

- 3 我们在聚会中来在一起时,应当 刚强的运用我们的灵,为基督说话 并述说关於基督的事。
- 4 我们要申言建造召会,需要属灵的话;这属灵的话来自神生命的灵— 罗八 2, 林前十二 8:
- a 生命的灵会赐给我们申言的话语、口才和胆量—二11~13。
- b 我们凭靠祂,就能为主申言建造基督的身体—十四31,弗四12,16。
- 5 申言乃是我们基督徒生活最高的 表现;我们要申言建造召会作基督 生机的身体,就需要:
- a 爱主,与主有交通,且与祂成为——可十二30,林前一9,六17。
- b 泡透在主的话里,被主的话构成一西三16。
- c 照著灵而行,得著即时的灵感— 罗八4,加五16,25。

- d. To have a heavenly, divine view—the view of God—to know Christ and the church (Eph. 1:17; 3:5).
- e. To speak with revelation, using fresh expressions and utterance (1 Cor. 2:11-13).
- d 有属天、神圣的眼光,就是神的眼光,认识基督与召会一弗一17,三5。
- e 用新鲜的用辞和发表,带著启示说出来—林前二11~13。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES

Message Four (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Morning Nourishment

Deut. 18:15 "A Prophet will Jehovah your God raise up for you from your midst, from among your brothers, like me; you shall listen to Him."

Num. 11:29 "But Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Oh that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put His Spirit upon them!"

Acts 3:22 applies Deuteronomy 18:15-19 to Christ, who is God incarnated to be a man, indicating that Christ is the Prophet promised by God to His people, the children of Israel. (Deut. 18:15, footnote 1)

The Old Testament prophet Moses prophesied that Christ would come as a Prophet raised up by God from among the Israelites. This indicates that Christ as the coming Prophet would be human as well as divine. He is God incarnated to be a man, the God-man. He is the Prophet raised up by God to speak the word of God and prophesy many things concerning God's economy. (Truth Lessons—Level 4, vol. 1, p. 35)

Today's Reading

God would raise up this Prophet through the incarnation of Christ to speak the word of God (John 3:34; 7:16-17; 8:18; Heb. 1:2a). To speak God's word, that is, to prophesy, is to dispense God, to speak God forth into others....This is what the Lord Jesus did as the Prophet raised up by God. (Deut. 18:18, footnote 1)

In His earthly ministry the Lord Jesus never spoke His own word. Whatever He spoke was the Father's speaking. On one occasion He said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me" (John 7:16). In not speaking from Himself the Lord did not seek His own glory but the glory of the One who sent Him (v.

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第四篇(周 一)

<u>领头申言,</u> <u>以建造召会</u> 作基督生机的身体

晨兴餧养

申十八 15 『耶和华你的神要从你们弟兄们中间,给你兴起 一位申言者像我,你们要听从祂。』

民十一29 『摩西对他说, 你为我的缘故嫉妒人麽? 惟愿耶和华的百姓都是申言者, 愿耶和华把祂的灵放在他们身上!』

行传三章二十二节把申命记十八章 十五至十九节应用於基督(祂是神 成为肉体来作人),指明基督是神 应许给祂百姓以色列人的申言者(圣 经恢复本,申十八15第一注)。

旧约的申言者摩西,曾豫言基督将以神言者的身分而来。这位申言者的身分而来。这指明是者要从以色列人中间兴起,这指明是督这位要来的申言者是属人的,一个看到。他是神成为肉体,成为一个言经,就是神人。他是神所兴起的神经一,的话并豫言许多关系。

信息选读

神要藉著基督的成为肉体,兴起这位申言者讲说神的话(约三34,七16~17,八18,来一2上)。讲说神的话,即申言,乃是分赐神,把神说到人里面。…这就是神所兴起的申言者主耶稣所作的(圣经恢复本,申十八18第一注)。

主耶稣在地上的职事里绝不说自己的话。凡祂所说的,就是父所说的。在一个场合中祂说,『我的教训不是我自己的,乃是那差我来者的。』(约七16)主不从自己说话,祂不寻求自己的荣耀,乃寻求差祂来者

18). Instead of speaking His own words, He spoke God. When He spoke God's word, God was expressed through His speaking. God came forth from Him through His words. He lived a life of speaking God, a life of expressing God for His glory.

In John 12:49 and 50 the Lord Jesus says, "I have not spoken from Myself; but the Father who sent Me, He Himself has given Me commandment, what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father has said to Me, so I speak." This clearly reveals that in His ministry the Lord spoke the Father's word. In particular, the commandment that the Father gave Him to speak was eternal life. Therefore, He came with living words, and whoever receives His words will have eternal life.

In John 14:10 the Lord Jesus goes on to say, "The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father who abides in Me does His works." Once again the Lord makes it clear that He did not speak His own word but the Father's word. While the Son was speaking in this way, the Father was working. The Son's speaking was the Father's working. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 743-744)

Moses desired that all the people of Israel would be prophets, those who spoke for God (see footnote 1 on Exo. 7:1). This word was a great prophecy uttered by Moses. It was promoted by Paul in 1 Corinthians 14 and is fulfilled in God's New Testament economy by the prophesying of the believers in the church meetings (1 Cor. 14:24, 31). (Num. 11:29, footnote 1)

The second category of special gifts to the church in Ephesians 4:11 is the prophets. The prophets are those who speak for God and speak forth God by God's revelation and who sometimes speak with inspired prediction. In order to be a prophet, one must have the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge. This means that a prophet must have the proper knowledge of the Word and also receive much divine revelation. Without this knowledge and this revelation, we cannot speak for God or speak God forth. A prophet must be one who has the light, the revelation, concerning what is written in the Word. The prophets, therefore, must have the spiritual gift to speak the word of wisdom so that God may be spoken forth and by this speaking be dispensed into others. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 3419)

Further Reading: The Advance of the Lord's Recovery Today, chs. 6-7

的荣耀(18)。祂不说自己的话,乃是说神。祂说神的话时,神就藉著祂所说的从祂出来。祂过著讲说神的生活,就是为著神的荣耀彰显神的生活。

在十四章十节主耶稣继续说,『我对你们所说的话,不是我从自祂自己的话,乃是住在我里面的父作是说自己的话,乃是说父的话。子说话时,父就在作事。子说话就是公作事(新约总论第三册,二四七页)。

摩西愿意所有以色列人都是申言者,就是为神说话的人(见出七1注1)。这话是摩西所发出一个极大的豫言。这事为保罗在林前十四章所推动,并且在神新约的经纶里,藉著召会聚会中众信徒的申言而得应验(24、31)(圣经恢复本,民十一29第一注)。

以弗所四章十一节里赐给召会的特 别恩赐中, 第二类是申言者。申言 者是指藉著神的启示, 为神说话并 说出神的人, 有时候他们也受感说 豫言。一个人要成为申言者, 必须 有智慧的言语和知识的言语。这就 是说, 申言者必须正确认识神的 话, 也必须领受许多神圣的启示。 没有这样的认识和启示, 我们就不 能为神说话或说出神来。申言者必 须对神话语中所写的有亮光, 有启 示。因此, 申言者必须有属灵的恩 赐说智慧的言语,使神可以被说出 来;并藉著这说话,使神得以分赐 到人里面(新约总论第十一册,二 ○八页)。

参读: 主今日恢复的进展, 第六至 七章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Four (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Morning Nourishment

Matt. 16:18 "...Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

1 Cor. 14:3-4 "But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men. He who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but he who prophesies builds up the church."

We are God's speaking people. Whenever we come together, our meeting must be a speaking meeting. It must be a meeting speaking God, speaking for God, speaking forth God, and speaking God into people. This is God's divine dispensing.

My burden is to speak the truth to God's children. Today many pastors learn how to be eloquent and even speak words that make people laugh. We are not burdened to speak in this way. We want the words that we speak to be words of spirit and life. As believers, we all have to prophesy. We should not think that it is that difficult to speak for the Lord. We do not need to be specially gifted persons in order to speak Christ. I hope that all of us would take the holy Word from the Bible and put it into practice. (The Advance of the Lord's Recovery Today, p. 109)

Today's Reading

Prophesying is for the building up of the church, which is the organism of the processed Triune God, in the way of life (1 Cor. 14:4-5). When Christ is spoken into us as building up, encouragement, and consolation and when we are convicted and judged to turn to Christ, Christ is gained by us as nourishment. Encouragement and consolation are a nourishment. To be convicted and judged brings us to Christ. Then we receive Christ and gain Christ. Whenever we gain Christ, the Christ gained by us becomes our support, our supply, and our nourishment, and then we grow.

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第四篇(周 二)

<u>领头申言,</u> <u>以建造召会</u> 作基督生机的身体

晨兴餧养

太十六 18 『…我要把我的召会建造在这磐石上,阴间的门不能胜过她。』林前十四 3~4 『但那申言的,是对人讲说建造、勉励和安慰。那说方言的,是建造自己,但那申言的,乃是建造召会。』

我们是神说话的子民。每逢我们来 在一起的时候,我们的聚会必须是 说话的聚会,必须是讲说神、为神 说话、说出神来并且将神说到人里 面的聚会。这是神的神圣分赐。

信息选读

Our growth is the building up of the Body of Christ. The apostle Paul's speaking is centered on Christ for the building up of His mystical Body to fulfill God's eternal economy.

Everyone prophesying for the building up of the church as the organic Body of Christ has not been seen in Christianity....We have to come back to the Scriptures....I believe that now is the time, at the end of this age, for the Lord to recover 1 Corinthians 14 among us. The Lord has been preparing us for this recovery...since 1922. I feel that now is the time and that we are the people to give the Lord a way to recover the truth seen and written by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 14. (The Advance of the Lord's Recovery Today, pp. 109-110)

The central and divine thought of the Scriptures is that God is seeking a divine building as the mingling of Himself with humanity. He is seeking a living composition of living persons redeemed by and mingled with Himself. After His creation, God began and is still carrying out the work of the divine building. Even today God is doing the work of the divine building, which is to mingle Himself with man. We preach the gospel not merely to win souls or save souls from hell but to minister God Himself through the Spirit to man so that God can be mingled with man. In this way we gain the materials for the divine building. Likewise, we minister Christ to the saints so that they can be mingled and built up together with Christ. This is the basic and central thought behind what we do. (The Building of God, p. 13)

We have seen that God's intention is to have a group of people built up as a spiritual building to express God and to represent God by dealing with His enemy and recovering this lost earth.

We must be clear about these two things: God's intention in His creation is to have a corporate vessel in His image to express Himself in a corporate way, and secondly, to represent Him on this earth, having His authority. Positively, this means there is only one corporate vessel to express God. And negatively, there is only one corporate representative to deal with God's enemy, and subdue this rebellious earth. This is not to be accomplished in heaven, but on this earth. May it be so today. (The Vision of God's Building, pp. 35, 19)

Further Reading: The Practice of the Church Life according to the God-ordained Way, chs. 4-6

就长大。我们的长大就是基督身体的建造。使徒保罗的说话是以基督为中心,为要建造祂奥秘的身体,完成神永远的经纶。

圣经中心而神圣的思想乃是:神在寻 找一个神圣的建造, 乃是祂自己与人 性的调和。祂在寻找一个活的组成, 由蒙祂救赎并与祂调和的活人所组 成。神创造以後, 就开始神圣建造的 工作, 这工作现今仍在进行。甚至今 天神也在作神圣建造的工作, 就是将 祂自己与人调和。我们传福音,不是 仅仅要得著灵魂或拯救灵魂不下地 狱, 乃是要藉著那灵, 将神自己服事 给人, 使神能以与人调和。如此我们 就得著了神圣建造的材料。同样的, 我们也将基督服事给圣徒, 使他们能 与基督调和并建造在一起。这就是我 们所作之事背後基本且中心的思想 (神建造的概论,九至一○页)。

我们已经看见,神的心意是要得著一班人成为属灵的建造,以彰显神并代表神,好对付祂的仇敌,恢复失去的地。

参读: 照著神命定之路召会生活的 实行, 第四至六篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES

Message Four (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 14:1 "Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

12 "So also you, since you are zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church."

The entire Bible is a book of building. In the first two chapters of the Bible...we have the materials for the building. Genesis 2 mentions gold, bdellium (a kind of pearl), and onyx stones. In the last two chapters of the Bible,...we have a building made of these three categories of material. Between these two ends of the Bible there is the process of God's building.

For the fulfillment of His plan to have an eternal building, God first created all things. Creation was a work of preparation. God's main work is the work of building. When we read the Bible, we may pay attention to God's creation, but not to God's work for His building. God's selection, predestination, calling, redemption, and salvation are all for the building. Even regeneration is for God's building. Whatever God is doing today—in preaching the gospel, edifying the saints, or establishing churches—is part of His building work....These activities are part of God's main work, the work of building. God has a goal, and this goal is to build a universal dwelling place for Himself. (Life-study of Exodus, pp. 1275-1276)

Today's Reading

Prophesying is for the practical building up of the church (1 Cor. 14:3-5, 12, 26), the organic Body of Christ. Prophesying is not for the building up of a congregation, an organization. The way of one man speaking and the rest listening is the old way. The way of Christianity is to build a congregation, an organization, which is a façade. Everyone prophesying

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晨兴餧养

林前十四1『你们要追求爱,更要切慕属灵的恩赐,尤其要切慕申言。』12『你们也是如此,既渴慕灵,就要为著召会的建造,寻求得以超越。圣经乃是一本建造的书。。至至的共有建造的材料。至经世。不可知,有这三种材料。在圣经这两章。在圣经这两端之间,有神建造的过程。

信息选读

申言乃是为著召会,基督生机的身体,实际的建造(林前十四3~5、12、26)。申言不是为著建造堂会,建造组织。一人讲众人听的路乃是阻路。基督教的路乃是建造堂会,建造组织,那是门面的。众人申言就建造身体—基督的身体这生机体。

builds up a body—the Body of Christ, an organism. This organism can only be built up in the organic way by practicing 1 Corinthians 14:26 through the perfecting of the saints by the four gifts mentioned in Ephesians 4:11-16. (Further Light concerning the Building Up of the Body of Christ, p. 16)

The preaching of the gospel, the home meetings, and the group meetings are all conducted during the week. On the Lord's Day, we should bring the new ones to the district meetings. A church can be divided into a few districts. The best number for the district meeting is around fifty. When we gain some new ones through the gospel, we should nourish and establish them in the home meetings. We should also care for them and perfect them in the group meetings. In this way, when they come to the church meetings, every one of them will be able to prophesy.

In order for the saints to prophesy, they need to enjoy the Lord's word every day and be filled with the Lord's word. Every district can select its own portion of Scripture.

Everyone should take turns speaking. There should not be any prearranged order, but the speaking should be done in a spontaneous way. This kind of speaking in the district meeting will be very rich. We can prophesy this way week after week for fifty-two weeks in a year. The supply of the Lord's word will then be rich among us. When everyone is supplied and edified, the problems and difficulties of the saints will be solved spontaneously through the supply of the rich word, and the church will be built up. This is the way that the Lord has shown us today.

The Lord's recovery today is the recovery of the saints in the building up of the Body of Christ. For this reason, there is the need for every saint to be able to prophesy, so that the church can be built up in a genuine way. First Corinthians 14:31 says that we can all prophesy one by one. Verses 24 and 25 say that if we all prophesy, and if an unbeliever or one unlearned comes, he will be convicted by all and will be judged by all. The secrets of his heart will become manifest, and he will admit that God is really among us. Hence, for everyone to prophesy unto the building up of the Body of Christ is the proper way revealed in the Scriptures. Thank and praise the Lord! I hope that the Lord would bless all the churches...according to this new way. (The Riches and Fullness of Christ and the Advanced Recovery of the Lord Today, pp. 67-69)

Further Reading: The Practice of the Church Life according to the God-ordained Way, chs. 7-9

这个生机体只能藉著以弗所四章 十一至十六节所说四种恩赐对圣徒 的成全,来实行林前十四章二十六 节,而生机的建造起来(关於建造 基督身体更进一步的亮光,一四至 一五页)。

从传福音、家聚会到小排聚会,就是在周中作;到了主召会,就以好是在周界会。一个召数,可是会加了在公下,可以是一个人数。不过是一个人,并且也带他们家聚会的人。并且也带他们家聚会会是一个人,他们,那一个人,他们就能由一个人,他们就能由一个人。

圣徒要能申言,就需要天天享受主的话,被主的话充满。各区可以选一卷圣经,每周读一章。

今天主的恢复,是恢复圣徒能建 造基督的身体, 所以需要恢复圣 徒人人都能申言, 使召会得著真 实的建造。林前十四章三十一节 说, 你们都能一个一个的申言。 二十四至二十五节说, 若众人都 申言, 有不信的, 或是不通方言 的人进来,他就被众人劝服,被众 人审明, 他心里的隐情显露出来, 就必承认神真在你们中间。因此。 人人申言以建造基督身体的路, 乃是圣经所启示的正路。感谢赞 美主! 我盼望主按著这一条新路, 祝福…各处的召会(基督的丰富 并丰满与主今日前进的恢复, 七 ○至七二页)。

参读: 照著神命定之路召会生活的 实行, 第七至九篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Four (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 14:31 "For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged."

Eph. 4:16 "Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love."

All the believers have the capacity to prophesy and have the obligation to prophesy (1 Cor. 14:31, 24)....First Corinthians 14:31 says that we can all prophesy one by one. The word can indicates the capacity, the ability, to prophesy. Any kind of life has a certain capacity. The peach tree has its life, and in this life there is the capacity to produce peaches. In our human life, there...is the capacity to hear, to see, to smell, to speak, and to eat.

There are also capacities in the divine life that we have received. Through regeneration we received another life, the divine life, which is the eternal life. The divine life is eternal in space, in time, and in quality. It is altogether unlimited. This life is full of capacities, and the most striking...is the capacity to speak for God, to prophesy. (The Advance of the Lord's Recovery Today, pp. 115-116)

Today's Reading

Because we have the divine life, we have the capacity to speak Christ....We all need to grow with the increase of God. The increase of God within us increases our capacity so that this capacity is developed unto our ability.

Right after someone receives the Lord Jesus and is regenerated, a desire is put within him to speak something for Christ. He may not know how to speak,

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<u>领头申言,</u> <u>以建造召会</u> 作基督生机的身体

晨兴餧养

林前十四31 『因为你们都能一个一个的申言,为要使众人有学习,使 众人得勉励。』

弗四16 『本於祂,全身藉著每一丰富供应的节,并藉著每一部分依其度量而有的功用,得以联络在一起,并结合在一起,便叫身体渐渐长大,以致在爱里把自己建造起来。』

所有的信徒都有申言的性能和申言的情任(林前十四31、24)。 三十一节说,我们都能一个一个的中言。『能』字指明申言的性能,有明申言的性能。任何一种生命都有某种性能。桃树有桃树的生命,这生的生物,有听、看、嗅、说话和吃的性能。

信息选读

因为我们有神圣的生命, 所以我们有讲说基督的性能。…我们都需要以神的增长而长大。神在我们里面的增加, 使我们的性能增加, 以致这性能得以发展为我们的才能。

一个人接受主耶稣并得了重生以後, 立刻就有一个渴慕放在他里面,想 要为基督说话。他可能不知道怎样 but this desire is within him. As he begins to speak in the meetings of the church, his speaking function develops. As he continues to practice speaking, he is like a babe who learns to stand, to walk, and eventually to run and jump. His spiritual function is developed through his practice.

I have been attending [the church] meetings regularly since [1932]. By attending all these meetings, I have received much instruction. Through this instruction and growth in life, my capacity to prophesy has been developed. Today it is so easy for me to prophesy. As we attend the meetings regularly and practice speaking with some instruction, we will be perfected to prophesy. (The Advance of the Lord's Recovery Today, pp. 116-117)

After a person is regenerated, the most important thing is for him to eat, drink, and enjoy the pneumatic Christ as his food and water, so that he may grow in life....After the nourishing, we need the teaching. This teaching is through God's Spirit of life sanctifying and perfecting the saints until they become able to do the work of the building up of the Body of Christ (Rom. 15:16; Eph. 4:12)....When we nourish and perfect the saints by God's Spirit of life in this way, we need to arrive at an ultimate goal, which is to help the saints to prophesy for the Lord and to build up the church as the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 14:1, 3-5, 12, 31). In our meetings, everyone can open his mouth to speak. When every one of us speaks, the riches of the Body of Christ are expressed. When we prophesy for the Lord, we need the spiritual words, and these spiritual words come from God's Spirit of life (1 Cor. 12:8). This Spirit will grant us the words, the utterance, and the boldness to prophesy. When we depend on Him, we can prophesy for the Lord unto the building up of the Body of Christ. (God's Way in Life, pp. 43-44)

[There are] three constituting elements of prophesying: [First], we must possess a knowledge of the Word of God—the human element of learning. [Second], we must have the instant inspiration of the Holy Spirit—the divine element of inspiration. [Third], we must have a vision concerning God's interest and economy, concerning the church as the Body of Christ, concerning the local churches, concerning the world, concerning the individual saints, and even concerning ourselves—the view through the enlightening of the divine light. (Prophesying in the Church Meetings for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, p. 33)

Further Reading: Further Light concerning the Building Up of the Body of Christ, ch. 1; God's Way in Life, ch. 4 说,但这个渴慕就在他里面。当他 开始在召会的聚会中说话时,他说 话的功能就发展了。他继续操练说 话,就像婴孩学习站立,学习走路, 至终学会跑和跳。他属灵的功能藉 著操练得以发展。

当一个人重生之後, 最要紧的就是 吃喝, 得享那是灵的基督, 作他的 食物和饮料,好在生命里长大。… 有了餧养, 还要加上教导, 就是藉 神生命的灵, 圣化、成全圣徒, 使 他们能作建造基督身体的工作(罗 十五16, 弗四12)。…我们这样凭 神生命的灵餧养、成全圣徒, 至终 且要达到一个目标, 就是辅导圣徒 为主申言,以建造召会一基督的身 体(林前十四1、3~5、12、31)。 在我们的聚会中, 个个都能开口说 话。你说,我说,大家说,就把基 督身体的丰富彰显了出来。我们为 主申言,需要属灵的话,这话来自 神生命的灵(十二8)。这灵会赐 给我们申言的话语、口才和胆量; 凭靠祂, 我们就能为主申言, 以建 造基督的身体(神的生命之路, ○至四一页)。

参读:关於建造基督身体更进一步的亮光,第一章;神的生命之路,第四篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Four (Day 5)

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 2:1-2 "And I, when I came to you, brothers, came not according to excellence of speech or of wisdom, announcing to you the mystery of God. For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified."

4 "And my speech and my proclamation were not in persuasive words of wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

The excelling gift produced in the growth in life through the enjoyment of Christ is prophesying (1 Cor. 14:12)....The top gift...that excels all the other gifts, developed by our enjoyment of Christ is prophesying....As proper, growing believers whose spiritual gifts are being developed, we must speak the Lord into others every day. (The Excelling Gift for the Building Up of the Church, p. 13)

Today's Reading

First Corinthians reveals the enjoyment of the allinclusive Christ. We need to enjoy Christ every day....What we enjoy will have an issue. The enjoyment of Christ firstly issues in the growth in life to produce materials for the building up of the church (3:6, 9-14). The precious materials produced from the growth in life are signified by gold, silver, and precious stones. Our hope is that all of us will be transformed into the precious materials for God's building by enjoying Christ.

The enjoyment of Christ also issues in the development of gifts for functioning to build up the Body of Christ, prophesying being the excelling gift (1 Cor. 14:1, 12, 39a). To build up anything you need firstly the materials and secondly the skill, the functioning. Thus, the enjoyment of Christ issues not only in the growth in life but also in the development

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<u>领头申言,</u> <u>以建造召会</u> 作基督生机的身体

晨兴餧养

林前二1~2 『弟兄们,从前我到你们那里去,并没有照著高超的言论或智慧,对你们宣传神的奥秘。因为我曾定了主意,在你们中间不知道别的,只知道耶稣基督,并这位钉十字架的。』

4 『我说的话,讲的道,不是用智慧动听的言语,乃是用那灵和能力的明证。』

藉著享受基督而在生命里长大,所产 生超越的恩赐,石是申言(林前者思 是的思著我们享受基督而得思 展的最高恩赐,超越们既是正确而是 者,乃是申言。…我们既是正确而在 是的信徒,并且属灵的恩赐,一○页 展,我进召会的超越恩赐,一○页)。

信息选读

对基督的享受也带进恩赐的发展, 好尽功用以建造基督的身体;而自 12、39上)。凡是建造任何东西, 39上)。凡是建造任何东西, 首先需要材料,其次需要技结, 是功用。因此,享受基督的结果, 仅是在生命里长大,也是叫恩赐得 of gifts for functioning....[In chapters 12 through 14] Paul gives a clear view of the development of spiritual gifts for functioning to build up the Body of Christ. Dispensing Christ by speaking Him, prophesying, is the top development of the gifts as an issue of enjoying Him.

We must have something of the Lord to speak for the building up of the church. The top development of the gifts as an issue of the enjoyment of Christ is to prophesy, to speak for the Lord, to speak forth the Lord, to speak the Lord into people, ministering Christ, dispensing Christ, into people. When we are full of the enjoyment of Christ, we can share with others the Christ that we have enjoyed. (Further Light concerning the Building up of the Body of Christ, pp. 7-9)

[In 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 and 4] there are two main points. First, Paul determined not to know anything but Christ, and second, his preaching was not with enticing words but in demonstration of the Spirit. Christ and the demonstration of the Spirit are the two main points of these verses. Then, 14:6 says, "But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you, unless I speak to you either in revelation or in knowledge or in prophecy or in teaching?" By putting all these verses together we can see the way in which Paul functioned in a meeting. He functioned in a meeting by ministering Christ to others. In his ministry he determined to know nothing but Christ, so no doubt the way he functioned was to minister Christ to people. Second, he did not speak in tongues in the meetings. Rather, he spoke the clear and plain word. Third, he spoke by prophesying in the meetings.

When we come together, it is wonderful to speak something for Christ by exercising our spirit. We say something for Christ with the demonstration of the Spirit, not in a weak, timid way, but in a strong way. We have a strong spirit, so living and so aggressive, and we have some experiences of Christ to tell others. We do have something of Christ to speak about, to declare. Therefore, when we come to the meeting, we exercise our spirit to say something for...[and] about Christ. You say something. I say something. Everybody says something. This will have a convincing impact on others. (Enjoying the Riches of Christ for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, pp. 123, 126)

Further Reading: The Excelling Gift for the Building Up of the Church, chs. 1-2

以发展,好尽功用。…在〔十二至十四〕章里,保罗清楚的给我们看见,属灵恩赐如何得著发展,好尽功用以建造基督的身体。藉著讲说基督,申言,来分赐基督,乃是因著享受祂而产生之恩赐的最高发展。

在[二章一至二节和四节]里,有两个 主要的点:第一,保罗曾定了主意,不 知道别的, 只知道基督; 第二, 他的 传讲不是用诱人的言语, 乃是用那灵的 明证。基督和那灵的明证, 是这几节的 两个要点。然後,十四章六节说, 兄们, 我到你们那里去, 若只说方言, 与你们有甚麽益处?除非我用启示, 或知识, 或豫言, 或教训, 对你们讲 说。』将这些经文摆在一起,我们就能 看见,保罗在聚会中尽功用的路。 一,〕他藉著将基督供应给别人,而在 聚会中尽功用。在他的职事里,他曾定 了主意,不知道别的,只知道基督, 所以毫无疑问, 他尽功用的路就是将 基督供应给人。第二,他没有在聚会 中说方言。反而, 他说清楚、明白的 话。第三,他藉著申言在聚会中说话。

参读:建造召会的超越恩赐,第一 至二章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Four (Day 6)

Taking the Lead to Prophesy for the Building Up of the Church as the Organic Body of Christ

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 2:13 "Which things also we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things with spiritual words."

12:8 "For to one through the Spirit a word of wisdom is given, and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit."

When we stand up to speak for God, we have to learn to speak forth God. We have to practice pushing the words out from our spirit....We should not speak too hastily nor too long. In whatever we speak, we should let others touch the spirit in the words.

Although prophesying is not an easy matter, we know that what is recorded in the Bible must be fulfilled....First Corinthians 14 is the word of God. If this word is not fulfilled, the church will not be built up, and the Lord will not return. This is why Paul said that we have to pursue love and to desire earnestly the matter of prophesying. (The Organic Practice of the New Way, pp. 75-76)

Today's Reading

If we truly desire to take the biblical way, we must pay the price to live a revived and renewed life....We have to deny our self, trust the Lord, and depend on His resurrection power, His authority in ascension, His Spirit, and His word.

I hope that in the future we will see more of the prophesying...than the teaching. There is also no need to have too many testimonies. In this way, the content of the meetings will be rich. When we are speaking, there is the need to have the biblical materials. For example, in the praises of Mary the mother of Jesus in Luke 1, many words of the Old Testament were quoted throughout the whole passage. This shows that she was full of inspiration, that her view was broad and her choice of expression

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> 长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第四篇(周 六)

<u>领头申言,</u> <u>以建造召会</u> 作基督生机的身体

晨兴餧养

林前二13 『这些事我们也讲说,不 是用人智慧所教导的言语,乃是用 那灵所教导的言语,用属灵的话, 解释属灵的事。』

十二8 『这人藉著那灵得了智慧的言语, 那人也照同一位灵得了知识的言语。』

当我们起来代表神说话时,我们必须学习把神说出去,也操练从我们灵里把话推出去,并且不要说得太急、或太多,总要让人能彀碰著话中的灵。

为主申言虽不是一件容易的事,但我们知道,圣经上所写的,一定要应验。…林前十四章是神的话,若是不应验,召会不能得著建造,主也不会回来。因此保罗说,要追求爱,也要切慕申言(新路生机的实行,七五页)。

信息选读

我们若要真走圣经的路,就必须出代价过复兴更新的生活。…我们需要拒绝自己,信靠主,并靠他复活的大能、升天的权柄、他的灵和祂的话。

fresh, with much revelation. It was a good example of a proper prophesying (vv. 46-55)....The blessing of Elizabeth (vv. 42-45) and...the prophecy of Zechariah (vv. 68-79) were in the same principle. Not only were there the words of the Bible and the fresh utterance, but the broad view and the spiritual revelation. When all these elements are added together, we have the prophesying.

This kind of prophesying cannot be acquired in two or three days. There is the need to live this kind of life for a long time. Prophesying is the highest expression of the Christian life. If we live this way, spontaneously, we will be able to speak for God, to speak forth God, and to speak God into others. Week by week, if all prophesy this way, doubtless all the saints will receive the enlightening, the cleansing, the nourishing in life, the help in the truth, and the spiritual perfecting to be built up together into the Body of Christ. (The Organic Practice of the New Way, pp. 68-69, 42)

We must exercise not to use old terminology, but we must look to the Lord...that He would give us the timely utterance with the instant view, the instant seeing, the instant inspiration; this will strengthen the spiritual nature of our prophesying.

[There are] four additional vital points that must be cared for if we would be able to prophesy properly and adequately: 1) We must love the Lord, have fellowship with the Lord, live in the presence of the Lord, be joined to the Lord, and be one with the Lord. 2) We must labor to learn the truth by studying the Bible and books that expound the Bible, such as, the Life-studies, Recovery Version footnotes, Life Lessons, and Truth Lessons, that we might be saturated and constituted with the Word of God. 3) We must have a living spirit and walk according to spirit. 4) We must have a heavenly view, a broadened view, a clear view that knows Christ and knows the church, not having our own opinions and viewpoints but rather God's viewpoint concerning His interest on the earth, His Body, the church, the local churches, the individual saints, ourselves, the world situation, the sinners' condition, and God's economy; this heavenly view is gained through God's light, His Word, and the experience of Christ as life and the Spirit. (Prophesying in the Church Meetings for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, pp. 56-57)

Further Reading: The Organic Practice of the New Way, chs. 5-6; The Present Advance of the Lord's Recovery, ch. 4

证(46~55)。…以利沙伯的祝福(42~45),和…撒迦利亚的申言(68~79),原则也是一样,不仅有圣经的话语,新鲜的发表,也有放大的眼光和属灵的启示。有了这些成分,加在一起,就是申言了。

要能申言, 有几点是不能少的。第一, 必须爱主,与主有交通,活在主面前, 作一个与主联结为一的人。第二,必 须下功夫学真理。圣经和属灵的书报 要多读; …如恢复本圣经、真理课程、 生命课程等,这些读得越多越好。你 读的时候, 要让主的话把你滋润、充 满、浸透,至终成为你里面的组成。… 第三,必须灵活,并随从灵而行, 常得著鲜活的灵感。第四, 要学习有 属天的、放大的眼光, 是认识基督也 认识召会的,不要有自己的意见、看 法,要有神的眼光。…第五,生活中 要豫备申言。…真正的申言,是神在 你里面,与你联结为一,你藉著神的 话,把你里面的神发表出来,不是道 理的, 乃是灵感的; 没有自己的意见, 乃有属灵的眼光。并且说的时候,不 陈腔旧调; 要一面说, 一面仰望主给 你新的口才,和临时的灵感。这会大 大加强你申言的属灵性质, 并使你的 申言满有新鲜的启示(新路生机的实 行, 六七至六八、三七至三九页)。

参读:新路生机的实行,第三、 五至六篇;主今日恢复的进展, 第五章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Five

Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matt. 6:9-13; 14:19, 22-23; 6:6

Outline

DAY 1

- I. The example of prayer given as a pattern by the Lord increases our seeking of the kingdom of the heavens as the Father's heart's desire and affords us our need of the divine supply of grace to fulfill all the supreme and strict requirements of the kingdom of the heavens for the Father's good pleasure (Matt. 6:9-13):
- A. We need to pray for the Father's name to be sanctified (v. 9):
- 1. To be sanctified means to be separated and distinct from all that is common (cf. Eph. 1:4).
- 2. For His name to be sanctified, we should express Him in our living a sanctified life, a daily life that is separated from being common and is saturated with His holy nature (1 Pet. 3:15-16; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 12:10; 2 Pet. 1:4; cf. Ezek. 36:21).
- B. We need to pray for the Father's heavenly kingdom to come (Matt. 6:10a):
- 1. Before his fall, Satan as the archangel was appointed by God to be the ruler of the world (Ezek. 28:13-14); hence, he is called the ruler of this world (John 12:31) and holds all the kingdoms of this world and their glory in his hand (Luke 4:6).
- 2. In order for God's kingdom to come in its manifestation, we must live in the reality of His

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> 长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第五篇

领头成为祷告的人

读经:太六9~13,十四19,22~23,六6

纲 目

周 一

- 一 我们需要祷告, 使父的名被尊为 圣—9节:
- 1 被尊为圣的意思,就是从一切凡俗的分开并分别出来一参弗一4。
- 2 要使祂的名被尊为圣,我们就必须在生活中彰显祂;我们必须过圣别的生活,就是从凡俗分别出来,并被祂的圣别性情浸透的日常生活—彼前三15~16,弗五26,来十二10,彼後一4,参结三六21。
- 二 我们需要祷告,使父的属天之国来临一太六10上:
- 1 撒但在堕落之前,原是神所派管理世界的天使长;(结二八13~14;)因此他称为这世界的王,(约十二31,)世上的万国和万国的荣耀,都握在他手中。(路四6。)
- 2 要使神国度的实现来临,我们今天必须活在祂国度的实际里,让基

kingdom today, allowing Christ as the life-giving Spirit to rule within us so that we may have righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17).

- C. We need to pray for the Father's divine will to be done on earth (Matt. 6:10b):
- 1. For the divine will to be done on earth is to bring the heavenly ruling, the kingdom of the heavens, to this earth (cf. 8:9a; Rom. 5:17).
- 2. The will of God is to have Christ as the replacement for all the offerings in the Old Testament so that we may enjoy Him as everything in living and practicing the Body life for the building up of the Body of Christ as the organism of the Triune God (Heb. 10:5-10; Rom. 12:2, 5; Eph. 1:5, 9-11).

DAY 2

- D. This prayer, as a pattern, cares first for God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will, and second, for our need (Matt. 6:11):
- 1. These three things—the name, the kingdom, and the will—are the attributes of the one Triune God:
- a. The name is of the Father, because the Father is the source; the kingdom is of the Son; and the will is of the Spirit.
- b. To pray in this way is to pray that the Triune God will be prevailing on the earth as He is prevailing in the heavens.
- 2. The Lord as our King does not want His people to worry about tomorrow (v. 34); He wants them to pray only for today's needs, for their daily bread, which indicates a living that is by faith.
- 3. The kingdom people should not live on what they have stored; rather, they should live by faith on the Father's daily supply.
- E. In this prayer as a pattern we need to take care of our failures before God and of our relationship with others, asking the Father to forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors (v. 12).
- F. This prayer, as a pattern, cares for the kingdom people's deliverance from the evil one and from evil things (v. 13a):

督这赐生命的灵在我们里面施行管治,使我们有公义、和平、并圣灵中的喜乐—罗十四17。

- 三 我们需要祷告,使父的神圣旨意行在地上—太六10下:
- 1 使神圣的旨意行在地上,乃是把属天的管治,就是诸天的国,带到地上一参八9上,罗五17。
- 2 神的旨意乃是要基督作旧约中一切祭物的顶替,使我们享受祂作一切,而过身体的生活,并实行身体的生活,以建造基督的身体作三一神的生机体—来十5~10,罗十二2,5,弗一5,9~11。

周 二

四 这示范的祷告,首先顾到神的名、神的国和神的旨意,其次才顾到我们的需要—太六11:

- 1 名、国度、旨意这三样,乃是一位三一神的属性:
- a 名是属於父的,因为父是源头; 国度是属於子的;旨意是属於灵的。
- b 这样的祷告,乃是祷告愿三一神在地上得胜,如同祂在天上得胜一样。
- 2 主是我们的王, 祂不要祂的子民为明天忧虑; (34;) 祂要他们只为今日的需用, 就是为日用的食物祷告, 这『日用的食物』指明凭信而活。
- 3 国度子民不该靠所积蓄的生活,只该凭信,靠父每日的供应生活。

五 在这示范的祷告里,我们需要顾到我们在神面前的失败,以及我们与别人的关系,求父免我们的债,如同我们也免了欠我们债的人—12节。

六 这示范的祷告顾到国度子民脱离 那恶者和邪恶的事—13 节上:

- 1. The kingdom people should ask the Father not to bring them into temptation but to deliver them from the evil one, the devil, and from the evil that is out of him.
- 2. To ask the Lord not to bring us into temptation indicates our knowledge of our weakness (cf. 26:41; 1 Cor. 10:13).
- G. This prayer, as a pattern, concludes with the kingdom people's recognizing and praising reverently that the kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to the Father forever (Matt. 6:13b):
- 1. The kingdom is of the Son, which is the realm in which God exercises His power; the power is of the Spirit, which carries out God's intention so that the Father can express His glory (cf. 12:28).
- 2. This indicates that the prayer the Lord teaches us to pray begins with the Triune God, in the sequence of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and ends also with the Triune God, but in the sequence of the Son, the Spirit, and the Father.
- 3. Thus, the prayer taught by the Lord in His supreme teaching begins with God the Father and ends also with God the Father; God the Father is both the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega (cf. Eph. 4:6; 1 Cor. 15:28).

DAY₃

II. In the performing of the miracle of feeding five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, the Lord trained His disciples to learn from Him (Matt. 14:19; 11:29):

A. To see the miracle of feeding five thousand with five loaves and two fish is easy, but to know the deep and great lessons of life that we have to learn from the Performer of this great miracle requires revelation (cf. v. 25).

- B. Matthew 14:19 says that He took the five loaves and two fish, and when He was going to bless them, He looked up to heaven:
- 1. Looking up to heaven indicates that He was looking up to His source, His Father in heaven:
- a. This indicates that He realized the source of the blessing

- 1 国度子民应当求父,不叫他们陷入试诱,救他们脱离那恶者魔鬼,和出於他的邪恶。
- 2 求主不叫我们陷入试诱,指明我们知道自己的软弱—参二六41,林前十13。

七 这示范的祷告结束於国度子民 恭敬的承认并赞美,国度、能力、 荣耀,都是属於父的,直到永远— 太六13下:

- 1 国度是子的,这国乃是神运用祂能力的范围;能力属於那灵,这能力完成神的目的,使父能彰显祂的荣耀—参十二28。
- 2 这指明主教导我们的祷告,乃是 开始於三一神,按著父、子、灵的 次序;也是结束於三一神,但是按 著子、灵、父的次序。
- 3 因此,主在祂至高教训里所教导的祷告,开始於父神,也结束於父神;父神是开始,也是结束;是阿拉法,也是俄梅嘎—参弗四6,林前十五28。

周三

貳 主在用五饼二鱼食饱 五千人所行的神迹上,训练 门徒要跟祂学—太十四19, 十一29:

- 一 看见用五饼二鱼食饱五千人的神迹是容易的,但要认识我们从行这大神迹者的身上所必须学习,那深邃且重大的生命功课,却需要启示一参25节。
- 二 十四章十九节说, 祂拿著五个饼两条鱼, 在祝福的时候, 是望著天:
- 1 『望著天』指明祂仰望祂的源头,就是祂在天上的父:
- a 这指明祂知道祝福的源头不是

was not Him; the Father as the sending One, not the sent One, should be the source of blessing (cf. Rom. 11:36).

- b. Regardless of how much we can do or how much we know what to do, we must realize that we need the Sender's blessing upon our doing so that we can be channels of supply by trusting in Him, not in ourselves (cf. Matt. 14:19b; Num. 6:22-27).
- 2. His looking up to the Father in heaven indicates that as the Son on earth sent by the Father in heaven, He was one with the Father, trusting in the Father (John 10:30):
- a. What we know and what we can do mean nothing; being one with the Lord and trusting in Him mean everything in our ministry (cf. 1 Cor. 2:3-4).
- b. The blessing comes only by our being one with the Lord and trusting in Him (cf. 2 Cor. 1:8-9).

DAY 4

- 3. The Lord did not do anything from Himself (John 5:19; cf. Matt. 16:24):
- a. We should deny ourselves and not have the intention of doing anything from ourselves but have the intention of doing everything from Him.
- b. We need to continually exercise our spirit to reject the self and live by another life, by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:19-21a).
- 4. The Lord did not seek His own will but the will of Him who sent Him (John 5:30b; 6:38; Matt. 26:39, 42):
- a. The Lord rejected His idea, His intention, and His purpose.
- b. All of us should be on the alert for this one thing—when we are sent to do some work, we should not take that chance to seek our own goal; we should go only seeking the idea, purpose, aim, goal, and intention of our sending Lord.

DAY 5

- 5. The Lord did not seek His own glory but the glory of the Father who sent Him (John 7:18; 5:41; cf. 12:43):
- a. To be ambitious is to seek our own glory (cf. 3 John 9).

- 他; 受差遣者不是祝福的源头, 父这位差遣者才是一参罗十一36。
- b 无论我们能作多少,无论我们多 麼懂得作甚麼,我们必须看见,我 们需要差遣者祝福我们所作的,信靠 祂而不信靠自己,藉此成为供应的管 道一参太十四19下,民六22~27。
- 2 他仰望天上的父,指明作为那受 天上的父所差遣在地上的子,他与 父是一并信靠父—约十30:
- a 我们所知道的,我们所能作的,都算不得甚麽;在我们尽职时,与主是一并信靠祂才是最重要的一参林前二 $3\sim4$ 。
- b 惟有当我们与主是一,并且信靠 祂,祝福才会临到一参林後一8~9。

周四

- 3 主不从自己作甚麽—约五 19, 参 太十六 24:
- a 我们应当否认己,不要存心从自己作任何事,乃要存心从祂作每一件事。
- b 我们需要藉著耶稣基督之灵全备的供应,不断的操练灵拒绝己,并凭另一个生命而活—腓一19~21上。
- 4 主不寻求自己的意思,只寻求 那差祂来者的意思—约五30下,六 38,太二六39,42:
- a 主拒绝自己的意思、目的和 定旨。
- b 我们每个人都该在这一件事上有警觉—当我们受差遣作一个工作时,我们不该利用那个机会寻求自己的目标;我们只该寻求那差遣我们的主的意思、定旨、标的、目标和目的。

周 五

- 5 主不寻求自己的荣耀,只寻求 那差祂来的父的荣耀—约七18,五 41,参十二43:
- a 有野心就是寻求自己的荣耀一参约参9。

- b. We need to see that our self, our purpose, and our ambition are three big destroying "worms" in our work; we must learn to hate them.
- c. If we are always going to be used for the Lord in His recovery, our self has to be denied, our purpose has to be rejected, and our ambition must be given up (Matt. 16:24).
- C. After performing the miracle, the Lord went up to the mountain privately to pray (14:23; cf. Luke 6:12):
- 1. The Lord did not remain in the issue of the miracle with the crowds but went away from them privately to be with the Father on the mountain in prayer:
- a. The word privately is very meaningful; this means that He did not let people know He was going to pray.
- b. The Lord compelled the disciples to leave Him in order that He might have more time to pray privately to the Father (Matt. 14:22-23).
- c. He needed to pray privately to His Father who was in the heavens, that He might be one with the Father and have the Father with Him in whatever He did on earth for the establishing of the kingdom of the heavens.

DAY 6

- 2. The Lord told us, "When you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (6:6):
- a. When we pray with others, we cannot enjoy the Lord as deeply as when we pray to the Lord privately; the kingdom people must have some experience of prayer in their private room, contacting their heavenly Father in secret, experiencing some secret enjoyment of Him, and receiving some secret answer from Him.
- b. The self enjoys doing things in a public way, in the presence of man; the self loves to be glorified, and the flesh loves to be gazed upon.
- c. If we pray every day without telling others or letting them know about it, this means that we are healthy and that we are growing; if we always tell others how much we pray, we will not only lose our reward but also not grow in life or be healthy (cf. 13:6).

- b 我们必须看见,在我们的工作中, 我们的己、企图、野心,乃是三条大 『蛀虫』;我们必须学习恨恶它们。
- c 在主的恢复中,我们若要一直被主使用,就必须否认我们的己,弃绝我们的企图,并放弃我们的野心一太十六24。
- 三 在行了神迹後,主就独自上山去祷告—十四23,参路六12:
- 1 主没有与群众在一起留在所行神迹的结果里,乃是离开他们,在山上独自在祷告中与父在一起:
- a 『独自』这辞很有意义;这意思是说, 祂不让人知道祂去祷告。
- b 主催门徒离开, 祂好有更多的时间独自祷告父—太十四22~23。
- c 祂需要独自祷告祂在诸天之上的父,好叫祂在地上为著建立诸天之国,无论作甚麽,都能与父是一,并有父与祂同在。

周六

- 2 主告诉我们: 『你祷告的时候, 要进你的密室, 关上门, 祷告你在 隐密中的父, 你父在隐密中察看, 必要报答你』—六6:
- a 我们与别人一起祷告时,无法像我们独自向主祷告时享亲告的主游信密室祷告的经历,在隐密中接触他们的天父,历对父隐密的享受,并从袖接受隐密的回答。
- b 己喜欢公开在人面前行事;己喜爱得荣耀,肉体喜爱被人注视。
- C 我们若天天祷告而不告诉别人, 或者不让别人知道,这表示我们是健康的,并且我们正在长大;我们若一直告诉别人我们有多少祷告,我们就不仅要失去赏赐,我们也不健康,不会在生命里长大一参十三6。

- 3. We have to learn to leave the crowds, our family, our friends, and the saints in the church to go to a higher level on a "high mountain," separated from the crowds, to be with the Father privately and secretly to have intimate fellowship with Him.
- 4. The Lord's going up to the mountain privately to pray indicates His asking the Father to bless all those who had participated in the enjoyment of the issue of the miracle so that they would not be satisfied with the food which perishes but that they should seek for the food which abides unto eternal life (John 6:27).
- 5. His going up to the mountain privately to pray also indicates that He wanted to receive of the Father some instruction concerning how to take care of the five thousand people who were fed by His miracle.
- 6. These lessons are intrinsic, deeper, and of life; we need to learn these living lessons from the Lord so that we can enter into the God-man living.

- 3 我们必须学习离开群众、家庭、 朋友、和召会里的圣徒,去到更高 一层的『高山』,与众人分开,独 自与父在一起,隐密的与祂有亲密 的交通。
- 4 主独自上山去祷告,指明祂是求 父祝福所有得享这神迹结果的人, 使他们不满足於那必坏的食物,反 而寻求那存到永远生命的食物—约 六27。
- 6 这些功课是内在的、更深的、属 於生命的;我们需要从主学这些活 的功课,使我们能进入神人的生活。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Five (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Morning Nourishment

Matt. 6:9-10 "You then pray in this way: Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth."

Matthew's record is concerning the first Godman as the King-Savior in the kingdom of the heavens....[Matthew 5—7 contains] His supreme teaching on the mount concerning prayer. Many Bible scholars call this "the sermon on the mount," but I do not like the word sermon. Instead, I use the term supreme teaching. No teaching in human history is higher than this one. In His supreme teaching on the mount, the first God-man as the King-Savior in the kingdom of the heavens taught His disciples twice concerning prayer. The first time is in the middle of the supreme teaching, and the second time concludes His supreme teaching.

Many so-called churches today recite the prayer which the Lord taught us to pray in [6:5-18], but most do not understand the real significance of what they are reciting. This prayer is critical to the kingdom life, a life that lives in the kingdom of the heavens. This one prayer also is accompanied by four negative charges as warnings. (The God-man Living, pp. 96-97)

Today's Reading

The prayer is as follows: "Our Father who is in the heavens, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" (Matt. 6:9-13). The praying ones must be children of God, born of God, so they have the authority, the right, to call God their Father. We cannot call a person our father if we are

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晨兴餧养

太六 9~10 『所以你们要这样祷告: 我们在诸天之上的父,愿你的名被 尊为圣,愿你的国来临,愿你的旨 意行在地上,如同行在天上。』

今天许多所谓的教会,背诵主在〔六 章五至十八节〕教导我们祷告的所谓 告辞,但大多数人不明白他们所对 一人多数人不明白他们所对 一人,这一个祷告 一人,是在诸天之国里所 一人,是在诸天之。 一个诗告 也带著四个反面的嘱咐作为警告 人的生活,一一五至一一六页)。

信息选读

not born of him. We have a Father in the heavens who has begotten us. This brief but critical prayer covers a number of crucial items.

To be sanctified means to be separated and distinct from all that is common. On the fallen earth there are many false gods. The worldly people consider our God as being in common with those gods. If we pray for our Father's name to be sanctified, we should not just utter this with our words. For His name to be sanctified, we should express Him in our living. We must live a sanctified life, a daily life separated from being common. To pray such a prayer requires us to be sanctified persons, those who are separated from being common. We should be distinct, separate, from all of the people around us. In other words, we should be holy. As sanctified people, we should pray, "Our Father, Your name be sanctified."

Today the world is not God's kingdom but His enemy's kingdom. This is why the Bible says that Satan is the ruler of today's world (John 12:31). In Satan's kingdom, the world, there is no righteousness, no peace, and no joy. Romans 14:17 tells us that the reality of the kingdom life is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. In Satan's kingdom today, there is no joy, because there is no peace. In the United Nations, peace is talked about all the time, but there is no peace, because there is no righteousness. Peace is the issue of righteousness. In his second Epistle, Peter tells us that the unique thing that dwells in the new heavens and new earth is righteousness (3:13). In the coming kingdom, the millennium, the primary thing will be righteousness. There is no righteousness in today's world, because this is the kingdom of Satan, the evil ruler.

Today Satan's will is being done on the earth through evil men. Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin tried to carry out his will along with most of the rulers on this earth today. Thank the Lord that Satan's will is not fully carried out. Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin were destroyed. Napoleon wanted his will to be done, but he did not succeed. We need to pray for the Father's divine will to be done on earth as in the heavens. This is to bring the heavenly ruling, the kingdom of the heavens, to this earth. Then the Father's will surely will be done on the earth. (The God-man Living, pp. 97-99)

Further Reading: The God-man Living, msg. 11

就不能称他为父。我们有一位在诸天 之上的父, 祂生了我们。这个简短而 紧要的祷告, 包括许多紧要的项目。

今天世界不是神的国, 乃是祂仇敌 的国。这就是为甚麽圣经说,撒但 是今天世界的王(约十二31)。在 撒但的国里, 就是在世界里, 没有 公义、和平与喜乐。罗马十四章 十七节告诉我们, 国度生活的实际 乃是公义、和平并圣灵中的喜乐。 今天在撒但的国里没有喜乐, 因为 其中没有和平。联合国一直谈论和 平, 却没有和平, 因为没有公义。 和平乃是公义的结果。在彼得後书 里,彼得告诉我们,惟一居住在新 天新地里的,乃是义(三13)。在 要来的国度里,就是在千年国里, 主要的东西乃是义。在今天的世界 里没有义, 因为这世界是撒但这邪 恶之王的国。

参读: 神人的生活, 第十一篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Five (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Morning Nourishment

Matt. 6:11-13 "Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

This prayer [in Matthew 6] is all-inclusive. The patterned prayer firstly cares for God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will; then secondly, for our need. This reveals that in this fighting prayer the Lord will still take care of our needs. According to verse 11 we are to ask "today" for our "daily bread." The King does not want His people to worry about tomorrow (v. 34); He only wants them to pray for their needs today. The term "daily bread" indicates living by faith. The kingdom people should not live on what they have stored; rather, by faith they should live on the Father's daily supply. (Life-study of Matthew, p. 267)

These three things—the name, the kingdom, and the will—are the attributes of the one Triune God. The name is of the Father, because the Father is the source; the kingdom is of the Son, and the will is of the Spirit. To pray in this way is to pray that the Triune God will be prevailing on the earth as He is prevailing in the heavens. (The God-man Living, p. 99)

Today's Reading

In His prayer, the Lord covers our daily necessity. He teaches us to pray for our bread only for one day. We are to ask our Father to give us today, not tomorrow or next month, our daily bread. He does not want His people to worry about tomorrow. He wants them to pray only for today's needs. When I was younger, we co-workers in China sometimes came to the end of our material supply, and we did not know how we would live the next day. Something always came to meet our need for that day. The Lord is faithful to take care of the supply of our daily necessity.

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晨兴餧养

太六 11~13 『我们日用的食物,今日赐给我们;免我们的债,如同我们免了欠我们债的人;不叫我们陷入试诱,救我们脱离那恶者。因为国度、能力、荣耀,都是你的,直到永远。阿们。』

名、国度、旨意这三样,乃是一位 三之是属於父的,旨意是属於子的。 意是属於灵的。这样的,乃是 意是属於灵的。这样的,乃是 ,为父是属於灵的。 。 一种在地上得胜,如目活, 在天上得胜一样(神人的生活, 一一八页)。

信息选读

In the Lord's prayer, we see that we need to take care of our relationship with others. As we ask the Father to forgive us our debts, we should forgive our debtors. We are in debt with God, and we also have debtors who owe us something. To maintain a peaceful relationship with others, we have to forgive them. Thus, we have to clear up any separating factors between us and God and between us and others.

Sometimes our God, who is faithful and who takes care of us, brings us into a situation of temptation to test us as the Spirit of God did the Lord Jesus (Matt. 4:1). But because we know our weakness, we should pray, "Do not bring us into temptation."...To pray for deliverance from the evil one is to deal with Satan. The Lord's prayer takes care of the Triune God, of our daily necessity, of our relationship with God and with others, and also of Satan.

The prayer to the Father concludes in this way: "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" (Matt. 6:13). Here is the realization and praise of God's kingdom, power, and glory. This also refers to the Triune God. The kingdom is of the Son, which is the realm in which God exercises His power. The power is of the Spirit, which carries out God's intention so that the Father can express His glory. This indicates that the prayer which the Lord teaches us to pray begins with the Triune God, in the sequence of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and ends also with the Triune God, but in the sequence of the Son, the Spirit, and the Father. Thus, the prayer taught by the Lord in His supreme teaching begins with God the Father and ends also with God the Father. God the Father is both the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

Such a critical prayer surely increases our seeking of the kingdom of the heavens as the Father's heart's desire and affords us our need of the divine supply of grace to fulfill all the supreme and strict requirements of the kingdom of the heavens for the Father's good pleasure. On the one hand, we are seeking for something according to the Father's heart's desire. On the other hand, we have the supply to fulfill something for the Father's good pleasure. (The God-man Living, pp. 99-100)

Further Reading: Life-study of Matthew, msg. 21

在主的祷告里,我们看见我们需要我们看见我们看见我们看见我们有别人的关系。当我们为我们也有为我们为我们为我们为我们为我们为我们为我们为人。对我们为人。对于我们为人。对于我们为人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。对于我们的人。

这位信实且看顾我们的神,有时候会 带我们到一种试诱的情形里来试验的 们,就如神的灵在主耶稣身上所作自己 人工。但我们既知知我们的 的软弱,就应当祷告: 『不叫我们陷 的软弱,就应当祷告: 『不叫我们陷 为试诱。』…求父救我们脱离那恶三人 为是对付撒但。主的祷告顾到到我 一种,顾到我们日常的需用,顾到我们 与神并与别人的关系,也对付撒但。

这个向父的祷告, 乃是这样结束: 『因为国度、能力、荣耀, 都是你 的,直到永远。阿们。』(六13下) 这里乃是认识并赞美神的国度、 能力和荣耀。这也是说到三一神。 国度是子的, 这国乃是神运用祂 能力的范围。能力属於那灵,这 能力完成神的目的, 使父能彰显 祂的荣耀。这指明主教导我们的 祷告,乃是开始於三一神,按著 父、子、灵的次序; 也是结束於 三一神, 但是按著子、灵、父的 次序。因此, 主在祂至高教训里 所教导的祷告, 开始於父神, 也 结束於父神。父神是开始, 也是 结束; 是阿拉法, 也是俄梅嘎。

这样紧要的祷告,必定能使我们 更多寻求诸天的国,就是父的思,并且供给我们的需要,以履者 不是国一切至高且严格的要求。 使父得著喜悦。一面,我们得著供应而有所寻求。 一面,我们得著供应而履行一些事, 使父喜悦(神人的生活,一一八 至一二〇页)。

参读: 马太福音生命读经, 第 二十一篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Five (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Morning Nourishment

Matt. 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

14:19 "And after commanding the crowds to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds."

We need revelation from the Lord to see the intrinsic significance of His word [in Matthew 14]. To see the miracle of feeding five thousand with five loaves and two fish is easy, but to know the deeper lessons which we have to learn from the Performer of this big miracle requires revelation. These lessons are intrinsic, deeper, and of life. To know the great miracle the Lord performed does not give us any life. We can only admire the Lord's outward doing. But to see all the detailed points concerning the lessons of life to learn from the Lord in His way of performing the miracle imparts life to us. We need to learn these living lessons from the Lord so that we can enter into the God-man living. (The God-man Living, p. 129)

Today's Reading

In the performing of the miracle of feeding five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, [the Lord] trained His disciples to learn from Him. In Matthew 11:29 the Lord told the disciples that they needed to learn from Him, indicating that He was their pattern.

Matthew 14:19 says that He took the five loaves and two fish and when He was going to bless them, He looked up to heaven. In other words, He blessed the food by looking up to heaven. Looking up to heaven indicates that He was looking up to His Father in heaven. This indicates that He realized the source of the blessing was not Him. He was the sent One. The sent One should not be the source of blessing. The sending One,

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晨兴餧养

太十一29 『我心里柔和谦卑,因此你们要负我的轭,且要跟我学,你们魂里就必得安息。』

十四 19 『於是吩咐群众坐在草地上,就拿著五个饼两条鱼,望著天祝福,擘开饼,递给门徒,门徒便递给群众。』

信息选读

〔主耶稣〕在用五饼二鱼食饱五千人所行的神迹上,训练门徒要跟祂学。在马太十一章二十九节,主告诉门徒要跟祂学,指明祂乃是他们的榜样。

the Father, should be the source of blessing.

Here is a great lesson for us to learn. Most readers of the Bible would pay attention to the miracle of creating something from nothing performed by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 14. But we need to see the pattern which the Lord set up for us here. We need to remember that He looked up to the Father in heaven and blessed the five loaves and two fish in front of His disciples. After His blessing in this way, He told the disciples what to do. No doubt, what He did was a pattern for the disciples to learn from Him. According to this pattern, we have to realize that we are not the Sender, but the ones sent by the Sender. Regardless of how much we can do, we should realize that we still need the blessing from the source, from our Sender, that we can pass on to the benefited ones. This is a big lesson which I want to stress.

A co-worker who is invited to speak somewhere may think that since he has been speaking for the Lord for many years, he knows how to speak. All of us need to drop this kind of attitude and realize that we are not the source. No blessing is of us. Regardless of how much we can do or how much we know what to do, we must realize that we need the Sender's blessing upon our doing by trusting in Him, not in ourselves. Even when we take our meals, we should learn of the Lord to look up to the Father as the source. When we bless our food, we should bless it by looking up to the source of blessing.

His looking up to the Father in heaven indicated that as the Son on earth sent by the Father in heaven, He was one with the Father, trusting in the Father (John 10:30). This is a very important principle. Whenever I speak for the Lord, I must have the sensation that I am one with the Lord, trusting in Him. What I know and what I can do mean nothing. Being one with the Lord and trusting in Him mean everything in our ministry. We should never go to minister the word by remaining in ourselves and by trusting in what we can do. If we trust in what we can do, we are finished. The blessing comes only by our being one with the Lord and trusting in Him. (The God-man Living, pp. 123-124)

Further Reading: The God-man Living, msg. 14

的源头。

这里有一个很大的功课要我们学。 读圣经的人大多注意到在十四章里, 主从无变有的神迹。但我们必须看 见, 主在这里为我们所立的榜样。 我们必须记得, 祂在门徒面前仰望 天上的父,并祝福五饼二鱼。衪这 样祝福之後, 就告诉门徒该作甚麽。 毫无疑问的, 祂所作的乃是榜样, 要门徒跟祂学。按照这个榜样,我 们必须看见, 我们不是差遣者, 们只是差遣者所差遣的人。无论我 们能作多少, 我们应当看见, 我们 仍然需要从源头, 就是从那差遣我 们者而来的祝福, 使我们能把祝福 传给受益处的人。这是我所要强调 一个大的功课。

参读: 神人的生活, 第十四篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Five (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Morning Nourishment

John 5:19 "...The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

30 "I can do nothing from Myself; as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will but the will of Him who sent Me."

The Lord did not do anything from Himself (John 5:19). This was also a pattern to the disciples. He was the One through whom the entire universe was created, but He would not do anything from Himself....He said that anyone who follows Him must take up his cross and deny himself (Matt. 16:24). He lived a life of denying Himself.

The learned professors in the universities do many things in order to attract people's attention, displaying what they know and can do. But we are not today's professors; we are today's God-men, the duplication of Jesus. We should deny ourselves and not have the intention of doing anything from ourselves but have the intention of doing everything from Him. This is to practice the teaching of denying the self by doing things with the Lord. (The God-man Living, pp. 124-125)

Today's Reading

The Lord did not seek His own will but the will of Him who sent Him (John 5:30b). First, He denied Himself; second, He rejected His idea, His intention, and His purpose. He would only seek the will of the One who sent Him. All of us should be on the alert for this one thing—when we are sent to do some work, we should not take that chance to seek our own goal.

One day I was preparing to go from Shanghai to Hangchow. Then Brother Nee asked me, "Witness,

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晨兴餧养

约五19 『···子从自己不能作甚麽,惟有看见父所作的,子才能作;父 所作的事,子也照样作。』

在大学里,有学问的教授作许多事,表现他们所知并所能作的,来吸引人的注意。但我们不是今天的教授;我们是今天的神人,就是耶的复本。我们应当否认己,不要帮的复本。我们应当否认己,不要存心人自己作任何事,乃要存不认己的作每一件事。这就是实行否认己的,与主一同作事(神人的生活,一四七至一四八页)。

信息选读

主不寻求自己的意思,只寻求那差 祂来者的意思(约五30下)。首先, 他否认自己;第二,祂拒绝自己的意思、打算和目的。祂只寻求的意思。我们每个人都该是 他来者的意思。我们每个人都该差 这一件事上有警觉—当我们受差遣 作一个工作时,我们不该利用那个机会寻求自己的目标。

有一天,我豫备要从上海到杭州去。 倪弟兄问我: 『常受,你去杭州的 for what purpose are you going to Hangchow?" I responded that I was going to visit the brothers there. He said that this was a wrong answer. Instead, I should say that I am going to perform the Lord's purpose....It is not easy to have a pure heart, without having our purpose, our goal, and our idea. We should just go seeking the idea, purpose, goal, and intention of the sending Lord. This requires much learning on our part.

At times certain brothers may ask me how I feel about their accepting the invitation to a certain place. My basic consideration is, "Are you going just to fulfill the Lord's purpose, the Lord's aim, the Lord's goal, the Lord's idea, the Lord's intention, that is, the Lord's will, or would you take the chance to accomplish your intention, your will?" To seek our intention is absolutely impure. We need to be purified by the cross. We should pray, "Lord, save me from going out to accomplish something according to my intention and idea." The Lord Jesus never sought His own idea, His own purpose, His own concept, or His own intention. He purely sought only the Father's will. (The God-man Living, pp. 125-126)

God's heart and will in His New Testament economy, God's good pleasure, the counsel of His will, and His purpose, is to have a Body for the enlargement and expression of Christ, the embodiment of the processed Triune God (Eph. 1:9-11, 22-23; 3:9-11). A person's body is his enlargement. The church as the Body of Christ is the enlargement of Christ, and this enlargement of Christ is Christ's expression.

God created the heavens and the earth with many items, and eventually He created mankind in order to have a Body composed of human beings who are saved, regenerated, sanctified, renewed, and transformed into the image of the processed Triune God. God wants to have such a Body for Christ, who is the very embodiment of the processed Triune God. The processed Triune God is embodied in Christ, and this Christ today needs a Body for His enlargement and His expression. We all are here as a part of this enlargement. Therefore, we are a part of Christ's expression. This is God's great will. (The Practical and Organic Building Up of the Church, pp. 8-9)

Further Reading: The Practical and Organic Building Up of the Church, ch. 1

目的是甚麽?』我回答说,我去看望那里的弟兄们。他说这是错误的回答。我应当说我是去实行主的的。…我们不容易有一个单纯的心,没有自己的目的、目标和意思。即是我们的主的意思、目标和目的。这需要我们这一面多有学习。

神在祂新约经纶里的心愿和旨意、 祂的喜悦、祂意愿所决议的和祂的 定旨,是要得著一个身体,作基督 (经过过程之三一神的具体化身) 的扩大和彰显(弗一9~11、22~23, 三9~11)。人的身体是人的扩大。作 基督身体的召会是基督的扩大,这 基督的扩大就是基督的彰显。

参读: 召会实际并生机的建造, 第 一章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Five (Day 5)

Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Morning Nourishment

John 7:18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him."

Matt. 14:23 "And after He sent the crowds away, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone."

The first God-man did not seek His own glory but the glory of the Father who sent Him (John 7:18). I was with Brother Nee for about twenty years. What bothered him the most about the co-workers was that it was hard to see one who was not ambitious. To be ambitious is to seek your own glory. In the service we render to the Lord in the church life, there is always our ambition. A brother may have the ambition to be an elder. In order to become an elder, he feels that he must first become a deacon. To him being a deacon is a step toward being uplifted to the eldership....We are all fallen descendants of Adam and sick of the same disease, the same sin....Through the years I have seen a number of co-workers among us spoiled by ambition. By the Lord's mercy, I have learned the secret of dealing with my self and my intention, and this has helped me to deal with my self-glorification. (The Godman Living, p. 126)

Today's Reading

John 7:18 [says], "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him, this One is true, and unrighteousness is not in Him." The Pharisees were seeking their own glory. According to the context of this verse, the Lord indicated to them that if they were not seeking their own glory, they would know that He was sent by His Father.

We need to see that our self, our purpose, and our ambition are three big destroying "worms" in our

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第五篇(周 五) 领头成为祷告的人

晨兴餧养

约七18 『那从自己说的,是寻求自己的荣耀;惟有那寻求差祂来者之荣耀的,这人才是真的,在祂里面没有不义。』

太十四23 『既解散了群众, 祂就独自上山去祷告。到了晚上, 只有祂单独在那里。』

第一个神人不寻求自己的荣耀,只 寻求那差袖来的父的荣耀(约七 18)。我与倪弟兄在一起大约二十 年。对於同工,最使他受搅扰的是, 很难看到一个是没有野心的。有野 心就是寻求自己的荣耀。在召会生 活里, 我们对主的服事中, 常常有 我们的野心。一个弟兄可能有野心 作长老。为了要作长老,他觉得必 须先作执事。对他来说, 作执事是 被题高到长老职分的一步。…我们都是堕落亚当的子孙, 患了同样的 病,有同样的罪。…多年来,我看 见在我们中间许多的同工被野心所 破坏。靠主的怜悯, 我学了秘诀, 对付我的己和我的目的; 这帮助我 对付我的自我荣耀(神人的生活, 一四九至一五()页)。

信息选读

我们必须看见,在我们的工作中,我们的己、企图、野心,乃是三条大『蛀

work. If we are going to be used for the Lord always in His recovery, our self has to be denied, our purpose has to be rejected, and our ambition must be given up. We should not have our own purpose; instead, we should have only the Lord's will. We all have to learn of these three things: no self, no purpose, and no ambition. We should only know to labor, to work for Him, by denying our self, rejecting our purpose, and giving up our ambition. Self, purpose, and ambition are like three snakes or scorpions in us. We must learn to hate them.

The Lord did not remain in the issue of the miracle with the crowds but went away from them privately to be with the Father on the mountain in prayer. If we go to a certain place and have a great success, would we leave right away or would we remain in this big success to enjoy it? We need to see and follow the pattern of the Lord Jesus. He did not remain in the issue of the great miracle which He performed. Instead, He went up to the mountain privately to pray. The word privately is very meaningful. This means He did not let the people know He was going to pray. Otherwise, they would have followed Him. He went away from them privately to be with the Father in prayer. I like these three phrases: to be with the Father, on the mountain, and in prayer. We should learn from the Lord's pattern here by exercising to be with Him on the mountain in prayer. His looking up to heaven means that He had no trust in Himself. His going up to the mountain means that He wanted to be with the Father in prayer. (The God-man Living, pp. 126-127)

The initiation of God's work is His will and the advance of His work is His power. These two things have nothing to do with us. In the same principle, the result of God's work is God's glory, not our glory.

This is why He has chosen the ones who are weak, foolish, and despised by the world for His work. First Corinthians 1:29 says, "So that no flesh may boast before God." God does not wish to see us getting the glory. He can give everything to man. He is even willing to give His Son to man. But He will not give His glory to man. We can only enter into the Lord's glory. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 42, p. 364)

Further Reading: The Practical Points concerning Blending, ch. 4; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 42, ch. 45

主没有与群众在一起留在所行神 迹的结果里, 乃是离开他们, 在 山上独自在祷告中与父在一起。 我们若到一个地方去,有了极大 的成功,我们会立即离开,还是 会留下来享受这个大的成功? 我 们必须看见并跟从主耶稣的榜样。 祂没有留在所行大神迹的结果里。 他独自上山去祷告。『独自』这 辞很有意义。这意思是说, 祂不 让人知道祂去祷告; 否则, 他们会 跟著袖。袖离开他们, 独自在祷 告中与父在一起。我喜欢这三句 话:『在山上』、『在祷告中』、『与 父在一起』。我们应当从主在这 里的榜样学, 操练在山上在祷告 中与祂在一起。祂望著天, 意思 是祂不信靠自己。祂上山去,意 思是祂要在祷告中与父在一起 (神 人的生活, 一五○至一五一页)。

神工作的起点是神的旨意,神工作的进行是神的能力,与你一点无分无关;照样,神工作的结果—荣耀—自然而然也是神的,不是归给你自己的。

因此在神的工作上,神说,祂拣选 教一章二十九节说,『使一级一章二十九节说,『使李切口口的人,在神面前都不能有一个人,在神面的人,相当不能有一个人,在神话不能有一个人,他甚至他,是是一个人,我看到一个一个人。我们只能进入主的一个人。我们只能进入一个人。我们只能第二十二十一个人。

参读:关於相调的实行,第四章; 倪柝声文集第二辑第二十二册,第 四十五篇。

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Taking the Lead to Be a Man of Prayer

Morning Nourishment

Matt. 14:23 "...He went up to the mountain privately to pray. And when night fell, He was there alone."

6:6 "But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

To pray with others is good, but often we need to pray by ourselves. When we pray with others, we cannot enjoy the Lord as deeply as when we pray to the Lord privately. Even the Lord Jesus told us that when we pray we should shut our door privately and pray secretly to the Father who sees in secret (Matt. 6:6). Then we have the sensation of how intimate He is to us and how close we are to Him. We have to learn to leave the crowds, our family, our friends, and the saints in the church to go to a higher level on a "high mountain." We have to go higher, far away from the earthly things on a lower level. We need to get to a higher level, separated from the crowd, to be with the Father privately and secretly to have intimate fellowship with Him. This is the significance of being on the mountain in prayer. (The God-man Living, pp. 127-128)

Today's Reading

We need to consider why the Lord Jesus went to the mountain right after this miracle....[In John 6:27] the Lord told the ones whom He fed not to seek the food that perishes, but to seek the food that abides unto eternal life. I believe the Lord Jesus went to the mountain to pray in this way: "Father, I pray to You under Your blessing. Through Your blessing You fed the five thousand, but Father, they are just seeking for the food that perishes. I do look unto You that You would bless them that they would seek the food that abides unto eternal life. Father, You know that I am Your sent One. Only I can give them the food that abides unto eternal life, but they do not know Me in

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晨兴餧养

太十四23 『…袖就独自上山去祷 告。到了晚上,只有袖单独在那里。』 『你祷告的时候, 要进你的密 室,关上门,祷告你在隐密中的父, 你父在隐密中察看,必要报答你。』 与别人一起祷告是很好的, 但通常 我们需要独自祷告。我们与别人一 起祷告时, 无法像我们独自向主祷 告时享受主那样深。甚至主耶稣也 告诉我们, 我们祷告时, 要私下关 上门, 隐密的向那在隐密中察看我 们的父祷告(太六6)。这样,我们 就会感觉到祂与我们是何等亲, 们与祂是何等近。我们必须学习离 开群众、家庭、朋友和召会里的圣 徒,去到更高一层的『高山』。我 们必须上得更高,远离较低一层属 地的事物,独自与父在一起,隐密 的与祂有亲密的交通。这就是『上 山祷告』的意义(神人的生活, 一五一页)。

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this way. They know only that I can perform a miracle to feed them with physical food. But they do not know that it is only I who can give them food that is of the eternal life." I believe that the Lord prayed to bless them further in this way.

His going up to the mountain privately to pray indicated His asking the Father to bless all those who had participated in the enjoyment of the issue of the miracle that they would not be satisfied with the food which perishes, but that they should seek for the food which abides unto eternal life and recognize that He was not only...the capable Son of Man, but [also]...the Son of God who was not only sent but also sealed by the Father. He was the One who could give them the very bread that is related to the eternal life. For this reason....the Lord revealed that He is the bread out of heaven, the bread of life. Eventually, He told us that this bread is just His word...(v. 63). John 3:34 says that He is the One who speaks the word and gives the Spirit not by measure. To know Him in this way requires a revelation, so He prayed for them privately on the mountain.

His going up to the mountain privately to pray also indicated that He wanted to receive of the Father some instruction concerning how to take care of the five thousand people fed by His miracle. (The God-man Living, pp. 128-129)

The private room [in Matthew 6:6] is a symbol. The synagogues and street corners both refer to open places, while the private room refers to a hidden place. Brothers and sisters, you can find the private room in the synagogues and on the street corners. You can find the private room on the sidewalk and in a car. The private room is the place where you fellowship with God in secret; it is the place where you pray without trying consciously to exhibit your prayer. "Enter into your private room, and shut your door." This means to shut out the world and shut yourself in. In other words, it is to ignore all the outside voices and to pray to God quietly and alone.

He is in secret, in a place that human eyes cannot see. Yet He is truly there. He does not despise your prayer; He sees you. This shows how much He cares for your prayers....He will repay you. (The Prayer Ministry of the Church, p. 29)

Further Reading: The Prayer Ministry of the Church, ch. 2

我。他们只知道我能行神迹,用物质的食物餧养他们。但他们却不知道,惟有我能给他们永远生命的食物。』 我信主是这样更进一步的祷告,求父祝福他们。

祂独自上山去祷告, 指明祂是求 父祝福所有得享这神迹结果的 人, 使他们不满足於那必坏的食 反而寻求那存到永远生命的 食物;并认识祂不仅是…很能干 的人子, …〔也〕是父所差遣并 为父所印证的神子。衪是那能赐 给他们有关永远生命之粮的一 位。为这缘故, …主启示祂是从 天上来的粮,也就是生命的粮。 至终, 祂告诉我们, 这粮就是祂 的话。…(63)。三章三十四节说, 祂是那说神的话并无限赐给那灵 的一位。要这样认识祂, 需要有 启示, 因此祂独自到山上为他们 祷告。

他独自上山去祷告,也指明祂要得著父的指示,好知道如何照顾那藉著祂的神迹而得餧养的五千人(神人的生活,一五二至一五三页)。

他是在隐密中,在人眼所不能觉察的地方,但是他实在在那里。你祷告,他不轻看,他是在那里察看。 这说出他是何等的注意你的祷告。… 他还必要报答你(教会祷告的职事, 二八至二九页)。

参读:教会祷告的职事,第二篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES **Message Six**

Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Scripture Reading: Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 23-27; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4, 16

Outline

DAY 1

I. The elders and responsible ones 壹 作长老和负责弟兄的,应当 should take the lead to know the Body (Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4-6, 16):

- A. All the problems of the church today are due to 一 今天召会一切的问题,都是由於 ignorance concerning the Body of Christ (1:17-23):
- 1. The biggest problem is not knowing the Body and not caring for the Body (4:4, 16).
- 2. The way we behave ourselves in the church depends upon the degree of our seeing the Body (Acts 22:10; 26:18-19).
- B. We need to know the Body in life (1 John 5:11-12; Col. 3:4; 2:19; Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11; 12:4-5):
- 1. The Body of Christ is formed by Christ as life in us; this life mingles with us to become the Body of Christ (1 John 5:11-12; Col. 3:4; 1:18; 2:19):
- a. The life in us is not a member life (it is a Body life).
- b. We are all one in this life; this oneness in life is the mystical Body of Christ (Eph. 5:30).

DAY 2

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第六篇

领头认识身体 并持守身体的原则

读经: 罗十二 $4 \sim 5$, 林前十二 12, $23 \sim 27$, 弗一 $22 \sim 23$, 四 4, 16

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领头认识身体-罗十二4~5, 弗 $-22\sim23$, 四 $4\sim6$, 16:

- 不认识基督的身体—— $17 \sim 23$:
- 1 最大的难处就是不认识身体,不 顾到身体—四4,16。
- 我们在召会中如何行事, 乃在於 我们看见身体到甚麽程度-徒二二 10、二六18~19。
- 二 我们需要在生命上认识身体一约 壹五 $11\sim12$, 西三4, 二19, 罗八2, 6, $10 \sim 11$, $+= 4 \sim 5$:
- 基督的身体是藉著基督在我们 里面作生命形成的; 这生命与我们 调和, 而成为基督的身体—约壹五 $11 \sim 12$, 西三 4, -18, 二 19:
- a 我们里面的生命,不是『肢体』 的生命,乃是『身体』的生命。
- b 我们众人在这个生命里乃是一; 这在生命里的一,就是基督那奥秘的身体一弗五30。

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2. Knowing the Body in life is the result of our 2 在生命上认识身体,是我们生

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experience of life and spiritual growth (1 John 2:12-14):

- a. In order to know the Body and touch the reality of the Body, we must progress in the experience of life and the growth of life (1 Cor. 3:1-2; 14:20).
- b. Only after we have reached the fourth stage in the spiritual life can we know the mystery of the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:12-13, 15-16).
- c. In order to know the Body and live in the Body, we need to deal with the flesh, the self, and the natural constitution (Gal. 2:20; 5:24; Matt. 16:24):
- (1) If we still live according to the flesh and in ourselves and serve in our natural ability, the life of the Body, which is Christ Himself in us, cannot be manifested, and we cannot know the Body.
- (2) Only when the flesh has been dealt with, the self has been abandoned, and the natural constitution has been broken can we touch the reality of the Body (1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:4-6).
- 3. Knowing the Body is a dealing with individualism; all those who do not know the Body are individualists (1 Cor. 12:14-22).
- 4. The proofs that we know the Body are that we are unable to be individualistic, we can discern those who are not in the Body, and we recognize the authority of Christ the Head revealed in the order of the Body (v. 18).

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- 5. "We have to help the brothers and sisters to know that the life within the Body, the church, is Christ. This requires some who have a special ministry to do this work...It is a special work to help the brothers and sisters to know the life in the Body" (The Elders' Management of the Church, pp. 223-224).
- C. We need to know the Body in practice (vv. 20, 27; 15:58):
- 1. A local church is an expression of the Body of Christ in a particular locality (1:2; 10:32b; 12:12-13, 20, 27):
- a. The one universal church—the Body of Christ—becomes the many local churches—the local

命经历和属灵长大的结果—约壹二 12~14:

- a 我们要认识身体,要摸著身体的实际,就必须在生命的经历和生命的长大上有进展一林前三1~2,十四20。
- b 我们惟有达到属灵生命的第四层,才能认识基督身体的奥秘一弗四 $12 \sim 13$, $15 \sim 16$ 。
- c 我们要认识身体,活在身体里,就需要对付肉体、自己和天然—加二20,五24,太十六24:
- (一) 我们若是还凭肉体活著,还活在自己里面,还凭天然的能力事奉神,基督在我们里面那身体的生命,就没法彰显出来,我们也就没法认识身体。
- (二) 惟有当肉体受了对付,自己受了破碎,天然生命受了击打,我们才能摸著身体的实际一林前十二12,弗四 $4\sim6$ 。
- 3 认识身体对於单独乃是一种对付; 所有不认识身体的人, 都是单独的人—林前十二14~22。
- 4 认识身体的验证乃是不能单独, 能知道别人不在身体里,并认识元 首基督的权柄显在身体上的次序 里—18节。

周三

- 5 『要带弟兄姊妹认识,召会这 个身体里头的生命就是基督。这需 要有专门职事的人,来作这一分的 工作。…怎样带弟兄姊妹认识身体 里面的生命,这也是一种专门的工 作。』(长老治会,二四四页。)
- 三 我们需要在实行上认识身体— 20,27节,十五58:
- 1 地方召会乃是基督的身体在某一地方的显出——2,十32下,十二 $12 \sim 13$, 20, 27:
- a 一个宇宙召会—基督的身体— 成了许多地方召会—基督身体在地

expressions of the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:4-5; 16:1).

- b. The unique Body of Christ is expressed as the local churches (Eph. 4:4; Rev. 1:4, 11).
- c. Every local church is part of the unique, universal Body of Christ, a local expression of the Body (1 Cor. 1:2; 12:27).
- 2. If we know the Body in life and in practice, then in our consideration the Body will be first and the local churches will be second (Rom. 12:4-5; 16:1, 4, 16).

DAY 4

II. The elders and the leading ones should take the lead to keep the principles of the Body (12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 4:4-6):

A. The Body is one (Rom. 12:4-5):

- 1. The Body can exist and survive only in oneness (Eph. 4:3-4).
- 2. The oneness of the Body is the oneness of the Divine Trinity (John 17:21, 23).
- 3. The keeping of the oneness is the primary virtue of our Christian walk (Eph. 4:1-3).
- B. The Body of Christ is Christ; thus, if we would be in the Body, we must be made Christ (1 Cor. 12:12; Col. 3:10-11):
- 1. The church as the Body of Christ comes out of Christ and is one with Christ (Gen. 2:22-23; Eph. 5:23-32).
- 2. There is only one thing in a believer that forms a part of the Body of Christ—Christ (Col. 1:18; 2:19; 3:4, 10-11, 15).
- 3. The Body is the corporate Christ; Christ and the church are one corporate Christ, the Body-Christ (1 Cor. 12:12).

DAY 5

C. The function of the Body is to express Christ 三 基督身体的功用乃是彰显基督— (Eph. 1:22-23):

方上的显出一罗十二 $4\sim5$,十六1。

- b 基督独一的身体, 彰显为众地 方召会一弗四4, 启一4, 11。
- c 每一个地方召会都是基督独一字 宙身体的一部分, 是这身体在一个地 方上的彰显一林前一2,十二27。
- 我们若在生命和实行上认识身 体, 在我们的考量里, 基督的身体 应当是第一,地方召会应当是第二— 罗十二 $4 \sim 5$, 十六 1, 4, 16。

周 四

貳 作长老与带领人的,应当 领头持守身体的原则—十二 $4 \sim 5$, 林前十二 $12 \sim 13$, 弗四4~6:

- 一 身体是一个一罗十二4~5:
- 1 身体只能存在并存活在一里一弗
- 2 基督身体的一乃是神圣三一的 一一约十十 21, 23。
- 3 保守一是我们基督徒行事为人的 基本美德一弗四1~3。
- 二 基督的身体就是基督;因此,我 们若要在身体里,就必须成为基督— 林前十二12, 西三10~11:
- 1 召会作为基督的身体乃是出於基 督, 且与基督是一一创二22~23, 弗五 23 ~ 32。
- 信徒里面只有一样能形成基督 身体的一部分,那就是基督—西一 18, = 19, = 4, $10 \sim 11$, 15_{\circ}
- 3 身体乃是团体的基督;基督与召 会是一个团体的基督, 就是身体基 督一林前十二12。

周 五

弗 $-22 \sim 23$:

- 1. The universally great Christ needs a Body to be His fullness, His expression (vv. 22-23).
- 2. The purpose of the believers being members one of another in the Body of Christ is that we would live Christ and express Him together (Rom. 12:5).
- D. The work of the cross consummates with the Body and ushers us into the Body (Eph. 2:16):
- 1. The cross leads us to the Body and operates in the sphere of the Body.
- 2. The self is the enemy of the Body; only when our self has been utterly dealt with by the cross are we able to touch the life of the Body and come to know the Body (Matt. 16:24-25; Rom. 8:13; 12:4-5).
- E. In the Body only Christ is the Head (Col. 1:18; 2:19; Eph. 1:22; 4:15):
- 1. For Christ to be the Head means that only He has the authority in the Body (Col. 1:18; 2:19).
- 2. Whatever we think, feel, and do must be under the authority of the Head.

DAY 6

- F. The divine fellowship is the reality of living in the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 1:9; 12:13, 27):
- 1. The divine fellowship is the flow of the divine life among and through all the members of the Body; the Body in a practical way is in the fellowship (1 John 1:3; Rev. 22:1).
- 2. Fellowship tempers us, adjusts us, harmonizes us, and mingles us (1 Cor. 12:24).
- G. We should always consider the Body, care for the Body, honor the Body, and do what is best for the Body (vv. 23-27):
- 1. Whenever we do something, we must have a proper consideration for the Body and care for how the Body would feel about what we are doing.
- 2. We should be concerned not for our individual profit but for the Body and the building up of the Body (Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 12:23-27).

- 1 这位宇宙般伟大的基督,需要一个身体作祂的丰满,就是祂的彰显— 22~23节。
- 2 我们信徒在基督的身体里互相作 肢体,乃是为著共同活基督而彰显 基督—罗十二5。
- 四 十字架的工作终结於基督的身体, 且把我们引进身体里—弗二16:
- 1 十字架把我们引到身体,十字架也是在身体的范围里作工。
- 2 己是身体的仇敌;只有当己藉著十字架完全被对付,我们才能摸著身体的生命,而认识身体—太十六24~25,罗八13,十二4~5。
- 五 在身体里,只有基督是头—西一 18,二19,弗—22,四15:
- 1 基督作头, 意思就是惟有祂在身体上是有权柄的一西一18, 二19。
- 2 我们所想、所感觉、所作的,必须在头的权柄之下。

周六

- 六 神圣的交通就是活在基督身体里的实际—林前一9,十二13,27:
- 1 神圣的交通乃是在基督身体的众 肢体之间,并经过他们的神圣生命 之流;身体实际上是在交通里一约 壹一3,启二二1。
- 2 交通调节我们,交通调整我们, 交通使我们和谐,交通把我们调在 一起—林前十二24。
- 七 我们应当一直考虑到身体,顾到身体,尊重身体,并且作任何事都要对身体最有益处—23~27节:
- 1 每当我们作一件事时,我们必须 正确的考虑到身体;我们必须考虑 身体对我们所作的会有怎样的感觉。
- 2 我们不该关心自己的益处,乃要 关心身体和身体的建造—弗四 16, 林前十二 $23 \sim 27$ 。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Six (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Morning Nourishment

Eph. 1:17-18 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him, the eyes of your heart having been enlightened..."

All the problems of the church today are due to the ignorance concerning the Body of Christ. Among us this ignorance should be absent, and the full knowledge should be present. We need a spirit of wisdom and revelation with the enlightening of the eyes of our heart to see and apprehend the Body of Christ. (The Issue of the Dispensing of the Processed Trinity and the Transmitting of the Transcending Christ, p. 94)

Today's Reading

All the problems are due to one thing—not knowing the Body. Some in the churches are self-appointed elders. They may say that the Holy Spirit appointed them, but the Bible does not say that the elders are appointed merely by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that the apostles appointed the elders and that eventually the Spirit recognized that appointment (Acts 14:23; 20:28).

Whenever we do something, we must have a proper consideration for the Body. We need to consider how the Body would feel about what we are doing. The biggest problem, the unique problem, is not knowing the Body and not caring for the Body. If we take care of the Body and are concerned for the Body, there will be no problems.

Turmoil after turmoil has transpired because of our not knowing the Body. The only remedy that can cure us of this kind of illness is the seeing of the Body. When Brother Nee taught about the Body he said that with whatever we do, we have to consider how the churches would feel about it. When we do something, we must not forget that we are members of the Body, and the Body is not only a local church. The local

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第六篇 (周 一)

<u>领头认识身体</u> <u>并持守身体的原则</u>

晨兴餧养

弗一17~18 『愿我们主耶稣基督的神,荣耀的父,赐给你们智慧和启示的灵,使你们充分的认识祂;光照你们的心眼…。』

今天召会一切的问题,都是由於不 认识基督的身体。在我们中间 有这样的无知,乃该有完全的认识。 我们需要有智慧和启示的灵, 我们需要有智慧和启示的灵, 我们需要被光照,使我们看见 一 三 一 一 二 页)。

信息选读

一切的难处都是因著一件事一不认识身体。有些人在召会里是自立的长老。他们可能说圣灵选立他们,但圣经不是说长老单单由圣灵所立;圣经乃是说使徒选立长老,後来那灵也承认那个选立(徒十四23,二十28)。

每当我们作一件事时,我们必须 正确的考虑到身体。我们必须考 虑身体对我们所作的会有怎样的 感觉。最大的难处,惟一的难处, 就是不认识身体,不顾到身体。 我们若顾到身体并关心身体,就 没有难处。

 church is not a "local body"; if it is, it becomes a local sect. The Body is the Body of Christ, constituted by the Triune God with all the believers on this earth, with all the local churches....How we behave ourselves depends upon the degree of our seeing of the Body. (The Problems Causing the Turmoils in the Church Life, pp. 35, 28-29)

The Body referred to here is the mystical Body of Christ, the church. This Body is formed by Christ as life in each of us, mingled with us. During the [earlier] stages of our experience of life, we are still living in our own life; therefore, we cannot know this life which mingles with us to form a Body. Only when our self life has been utterly dealt with and we have the experience of passing through the Jordan and entering into [a further] stage shall we be able to touch the reality of this life of the Body and come to know the Body.

Everyone who is saved is a member of the Body of Christ. Is the life in each one of us, then, a life pertaining to the members or to the Body? The Bible and our experience prove that though each one of us is a member of Christ, yet the life in each one of us is not a member life, but a Body life. All the members of our body are sharing one life. Each member shares in common the same life together with all the other members, that is, the life of the entire body. For example, an ear, unless it has been cut off, shares the same blood which flows through the eye, the nose, and the whole body. Similarly, in the Body of Christ, when one member is joined to the Body or having fellowship with the Body, his life is the life of the Body, and the life of the Body is his life. It would not do for him to be separated from the other members, or vice versa, because the life both in him and in the other members is of the same Body; it can neither be distinguished nor separated. It is this life which joins us together to become the Body of Christ; or, to say it more precisely and emphatically, it is this life which mingles with us to become the Body of Christ. (The Experience of Life, pp. 317-318)

Further Reading: The Problems Causing the Turmoils in the Church Life, chs. 3-4; The Issue of the Dispensing of the Processed Trinity and the Transmitting of the Transcending Christ, ch. 6

不是一个『地方身体』;若是这样,就变成地方宗派了。身体乃是基督的身体,由三一神同这地上所有的信徒,同所有地方召会所构成。…我们如何行为举止,乃在於我们看见身体的程度(召会生活中引起风波的难处,三四至三五、二六页)。

我们每一个得救的人, 都是基督身 体上的一个肢体。那麽, 我们每一 个人里面的生命, 是一个肢体的生 命,还是一个身体的生命?圣经和 经历都证明, 我们每个人虽是基督 的一个肢体, 但我们每个人里面所 有的,绝不是肢体的生命,乃是身 体的生命。我们身体上所有的肢体, 都是共同有身体里面那一个生命。 所有活在身体上的肢体, 它里面所 有的生命, 都必是其他的肢体所有 的生命, 也就是全个身体里面的生 命。就如身上一只耳朵, 除非被割 下来,它里面的血,必同时是眼里 的血,鼻里的血,也同时是全身的 血。照样, 在基督奥秘的身体上, 任何一个肢体, 如果和身体是联贯 的,是有交通的,就他的生命必是 身体的生命;身体的生命,也必是 他的生命。他离开众肢体不行, 众 肢体离开他也不行。因为他和众肢 体里面所有的生命, 都是一个身体 的生命,是无法分别,更是无法分 开的。就是这个生命, 是把我们众 人联起来, 成为基督的身体的, 说 得更准确、更透彻一点, 是和我们 众人调成基督的身体的(生命的经 历,三八〇至三八一页)。

参读: 召会生活中引起风波的难处, 第三至四章; 经过过程的神圣三一 之分赐与超越基督之输供的结果, 第六章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Six (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 12:12 "For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ."

19-20 "And if all were one member, where would the body be? But now the members are many, but the body one."

Knowing the Body is not a doctrine which by speaking and hearing you may understand. [It]...is the result of many past experiences. Having passed through all these experiences, we come at length to know the Body....If we wish to know the Body and touch the reality of the Body in experience, we must walk a certain distance and climb certain slopes in the spiritual life....The knowledge of the Body is the result of our experience and spiritual growth. After sufficient experience we arrive at a place where we naturally know the Body. (The Experience of Life, pp. 326-328)

Today's Reading

If we are still living according to the flesh, in ourselves, and serving the Lord in our natural ability, the life of the Body, which is Christ Himself in us, has no way of being manifested, and there is no way for us to know the Body. The more we live by the flesh, the less we feel the need for the support of the Body. If we live by our self-opinion, we find no need for the sustaining of the church. If we serve with our natural ability, we sense no need for the coordination of the members. Only when our flesh has been dealt with, the self-opinion has been broken, and the natural life has been smashed, shall the life within cause us to realize that we are simply members of the Body and that the life in us cannot be independent. Hence, this life requires us to have fellowship with all other members and be joined to them, and it also brings us into that fellowship and the experience of being joined together. It is at this time that we begin to know a little concerning the Body.

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第六篇(周 二)

<u>领头认识身体</u> <u>并持守身体的原则</u>

晨兴餧养

林前十二12 『就如身体是一个,却有许多肢体,而且身 『体上一切的肢体虽多,仍是一个身体,基督也是这样。』19~20 『若都是一个肢体,身体在那里?但如今肢体是多的,身体却是一个。』

信息选读

我们若是还凭肉体活著, 还活在 自己里面,还凭天然的能力事奉 神, 基督在我们里面那身体的生 命, 就没法彰显出来, 我们也就 没法认识这身体。人越凭肉体活 著, 就越不觉得需要这身体的扶 持。人越凭已意而行,就越不觉 得需要召会的托住。人越凭天然 事奉,也就越不觉得需要肢体的 配搭。乃是一个人肉体受了对付, 己意受了破碎, 天然生命受了击 打, 然後他里面的生命才给他一个 感觉, 叫他觉得, 他不过是身体 上的一个肢体,在他里面的生命是没有法子独立的,所以这生命 也就要求他, 带著他, 去和别的 肢体交通, 和别的肢体联结。到 这时候,他才开始认识一点身体。

If we speak with regard to dealings, knowing the Body is also a kind of dealing, that is, a dealing with individualism. All those who do not know the Body are individualists. Their views, actions, living, and work are individual. All this individualism is because they still live in the flesh, the self, and the natural constitution. It resembles the parasitic vine, which winds itself about the tree and dies only when the tree of flesh, self, and the natural constitution is cut down. Only when the flesh, the self, and the natural constitution have been severely dealt with will individualism be removed. When men no longer live as individualists, they come to know the Body.

Since knowing the Body is such a practical thing, how may we ascertain whether or not one knows the Body as yet? We can prove it in at least three ways....The first proof of knowing the Body is that we cannot be individualistic....Before one knows the Body, he is an individualist and can be individualistic. His life, his actions, his work, and his service are all individualistic. Outwardly he appears to be one with the brethren, but there is no real coordination nor knitting together. Not until he grows deeper in life and knows the Body to a certain extent does he see that being a Christian is a corporate matter and that he cannot go on without fellowship in the Body, nor can he depart from the coordination of the members....All those...who can still be individualistic do not know the Body, and all those with a true knowledge of the Body definitely cannot be individualistic.

The second proof of our knowing the Body is the ability to discern whether others are in the Body....One who has come to know the Body not only lives in the Body in a very practical way, but also can clearly discern whether or not others are living in the Body.

The third proof of our knowing the Body is the recognition of authority. Whether or not one knows the Body depends upon whether or not he recognizes authority. Those who do not recognize authority do not know the Body. Knowing the Body and recognizing authority are inseparable....What is authority? Authority is simply the authority of Christ the Head, which is revealed in the order of the Body. (The Experience of Life, pp. 318, 326, 328-329, 331)

Further Reading: The Experience of Life, ch. 15; Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990, ch. 17 如果以付付。 如果以付付。 ,认付单独的行,这体,也著一次有他是们单独的行,这体,也是们独的行,这体,也是们外,是是一个人,这样,也是是一个人,也是们的的的的,这体,也不是是一个人,也是们的一个人,也是是一个人,也是一个人,也是一个人,这一个一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是认识的一个人,就是认识的一个人,就是认识的一个人。 如果以付的独工的一个人,这样的一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是一个人,就是认识的和人。 如果以付的独工的一个人,就是以一个人,就是认识的独工的和肉这生天才,付。 如果以付的独工的一个人,就是认识的独工的和肉这生天才,付。 如果以付的独工的和肉这生天才,一个人,就是认识的一个人,就是认识的一个人。

认识身体既是这样实际的一件事, 那麽我们凭甚麽才能知道一个人已 经认识了身体? …我们至少可以找 出三点来验证: …人认识身体的头 一个证明,就是不能单独。…人还 未认识身体之前, 他是单独的, 他 也能单独。他的生活、行动、工作、 事奉, 都是单独的, 外表好像和弟 兄们在一起,却没有真实的配搭和 联络。但等到他在生命里往前去, 认识了一点身体, 他就看见作基督 徒不是单独的, 乃是团体的。他若 要一直活在主里面,就不能失去身 体的交通, 也不能离开肢体的配 搭。…凡还能单独的,就是没有认 识身体; 凡真认识身体的, 定规不 能单独。

人认识身体的第二个证明,就是能知道别人不在身体里。一个人认识了身体,不只他自己是实实际际的活在身体里,并且别人是否活在身体里,他也能很清楚的分辨。

参读:生命的经历,第十五篇;一九九 ○年秋全时间训练信息合辑,第十七篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Six (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Morning Nourishment

Rom. 12:4-5 "For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

1 Cor. 1:2 "To the church of God which is in Corinth..."

We have to help the brothers and sisters to know that the life within the Body, the church, is Christ. This requires some who have a special ministry to do this work. Let me say a word in passing: I hope that among us those full-time brothers who are taking more responsibilities in the work would pick up the burden and stretch forth the hand of faith to ask for this kind of gift and would do more specific works among the churches. It is a special work to help the brothers and sisters to know the life in the Body. (The Elders' Management of the Church, pp. 223-224)

Today's Reading

We also need to know the Body in practice. Locality as the church ground of a local church separates the church in existence but does not divide the church in essence. The existence of the churches is separated, but their essence is inseparable. The saints who live in Atlanta and those who live in Anaheim cannot come together always as one church. This is impossible. For the sake of existence, the local churches are separate....This is a separation for the purpose of existence, but this has nothing to do with the essence. The church in Atlanta, the church in Anaheim, and all the local churches are one Body in essence. Essentially, we are still just one Body on the entire globe. Our thought needs to be revolutionized. We should consider our local church as a part of the Body of Christ. (Elders' Training, Book 11: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (3), p. 115)

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第六篇 (周 三) <u>领头认识身体</u>

晨兴餧养

并持守身体的原则

信息选读

我们也必须在实行上认识身体。地 方召会所在的地方, 作为该召会的 召会立场, 在存在上将召会分开, 但不是在素质上使召会分裂。众召 会的存在是分开的, 但她们的素质 是不可分的。住在亚特兰大的圣徒, 和那些住在安那翰的圣徒,不能经 常聚在一起成为一个召会。这是不 可能的。为著存在的缘故, 地方召 会是分开的。…这是为著存在的缘 故而分开, 然而这和素质无关。在 亚特兰大的召会、在安那翰的召会 以及众地方召会, 在素质上乃是一 个身体。在素质上, 我们在全地仍 然只是一个身体。我们的思想需要 翻转过来。我们应当把我们的地方 召会,看作基督身体的一部分(长 老训练第十一册, 一三○页)。

In the local aspect the church is expressed in many localities as many local churches. The one universal church expressed in many places on earth becomes the many local churches. The expression of the church in a locality is the local church in that particular locality.

The universal church as the Body of Christ is expressed through the local churches. The local churches, as the expressions of the one Body of Christ, are locally one. Without the local churches there would be no practicality and actuality of the universal church. The universal church is realized in the local churches. Knowing the church universally must be consummated in knowing the church locally. It is a great advance for us to know and practice the local churches....Eventually, the Bible ends with seven local churches (Rev. 1:10-13).

As believers, we are living today in the local churches. Actually, we cannot live directly in the universal church. It is impossible for us to live in the universal church without living in a local church. The Lord is building up the universal church, and each one of us is living practically in a local church.

The universal church as the Body of Christ needs to have its expression. If we talk about the church without having the expression of the church, our talk is entirely theoretical; it is not practical....If you do not have the local churches, you do not have the church. If you do not have the local church, you cannot have the universal church, for the universal church is composed of all the local churches. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 2149-2150)

Eventually, the book of Revelation does have a consummation. In this consummation all the seven lampstands disappear. In the first chapter we see the seven lampstands. But in the last two chapters we see only one city. Eventually, the local churches will be over. Only the Body will remain and remain forever, and this Body of Christ is the unique tabernacle as God's dwelling place on this earth, the unique bride of the Lamb (Rev. 21:2-3). We all have to see this....Therefore, we must pay much more attention to the Body of Christ than to the local churches. (The Practical Points concerning Blending, pp. 23-24)

Further Reading: Elders' Training, Book 11: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (3), ch. 12; The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 200

就地方一面说,召会在许多地方,彰显为许多地方召会。一个宇宙召会彰显在地上的许多地方,成为许多的地方召会。召会在一地的彰显,就是在那一地的地方召会。

我们这些信徒,今天乃是活在地方召会中。实际上,我们不能直接活在宇宙召会中。我们若不活在地方召会中,就不可能活在宇宙召会中。 主正在建造宇宙召会,而我们每一位乃是实际的活在地方召会中。

作为基督身体的宇宙召会,需要得法的宇宙召会,需要得法的党显。如果我们谈论的谈论对的谈论者召会的彰显,那我们的谈若没有召会,就不可能有字。你召会,就不可能有字由公人,就不可能有方召会,就不可能有方召会,就不可能有方召会,就不可能有方召会,就不可能有方召会所以的人。

参读: 长老训练第十一册,第十二章; 新约总论,第二百篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Six (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Morning Nourishment

Eph. 4:3-4 "Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace: One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling."

We are one Body in Christ, having an organic union with Him. This union makes us one in life with Him and with all the other members of His Body. The Body is not an organization or a society but is altogether an organism produced by the union in life that we have with Christ. (Rom. 12:5, footnote 1)

To take care of the Body is to take care of the oneness. If the oneness is gone, the Body is finished. No oneness—no Body. The Body can only exist and survive in the oneness. (Elders' Training, Book 11: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (3), p. 122)

Today's Reading

[John 17:21 reveals] the...aspect of the believers' oneness...in the Triune God through sanctification, separation from the world by the word of God. In this aspect of oneness the believers, separated from the world unto God, enjoy the Triune God as the factor of their oneness. (John 17:21, footnote 1)

Ephesians 4:1-3 shows us the apostle's exhortation of keeping the oneness of the Spirit....Paul exhorted us to keep the oneness by telling us that we have to walk worthily of our calling (Eph. 4:1). The Lord called us into the fellowship of Christ in His Body. He called us into one Body, so we have to walk according to the oneness of this Body. The highest virtue of our Christian walk is to keep the oneness....The keeping of the oneness is the primary virtue of our Christian walk. (Messages to Trainees in Fall 1990, p. 124)

Eve was made out of a rib taken from Adam's body and

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第六篇(周 四)

<u>领头认识身体</u> <u>并持守身体的原则</u>

晨兴餧养

弗四3~4 『以和平的联索,竭力保守那灵的一:一个身体和一位灵, 正如你们蒙召,也是在一个盼望中 蒙召的。』

我们在基督里是一个身体,与祂有生机的联结,使我们在生命里与祂是一,也与祂身体所有的肢体是一。祂的身体,不是一个组织或社团,乃是一个生机体,是我们和祂在生命里的联结所产生的(圣经恢复本,罗十二5第一注)。

顾到这身体就是顾到这个一。若是 这个一没有了,身体就了了。没有 一,就没有身体。身体只能存在并 存活在一里(长老训练第十一册, 一三七页)。

信息选读

[约翰十七章二十一节启示]信徒中间一的[其中一面],就是在三一神里面,藉著圣别(藉神的话从世界里分别出来)而有的一。在这个一的神,信徒从世界里分别出来归给神,享受三一神作他们这个一的要素(经恢复本,约十七21第一注)。

夏娃是亚当身上出来的肋骨所造的,

was unto Adam to be Adam's counterpart and to be one flesh with Adam. This signifies that the church comes out of Christ and is unto Christ, and that the church is the counterpart of Christ and is one with Christ. Since Eve came out of Adam, she was part of Adam; she was the overflow of Adam as Adam's increase. This signifies that the church is part of Christ as Christ's increase. (Truth Lessons—Level Two, vol. 2, p. 14)

In the Bible "Christ" sometimes refers to the individual Christ, the personal Christ, and sometimes to the corporate Christ, to Christ and the church (1 Cor. 12:12). The Bible considers Christ and the church as one mysterious Christ. Christ is the Head of this mysterious Christ, and the church is the Body of this mysterious Christ. The two have been joined together to become the one mysterious Christ, a universal great man. All the saved ones in all times and in all space added together become the Body of this mysterious Christ. Individually speaking, we, the saved ones, are particular members of the Body (1 Cor. 12:27). Corporately speaking, we are the mystical Body of Christ. Every saved one is a part of the Body of Christ.

First Corinthians 12:12 says, "As the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ." Christ here is not the individual Christ but the corporate Christ, the Body-Christ. In Greek "Christ" in this verse is "the Christ," referring to the corporate Christ, composed of Christ Himself as the Head and the church as His Body with all the believers as its members. All the believers of Christ are organically united with Him and constituted of His life and element to become His Body, an organism, to express Him. Hence, He is not only the Head but also the Body. As our physical body has many members, yet is one, so is this Christ.

As a vine includes not only the stalk but also the branches, so the corporate Christ, the Body-Christ, includes not only Christ Himself but also the members of Christ's Body, who are the members of Christ, parts of Christ. According to our natural constitution, we cannot be members of Christ's Body. Christ Himself is the element, the factor, that makes us parts of Him. Therefore, in order to be parts of Christ, as members of His Body, we must have Christ wrought into our being. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, pp. 2267-2268)

Further Reading: The Conclusion of the New Testament, msgs. 210-212

又归与亚当,作亚当的配偶,与亚当成为一体; 表明召会是出於基督, 作基督的配偶, 与基督成为一。 夏娃既是出於亚当的者是亚当的一部分, 是亚当的并增; 表明召会是基课程一部分, 作基督的扩增(真理课程二级卷二, 一三页)。

参读:新约总论,第二百一十至 二百一十二篇。

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Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Morning Nourishment

Eph. 1:23 "[The church,] which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all."

2:16 "And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it."

Ephesians also reveals that the church is the Body, "the fullness of the One who fills all in all" (1:23). The church is the Body, the fullness, of the all-inclusive, infinite, unlimited Christ. How great the church is! It is not a mere association or religious organization. The church is the very Body of Christ. Just as we need a physical body through which to express ourselves, so the infinite and unlimited Christ needs a Body as His fullness in order that He may be expressed in the universe. Certainly this is far more important than personal salvation or spirituality. If we see that the church is the Body, the fullness, of the all-inclusive Christ, we shall never again regard it as an insignificant matter. (The Genuine Ground of Oneness, p. 8)

Today's Reading

The purpose of us believers being members one of another in the Body of Christ is that we would live Christ and express Him together (Rom. 12:5). According to the New Testament, none of us believers can live and work alone apart from the Body. Our living and work must all be in the Body of Christ. As members of the Body of Christ, we are not separate and complete individual units. Rather, we should coordinate together to become the many parts of the one whole. What the Lord wants is not individual members, but a whole Body. (The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure, p. 28)

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并持守身体的原则

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弗一23 『召会是祂的身体,是那在 万有中充满万有者的丰满。』

二16 『既用十字架除灭了仇恨, 便藉这十字架,使两下在一个身体 里与神和好了。』

信息选读

The consummation of the work of the cross is the church. The work of the cross goes as far as the Body of Christ and consummates with the Body of Christ. Hence, the knowledge of the cross brings us to the knowledge of the Body of Christ. The cross brings a man to a state of weakness and inability, one in which he totally loses hope in the old creation. When he is brought to this point, he is delivered in a real way from the old creation and brought into the new creation. Everything in the old creation has been condemned and terminated by the cross. The Body of Christ is the new creation; it has nothing to do with the old creation. If we resort to human methods, tactics, and skills (which we have used in the past) to deal with the affairs of the church, the result will only be disastrous. God does not approve of anything that is from the old creation, and He will not allow anything from the old creation to remain in the new creation. Everything of the old creation must pass through the cross and remain on the cross. The church has no use for anything that comes from the old man. The church only takes that which issues from Christ.

If you are simply a believer, you can act as you please, but if you are a member of the Body, then you must allow yourself to be limited by the other members. Here we find the necessity of the cross. The cross leads to the Body, and the cross operates in the sphere of the Body. If I am quick and another is slow, I must not insist on keeping my own pace; I must allow myself to be limited by the slow member. (Watchman Nee, The Mystery of Christ, pp. 12-13, 27)

Seeing the vision of the self has much to do with the Body. Today we are in the Lord's recovery, and the recovery will eventually come to this crucial matter—the building up of the Body. The enemy of the Body is the self. The greatest problem, the greatest frustration and opposition, to the Body is also the self. When we have the self, we do not have the Body. When we have the Body, we do not have the self. In order for the Body to be built up, the self, the independent soul, must be dealt with. The self is the independent "I," the independent "me." When we are independent, we are in the self, the Body is gone, and we do not have peace. (The Heavenly Vision, p. 47)

Further Reading: The Mystery of Christ, chs. 2-6, The Heavenly Vision, chs. 3-4

十字架工作的终点乃是召会, 十字架的工作是达到基督的身 体,且停在基督身体里。因此, 认识十字架就是认识基督的身 体。十字架的工作就是把人带 到软弱的地步, 带到不能的地 步, 好叫人对旧造彻底的失 这样,人就能实际的脱离 旧造, 进入新造里。在旧造里 的一切都是被定罪的, 旧造的 一切都要藉著十字架的工作被 了结。基督的身体乃是新造, 与旧造无分无关。我们对召会 的事情, 若仍然用人以前的办 法、手段、技能…等, 所带来 的结果就是糟糕, 因为神绝不 称许旧造的事物, 也绝不容留 旧造的事物在新造里。旧造的 一切都该经过十字架, 字架那里。召会根本用不著这 些旧人里的东西; 召会里只要 出於基督的一切。

参读:基督的奥秘,第二至六篇; 从天上来的异象,第三至四章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Six (Day 6)

Taking the Lead to Know the Body and to Keep the Principles of the Body

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 1:9 "God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

12:23 "And those members of the body which we consider to be less honorable, these we clothe with more abundant honor; and our uncomely members come to have more abundant comeliness."

27 "Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually."

[Colossians 1:15-17 unveils] Christ as the first in creation, as the One who has preeminence among all creatures. Verse 18 shows that Christ is the first in resurrection as the Head of the Body. As such, He has the first place in the church, God's new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). (Col. 1:18, footnote 1)

Today's Reading

The divine fellowship is the reality of living in the Body of Christ. The Lord has been frustrated throughout the centuries because of the lack of fellowship. In Revelation 22:20 the Lord Jesus said, "I come quickly," but it has been nearly two thousand vears, and the Lord is still not back. The reason is that the believers are individualistic, independent, opinionated, and divisive....The believers seem to be like horses without bridles. Today nothing seems to control them. Actually, the divine fellowship should control the believers....We are restricted in this fellowship. By being restricted in this fellowship, the Body of Christ is kept in oneness, and the work of the ministry continues to go on. When we are out of fellowship, everything is finished. The thing which makes everything alive is fellowship. If we learn to fellowship, we will receive many benefits, especially in the Lord's work. (The Triune God to be Life to the Tripartite Man, pp. 147-148)

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晨兴餧养

并持守身体的原则

林前一9 『神是信实的,你们乃是 为祂所召,进入了祂儿子我们主耶 稣基督的交通。』

十二23 『身上肢体我们以为比较不体面的,就给它加上更丰盈的体面; 我们不俊美的肢体,就得著更丰盈的俊美。』

27 『你们就是基督的身体,并且各自作肢体。』

歌罗西一章十五至十七节揭示,基督在创造中是首生者,在一切受造之物中居首位。十八节显示,基督在复活里是首生者,是身体的头,在召会,神的新造(林後五17,加六15)里居首位(圣经恢复本,西一18第一注)。

信息选读

神圣的交通乃是在基督身体里生活 的实际。历世纪以来, 主一直受阻 挠, 就是因著缺少交通。在启示录 二十二章二十节, 主耶稣说, 必快来!』但将近二千年过去,主 仍没有回来。原因乃是信徒持个人 主义,都是单独、有意见,并且制 造分裂的。…信徒好像脱缰野马, 今天似乎没有甚麽能管制信徒; 实 际上, 神圣的交通该管制信徒。 我们在这交通里受限制。藉著在这 交通里受限制,基督的身体就蒙保 守在一里, 职事的工作就继续往前。 我们若离开交通,一切就都完了。 那使一切活著的乃是交通。我们若 学习交通, 就会得著许多益处, 特 别在主的工作上, 更是如此 (三一 神作三部分人的生命, 一七二至 一七三页)。

Oh, how we need the vision of the Body! We need to be burdened to pray, "Lord, help me to see the vision of the Body. It is not good enough just to be a Christian and a member of the church. I must be built up in the Body. In a practical way, I must be a member of the living Body. I must have fellowship with others and be related to others in the Body." (The Heavenly Vision, p. 37)

We should fellowship. When a co-worker does anything, he should fellowship with the other co-workers. An elder should fellowship with the other elders. Fellowship tempers us,...adjusts us,...harmonizes us, and...mingles us....We should not do anything without fellowshipping with the other saints who are coordinating with us. Fellowship requires us to stop when we are about to do something. In our coordination in the church life, in the Lord's work, we all have to learn not to do anything without fellowship. (The Divine and Mystical Realm, p. 87)

The recovery is for the Body, not for any individual or merely for any individual local church. If we are going to do something, we have to consider how the Body, the recovery, will react. The problems are all due to the lack of seeing the Body and of caring for the Body. We all need to come back to the truth, and to practice the truth is to take care of the Body. Sometimes the Body is strong, and sometimes the Body is weak, but it is still the Body. If we come back to the truth and take care of the proper order in the Body, the Body will immediately become stronger. All the problems are due to one thing: not seeing, not knowing, and not caring for the Body. We have to honor the Body. (The Problems Causing the Turmoils in the Church Life, p. 35)

All the gifts, as the manifestation of the Spirit distributed to the individual believers by the Spirit, are for the profit, the building up, of this Body. Paul...is very Body-conscious, Body-centered, unlike the Corinthians and so many other believers through the centuries who are very much self-centered concerning spiritual gifts. Hence, following this verse [1 Cor. 12:13] he gives the Corinthians a long discourse concerning the Body. His intention is to rescue them from their self-seeking back to a concern for the Body so that they may be no longer for their individual profit but for the building of the Body. (The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity, p. 320)

Further Reading: Five Emphases in the Lord's Recovery, ch. 1; To Serve in the Human Spirit, chs. 1-3

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参读: 主恢复中的五个重点, 第一章; 在人的灵里事奉, 第一至三章。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Seven

Taking the Lead to Stand on the Unique Ground of the Church, to Be under the Limitation of the Body of Christ, and to Be Body-conscious in One Accord

Scripture Reading: Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:8, 17a; Phil. 1:19-21a; Col. 1:27

Outline

DAY 1

I. We must take the lead to stand on the unique ground of the church, the genuine ground of oneness:

- A. First Corinthians 1:2 speaks of the church at Corinth—this shows the locality of Corinth for the existence, expression, and practice of the church; such a locality becomes the local ground of the local churches on which they are built respectively; thus, the church in Corinth was built on the ground of the city of Corinth.
- B. The practice of the church life in the early days was the practice of having one church for one city, one city with only one church; in no city was there more than one church (Acts 8:1; 13:1; Rev. 1:11):
- 1. This is the local church with the city, not the street or area, as the unit.
- 2. The jurisdiction of a local church should cover the whole city in which the church is located; it should not be greater or lesser than the boundary of the city.
- 3. All the believers within that boundary should constitute the one unique local church within that city.

DAY 2

4. There are four characteristics of our meeting on the genuine ground of oneness, the place that God has

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领头站在召会独一的立场上, 受基督身体的限制, 在同心合意里有身体的感觉

读经: 林前一2, 启一11, 罗十二3, 林 後十13, 弗四16, 林前十二12 \sim 27

纲 目

周 一

壹 我们必须领头站在召会独一的立场,就是一的真正立场上:

- 一 林前一章二节说到在哥林多的召会一这表明哥林多这个地方,是为著召会的存在、出现和实行;这样的地方,成了众地方召会个别的建造在其上的地方立场;因此,在哥林多的召会,是建造在哥林多城的立场上。
- 二 早期召会生活的实行,乃是一个城一个召会,一个城只有一个召会; 没有一个城有一个以上的召会一徒八 1,十三1,启一11:
- 1 这就是地方召会,是以城为单位,不是以街道或区域为单位。
- 2 地方召会行政的区域,应当包括该召会所在的整个城市,而不该大於或小於该城的界限。
- 3 所有在这界限内的信徒,应当构成该城内惟一的地方召会。

周 二

4 在一的真正立场,就是在神所选择的地方上聚会,有四个特徵一参

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chosen (cf. Deut. 12:5):

- a. First, the people of God should always be one; there should be no divisions among them (Psa. 133; John 17:11, 21-23; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:3-4a).
- b. Second, the unique name into which God's people should gather is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the reality of which name is the Spirit; to be designated by any other name is to be denominated, divided; this is spiritual fornication (Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 1:12; 12:3b).
- c. Third, in the New Testament God's habitation, His dwelling place, is particularly located in our spirit, that is, in our mingled spirit, our human spirit regenerated and indwelt by the divine Spirit; in our meeting for the worship of God, we must exercise our spirit and do everything in the spirit (John 3:6b; Rom. 8:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Eph. 2:22; John 4:24; 1 Cor. 14:15).
- d. Fourth, in our worship of God we must have a genuine application of the cross of Christ, signified by the altar (Deut. 12:5-6, 27), by rejecting the flesh, the self, and the natural life and by worshipping God with Christ and Christ alone (Matt. 16:24; Gal. 2:20).

II. As members of the Body of Christ standing on the genuine ground of oneness, we must take the lead to be limited by the other members, not going beyond our measure:

- A. God has placed all the members of the Body, even as He willed (1 Cor. 12:18):
- 1. The Head sets us in our special place in the Body and points us to our special function (Rom. 12:4; 1 Cor. 12:15-17).
- 2. Each one of us members has our own place in the Body of Christ; it is assigned by God and should be accepted by us.
- 3. Since such an assignment is according to God's will, every member is necessary (vv. 19-22).

DAY₃

4. Every member has a definite place, a definite assignment, and a particular portion with which he serves the Body of Christ.

申十二5:

- a 首先,神的子民总该是一,他们中间不该有分裂一诗一三三,约十七 11, $21 \sim 23$,林前一 10,弗四 $3 \sim 4$ 上。
- b 第二,神的子民该聚集到独一的名里,这名就是主耶稣基督的名,其实际乃是那灵;用任何别的名称,乃是宗派的、分裂的;这是属灵的淫乱—太十八20,林前一12,十二3下。
- C 第三,在新约里神的住处,神的住处,有一个大型,有有别设在我们的的灵里,在我们的灵里,在我们的灵工。在我们有不是的灵力。 是由神圣的灵所内住之处,是是一个大型,并在我们的灵,并在我们的灵里,是一个大型,是是四22,为四24,林前十四15。
- d 第四,我们敬拜神时,必须真实的应用祭坛所表徵之基督的十字架,(申十二5~6,27,)拒绝肉体、己和天然生命,并单单凭基督来敬拜神。(太十六24,加二20。)
- 貳 我们作为基督身体的肢体,站在一的真正立场上,必须领头受其他肢体的限制,不越过我们的度量:
- 一 神照著自己的意思,把身体所有的肢体俱各安置在身体上一林前十二18:
- 1 元首把我们安排在身体的特别地位上,也指派我们特别的功用一罗十二4,林前十二15~17。
- 2 我们每一个肢体,在基督的身体里都有自己的一个位置,是神所量给各人的,也是我们所该接受的。
- 3 既然这件事是照著神的意思,就每 一个肢体都是不可少的—19~22节。

周三

4 每一个肢体都有他一定的位置, 有一定的安排,有他的那一分来服 事基督的身体。

- 5. Each member has his own characteristics, and each has his own capability; these characteristics constitute the place, position, or ministry of each member (Rom. 12:4-8).
- B. A basic requirement for the growth and development of the Body is that we recognize our measure and do not go beyond it (Eph. 4:7, 16):
- 1. We must be willing to be limited by our measure (Rom. 12:3, 6).
- 2. As soon as we go beyond our measure, we go beyond the authority of the Head and move out from under the anointing.
- 3. When we go beyond our measure, we interfere with the order of the Body.
- 4. To think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think without a sober mind is to annul the proper order of the Body life (v. 3).

DAY 4

- C. Like Paul we should move and act according to how much God has measured to us, staying within the limits of God's ruling, God's measuring (2 Cor. 10:13):
- 1. When we give a testimony about our work, experience, or enjoyment of the Lord, we must testify within measure, that is, within a certain limit.
- 2. Although we expect the work to spread, we must learn how to be under God's restriction; we should not expect a spread that is without measure (vv. 13-15):
- a. If we spread the work according to the Spirit, there will always be a certain limit (cf. 2:12-14).
- b. Inwardly, we shall have the consciousness that the Lord intends to spread the work only to a certain extent; inwardly, we do not have the peace to spread the work beyond a certain point.
- c. Outwardly, in the environment the Lord may cause certain matters to restrict the spread of the work; the environment does not allow us to go beyond a particular boundary line (cf. Rom. 15:24).
- 3. In the church service, we need to realize that God has measured out only so much to us, and we should

- 5 每一个肢体都有他的特点,都有他所能的,那就是他的位置,就是他的地位,也就是他的职事—罗十二4~8。
- 二 身体长大和发展的基本要求,是 我们认清我们的度量,不越过这度 量一弗四7,16:
- 1 我们要乐意受我们度量的限制—罗十二3,6。
- 2 只要我们越过度量,我们就 越过元首的权柄,离开了膏油的 涂抹。
- 3 当我们越过我们的度量,我们就 干涉了身体的规矩。
- 4 不清明适度,而看自己过於所当 看的,就是抹煞身体生活中正确的 等次—3节。

周四

- 三 我们应该像保罗一样,留在神尺度和度量的界限之内,照著神所量给我们有多少而行动并行事一林後十13:
- 1 当我们说到自己的工作和经历, 或对主的享受时,我们必须是在度量之内作见证,也就是说,在一定的限度之内作见证。
- 2 虽然我们期望工作开展,但我们 必须学习如何受神的约束;不要期 望无限度的开展—13~15节:
- a 我们若照著那灵而开展工作, 就一直有某种限制—参二12~14。
- b 我们里面会感觉到, 主扩展祂 的工作只是要到某一程度; 我们里 面也没有平安, 越过某种界线去开 展工作。
- c 主会在外面兴起环境来限制工作的开展;环境也不容我们越过界限一参罗十五24。
- 3 在召会的事奉上,我们需要看见神只量给我们这麽多,我们不该过

DAY 5

III. For the Lord's move in His recovery both locally and universally, we must take the lead to be Body-conscious in one accord (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 15:25; Rom. 15:6):

- A. We should always consider the Body, care for the Body, honor the Body, and do what is best for the Body (1 Cor. 12:12-27).
- B. "When Brother Nee taught about the Body he said that whatever we do, we have to consider how the churches would feel about it" (The Problems Causing the Turmoils in the Church Life, pp. 28-29).
- C. In the Body there can be no independence or individualism, for we are members, and members cannot live in detachment from the Body (1 Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:5; Eph. 5:30):
- 1. Those who see that they are members of the Body treasure the Body and honor the other members, each of whom is indispensable (1 Cor. 12:15, 21, 23-24; Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:29; 1 Cor. 16:18; Judg. 9:9):
- a. Since we are members of the Body of Christ, we should have a feeling for the Body, taking the feeling of the Head as our own feeling (Phil. 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:25b-26).
- b. We need to be like-souled in the Body life, genuinely caring for the things of Christ Jesus, the things concerning the church with all the saints (Phil. 2:2, 20-21; 1:8).

DAY 6

- 2. Wherever there is Body-revelation, there is Body-consciousness, and wherever there is Body-consciousness, individualistic thought and action are ruled out:
- a. If we want to know the Body, we need deliverance not only from our sinful life and our natural life but also from our individualistic life.

周 五

- 参 为著主在祂恢复里,在地方一面并宇宙一面的行动,我们必须领头在同心合意里有身体的感觉—徒一14,二46,四24,十五25,罗十五6:
- 一 我们应当一直考虑到身体,顾到 身体,尊重身体,并且作任何事都要 对身体最有益处—林前十二12~27。
- 二 『关於基督的身体,倪弟兄教导说,凡我们所作的,我们必须考虑众召会有甚麽感觉。』(召会生活中引起风波的难处,二六页。)
- 三 在身体里不能有独立或个人主义,因为我们是肢体,而肢体无法脱离身体而生活—林前十二27,罗十二5,弗五30:
- 1 人看见自己是身体的肢体,就 宝爱身体,看重其他的肢体,看每 一个肢体都是不可少的一林前十二 15,21,23 \sim 24, 罗十二3, 腓二 29, 林前十六18, 士九9:
- a 我们既是基督身体的肢体,就该对身体有感觉,以头的感觉为自己的感觉—腓一8,林前十二25下~26。
- b 在身体生活里,我们需要同魂,真正关心基督耶稣的事,就是关於召会同众圣徒的事一腓二 2, $20 \sim 21$, -8。

周六

- 2 那里有身体的启示,那里就有身体的感觉;那里有身体的感觉,那里有身体的感觉,那里个人主义的想法和行动就除去了:
- a 我们若要认识身体,就不但要 蒙拯救脱离我们犯罪与天然的生命, 更要蒙拯救脱离个人的生命。

- b. Just as the Father is versus the world (1 John 2:15), the Spirit is versus the flesh (Gal. 5:17), and the Lord is versus the devil (1 John 3:8), so also the Body is versus the individual.
- c. Just as we cannot be independent from the Head, we cannot be independent from the Body.
- d. Individualism is hateful in the sight of God:
- (1) The enemy of the Body is the self, the independent "I," the independent "me"; if we would be built up in the Body, the self must be condemned, denied, rejected, and renounced (Matt. 16:21-26).
- (2) We should be dependent not only on God but also on the Body, on the brothers and sisters (Exo. 17:11-13; Acts 9:25; 2 Cor. 11:33).
- e. What I do not know, another member of the Body will know; what I cannot see, another member of the Body will see; what I cannot do, another member of the Body will do (1 Cor. 12:17-22).
- f. If we refuse the help of our fellow members, we are refusing the help of Christ; sooner or later all individualistic Christians will dry up (v. 12).

- b 父如何与世界相对, (约壹二 15,) 那灵如何与肉体相对, (加五 17,) 主如何与魔鬼相对, (约壹三 8,) 照样, 身体也与个人相对。
- c 我们如何不能向头独立,照样 也不能向身体独立。
- d 个人主义在神眼中是可恨的:
- (一) 身体的仇敌是己,那独立的『我』;我们若要在身体里被建造,己就必须被定罪、否认、拒绝并撇弃—太十六21~26。
- (二) 我们不仅该倚靠神,也该倚靠身体,倚靠弟兄姊妹—出十七 $11 \sim 13$,徒九25,林後十一33。
- e 我不知道的,身体里别的肢体知道;我不能看见的,身体里别的肢体能看见;我不能作的,身体里别的肢体能作—林前十二17~22。
- f 我们若拒绝同作肢体者的帮助, 就是拒绝基督的帮助;凡是单独的 基督徒,迟早都要变得枯乾—12节。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Seven (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Stand on the Unique Ground of the Church, to Be under the Limitation of the Body of Christ, and to Be Body-conscious in One Accord

Morning Nourishment

Acts 8:1 "...And there occurred in that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem..."

Rev. 1:11 "Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

1 Cor. 1:2 "To the church of God which is in Corinth..."

[The church in Jerusalem] was the first church established in a locality (see footnote 1 on Acts 5:11) within the jurisdiction of a city, the city of Jerusalem. It was a local church in its locality, as indicated by the Lord in Matthew 18:17. It was not the universal church, as revealed by the Lord in Matthew 16:18, but only a part of the universal church, which is the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). The record concerning this matter (the establishing of the church in its locality) is consistent throughout the New Testament (Acts 13:1; 14:23; Rom. 16:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 8:1...). (Acts 8:1, footnote 1)

[The book of Revelation's] being sent to the seven churches equals its being sent to the seven cities. This shows clearly that the practice of the church life in the early days was the practice of having one church for one city, one city with only one church. In no city was there more than one church. This is the local church, with the city, not the street or the area, as the unit. The jurisdiction of a local church should cover the whole city in which the church is located; it should not be greater or lesser than the boundary of the city. All the believers within that boundary should constitute the one unique local church within that city. (Rev. 1:11, footnote 1)

Today's Reading

First Corinthians 1:2b speaks of the church at Corinth. 林前一章二节说到在哥林多的召会。

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徒八1 『就在那日, 在耶路撒冷的 召会大遭逼迫…。』

启一11 『你所看见的, 当写在书上, 寄给那七个召会:给以弗所、给士 每拿、给别迦摩、给推雅推喇、给 撒狄、给非拉铁非、给老底嘉。』

林前一2 『写信给在哥林多神的召会…。』 在耶路撒冷的召会乃是头一处在地方 上建立的召会(见徒五11注1),在 一个城, 就是耶路撒冷城的辖区之内。 这是一个在地方上的地方召会, 正如 主在马太十八章十七节所指明的。这 不是主在十六章十八节所启示的宇宙 召会, 只是宇宙召会, 基督身体 (弗 一22~23)的一部分。新约对这事(在 地方上建立召会)的记载是前後一贯 的 (徒十三1, 十四23, 罗十六1, 林前-2, 林後八1, 加-2, 启-4、 11) (圣经恢复本, 徒八1第一注)。

将[启示录这卷]书寄给[亚西亚] 那七个召会, 等於寄给那七城〔一 11]。这清楚显示,早期召会生活的 实行, 乃是一个城一个召会, 一个 城只有一个召会。没有一个城有一 个以上的召会。这就是地方召会, 是以城为单位,不是以街道或区域 为单位。地方召会行政的区域,应 当包括该召会所在的整个城市,不 该大於或小於该城的界限。所有在 这界限内的信徒, 应当构成该城内 惟一的地方召会(启一11第二注)。

信息选读

This shows the locality of Corinth for the existence, expression, and practice of the church; such a locality becomes the local ground of the local churches on which they are built respectively (Acts 8:1; 13:1; Rev. 1:11). For its existence, expression, and practice, the church surely needs a place, and that place according to the New Testament is a locality. The church in Corinth was built in Corinth. The church in Athens is built on the ground of the city of Athens. The church in New York is built on the ground of the city of New York. Thus, the locality spontaneously becomes the church ground.

Brother Watchman Nee pointed out that God was very wise in His way of building up the church on the local ground. There are a great number of God's chosen people. Everywhere around the globe there are believers in Christ, and they should not be scattered but gathered together to be a church. If there were not the proper limitation of the ground, there would be no limitation to the setting up of churches. Today in Southern California there is a church called the Taiwan Gospel Church. These believers have used Taiwan as their ground. I was raised in China in the city of Chefoo, and in Chefoo there was the Church of England. People set up churches too easily. Today it is easier to establish a church than it is to set up a restaurant. All the denominations have divisive grounds, including the Southern Baptists, the Presbyterians, and the Lutherans.

If we believers keep the pattern set up by God in the Bible to have one church in one city, we can keep the oneness. Any believer who comes to a city has to be in the church in that city. If I go to Tokyo, I should join the church in Tokyo. If I go to London, I should go to the church in London. If I go to Dallas, I have to meet with the church in Dallas. Then spontaneously there will be no division. The Bible set up a pattern of how the believers should meet. The first gathering of the Christians was in Jerusalem, and Acts 8:1 calls that gathering the church in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a large city, but there was only one church in that city. Although there is one church in a city, the church does not necessarily need to meet in one place. But we must keep in mind that the city in which we are should be the unique local ground of the church. (The Divine and Mystical Realm, pp. 81-82)

Further Reading: The Divine and Mystical Realm, ch. 6; The Ground of the Church (booklet)

我们信徒若守住神在圣经里所立的 榜样,一城只有一会,我们就能保 守一。任何信徒来到一个城市,就 必须在那城市的召会里。我若去东 京, 就该加入在东京的召会。我若 去伦敦, 就该去在伦敦的召会。我 若去达拉斯, 就该与在达拉斯的召 会一同聚会。那自然而然就不会有 分裂。圣经立了信徒该如何聚会的 榜样。基督徒头一次的聚集是在耶 路撒冷, 行传八章一节称那聚集为 在耶路撒冷的召会。耶路撒冷是个 大城, 但那城只有一个召会。虽然 一城只有一个召会, 但召会不一定 要在同一个地方聚会。然而我们必 须记住, 我们所在的那城, 该是召 会独一的地方立场(神圣奥秘的范 围,九二至九四页)。

参读: 神圣奥秘的范围, 第六章; 召会的异象与建造, 第三章。

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Morning Nourishment

Deut. 12:5 "But to the place which Jehovah your God will choose out of all your tribes to put His name, to His habitation, shall you seek, and there shall you go."

Psa. 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity!"

The children of Israel were not allowed to worship God and enjoy the offerings they presented to God in the place of their choice (Deut. 12:8, 13, 17). They were to worship God in the place of His choice, the place where His name, His habitation, and His altar were (vv. 5-6), by bringing their tithes, offerings, and sacrifices to Him there....To fulfill these requirements was to have a unique center of worship, as Jerusalem would be later (2 Chron. 6:5-6; John 4:20), for the keeping of the oneness among God's people, thus avoiding the division caused by man's preferences (cf. 1 Kings 12:26-33 and footnotes). (Deut. 12:5, footnote 1)

Today's Reading

The revelation in the New Testament concerning the worship of God corresponds to the revelation in [Deuteronomy 12] in at least four ways: First, the people of God should always be one; there should be no divisions among them (Psa. 133; John 17:11, 21-23; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:3). Second, the unique name into which God's people should gather is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 1:12 and footnotes), the reality of which name is the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). To be designated by any other name is to be denominated, divided; this is spiritual fornication (see footnote 3 on Rev. 3:8). Third, in the New Testament God's habitation, His dwelling place, is particularly located in our spirit, that is, in our mingled spirit, our

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申十二5 『但耶和华你们的神从你们各支派中,所选择出来立祂名的地方,就是祂的居所,那是你们当寻求的,你们要往那里去。』

诗一三三1 『看哪,弟兄和睦同居, 是何等的善,何等的美!』

信息选读

human spirit regenerated and indwelt by the divine Spirit (John 3:6b; Rom. 8:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; Eph. 2:22). In our meeting for the worship of God, we must exercise our spirit and do everything in our spirit (John 4:24; 1 Cor. 14:15). Fourth, in our worship of God we must have the genuine application of the cross of Christ, signified by the altar, by rejecting the flesh, the self, and the natural life and worshipping God with Christ and Christ alone (Matt. 16:24; Gal. 2:20). Hence, the meeting of God's people for the worship of God should be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the mingled spirit as the place of God's habitation, in the place where the cross is, and with the enjoyment of Christ as the reality of the tithes, the offerings, and the sacrifices (see footnote 4 on John 4:24). This is the oneness of God's people, and this is the proper ground for the worship of God. (Deut. 12:5, footnote 1)

We supply the Body with the life that we have received from Christ the Head. Yet when we function, we have to be proper and in order....In the physical body, any dislocation or disproportionate growth of the members hinders its functioning. This is also true in the Body of Christ....You have to speak according to your measure of faith and according to the leading of the Spirit. You have to know whether there is any overstepping in your speaking, and you have to know whether your speaking is too long. Many believers crave to be outstanding Christians and...workers, but if some become overdeveloped, others will be underdeveloped. The result would not be the Body but a monstrosity; God's order in the church would be destroyed. When we truly come under the authority of the Head, He sets us in our special place in the Body and appoints us to our special function. (Watchman Nee, The Mystery of Christ, p. 44)

This Body of Christ is composed of all the regenerated believers....As soon as we were baptized, we were brought into an organic union with the Triune God to become living members of the Body of Christ. Furthermore, He has placed all the members in the Body even as He willed (1 Cor. 12:18). Each one of us members has our own place in the Body of Christ. It is assigned by God, and should be accepted by us. Since such an assignment is according to God's will, every member is necessary (v. 21). (The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure, pp. 27-28)

Further Reading: The Mystery of Christ, ch. 8; The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure, ch. 2

由神圣的灵所内住之人的灵里(约 三6下,罗八16,提後四22,弗二 22)。我们在敬拜神的聚会里,必须 操练我们的灵, 并在我们的灵里作 一切事(约四24,林前十四15)。 第四, 我们敬拜神时, 必须真实的 应用祭坛所表徵之基督的十字架, 拒绝肉体、己和天然生命, 并单单 凭基督来敬拜神(太十六24,加二 20)。因此,神子民敬拜神的聚会, 该在主耶稣基督的名里, 在作神居 所之调和的灵里, 在十字架所在之 处,并且享受基督作为十分取一之 物、供物和祭物的实际(见约四24 注4)。这是神子民的一,这是敬 拜神正确的立场 (圣经恢复本, 十二5第一注)。

我们乃是用我们个人从元首基督 所得的生命,来供应身体。但我们 尽功用时,必须按著秩序,必须 有规矩。…在肉身上,任何越位 或越分的情形都要妨害身体的功 用,在基督的身体里也是这样。… 你需要按著信心的度量, 按著圣 灵的引导来发言。你说话的时候, 要看有没有越分的话,或者话是 否拉得太长。许多人想要作特出 的基督徒或…工人。但如果有些 人过分发展,有些人太少发展, 结果身体就不是身体, 而成了怪 物, 神在召会中的次序就被破坏 了。当我们真的来在头的权柄底 下,主就把我们安排在身体的特 别地位上, 也指派我们特别的功 用(基督的奥秘,四八页)。

参读:基督的奥秘,第八篇;主所 渴望的合一与同心并祂所喜悦的身 体生活与事奉,第二篇。

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Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 12:18 "But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed."

Rom. 12:3-5 "For I say...to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be soberminded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith. For...all the members do not have the same function, so we...are one Body in Christ, and...members one of another."

First Corinthians 12:18...shows that every member has a definite place,...assignment, and...position. Every member has a particular portion with which he serves the Body of Christ....Each organ has its function, and each has its portion. The eyes serve the body by seeing. The ears serve the body by hearing. The nose serves the body by smelling. Each has its own responsibility, and none can replace another....Each member has his own characteristics, and each has his own capability. These characteristics and capabilities constitute the place, position, or ministry of each member. (Watchman Nee, The Mystery of Christ, p. 43)

Today's Reading

In the denominational organizations, leaders are selected according to background, social status, education, knowledge, intelligence, eloquence, or talent. But they may not have any revelation, faith, or experience in the Lord. They can only bring natural things to the church. They will not supply the Body; on the contrary, they will bring death to the Body. The ministry of the Body is not determined by natural things. A member functions in the Body according to what he has received from the Lord. It is according to the "measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3, 6). At the same time, it is according to God's assigned order.

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林前十二18 『但如今神照著自己的意思,把肢体俱各安置在身体上了。』 罗十二3~5 『…不要看自己过於所罗看的,乃要照著神所分合。正过於信心的度量,看得清明适度。正规执行有一样的功用;我们这许多人不在基督里是一个身体,并且各个有相作肢体,也是如此。』

信息选读

 Therefore, we have to seek revelation and experience from Christ so that we can have something to supply the Body, and we have to know the order of the Body, which is God's assigned pattern in the Body. We must be willing to be limited to our measure. As soon as we go beyond it, we go beyond the authority of the Head and move out from under the anointing. When we go beyond our measure, we interfere with the order of the Body. The Body of Christ is an organic life; it operates without any human arrangement. All the members must receive life from the Head and function in proper order. If our relationship with the Head is proper, we will keep our place in the Body spontaneously. (The Mystery of Christ, pp. 44-45)

Romans 12:3 says, "Not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith." If you think you are bigger than Paul in the quantity of faith, you are crazy. You are not sober-minded. If you are really sober-minded, you will say, "Brother Paul was a big mountain. I am just a small stone." Some of the saints may think that they are bigger than the elders. This is not sober-minded. At least the elders are "two inches" bigger than you. They are at least a little bigger, a little older spiritually, than you. To think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think without a sober mind is to annul the proper order of the Body life.

In Romans 12 Paul dealt with the practice of the Body life. In the crystallization of the Body there is one crucial point, that is, not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith. God has not only allotted but also apportioned faith to us. He gave us the same faith in quality but not in quantity. The matter of quantity depends upon how you grow. If you grow today as the apostle Paul grew, the portion of faith you receive will be greatly enlarged. God first allotted faith to us in quality, and then He apportioned it in quantity. What kind of faith you have depends upon God's allotment. How much faith you have depends upon God's apportioning. God's apportioning depends upon your attitude. If you are not soberminded, God would not increase His apportioning of faith to you, and He probably would even decrease it. (Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, p. 110)

Further Reading: The Mystery of Christ, ch. 8; Crystallization-study of the Epistle to the Romans, msg. 10

罗马十二章三节说, 『不要看自己 过於所当看的, 乃要照著神所分给 各人信心的度量,看得清明适度。』 如果你以为自己在信心的度量上比 保罗更大, 你就太狂妄了, 你的心 思不是清明适度的。如果你真是清 明适度, 你会说, 『保罗弟兄是一 座大山, 我只不过是一块小石头。』 有些圣徒可能看自己比长老更大, 这就不是清明适度。长老至少比你 大『两寸』。他们至少比你大一点, 在属灵上至少比你年长一点。不清 明适度, 而看自己过於所当看的, 就是抹煞身体生活中正确的等次。

保罗在十二章说到身体生活的实行。 在『身体』这事的结晶上,有一个重 要的点,就是不要看自己过於所当看 的, 乃要照著神所分给各人信心的度 量,看得清明适度。神不仅分给我们 信心, 也照著我们的度量分给我们信 心。祂给我们的信心, 在质上是同样 的, 在量上却是不同的。量的多少乃 在於你如何长大。如果你今天像使徒 保罗一样长大, 你所接受那一分的信 心就要大大的扩充。神先是在质的一 面分给我们信心, 然後在量的一面分 给我们不同的度量。你所得的是何种 的信心, 乃在於神的分给。你所得的 信心有多少, 乃在於神按度量的分 给。神按度量的分给, 乃在於你的态 度。如果你不是清明适度的,神就不 会在分给你的信心上, 增加度量, 衪 甚至可能把它减少 (罗马书的结晶, 一三五至一三六页)。

参读:基督的奥秘,第八篇;罗马书的结晶,第十篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Seven (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Stand on the Unique Ground of the Church, to Be under the Limitation of the Body of Christ, and to Be Body-conscious in One Accord

Morning Nourishment

2 Cor. 10:13-14 "But we will not boast beyond our measure but according to the measure of the rule which the God of measure has apportioned to us, to reach even as far as you. For we are not extending ourselves beyond our bounds, as if we did not reach you, for we were the first to come even as far as unto you in the gospel of Christ."

[In 2 Corinthians 10:13] the apostle is bold, but he is not bold without limit. This shows that he is under the restriction of the Lord. His boasting is according to the measure of the rule which the God of measure, the ruling God, has apportioned to him....Hence, his boast is also within this limit, not without measure, as that of the Judaistic teachers. The word rule in verse 13 literally means a measuring rod, as a rule used by a carpenter.

In giving a testimony of what we have learned of the Lord, we should have a limit, a measure. The word measure in verse 13 indicates being ruled by God. God has allotted us just so much for our work and experience. Furthermore, He has given us just so much to enjoy. Therefore, when we give a testimony about our work, experience, or enjoyment of the Lord, we must testify within measure, that is, within a certain limit....In giving a testimony or a report we should never exaggerate....There is One who is ruling and measuring. This One is the God of measure, the God who rules. Therefore, we must stay within the limits of God's ruling, of God's measuring. Paul's words "reach even as far as you" indicate that his coming to the Corinthians was under God's ruling and measuring. (Life-study of 2) Corinthians, p. 447)

Today's Reading

二〇一二年春季国际 长老及负责弟兄训练

长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第七篇(周 四)

<u>领头站在召会独一的立场上,</u> <u>受基督身体的限制,</u> 在同心合意里有身体的感觉

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林後十13~14 『我们却不要过了度 量夸口,只要照度量的神所分给我 们尺度的度量夸口,这度量甚至远 达你们。我们并非过度伸展自己, 好像达不到你们,因为在基督的祖 音上,我们是最先来的,甚至远及 你们。』

当我们见证我们从主所学的功课时, 该受限制, 有分寸。十三节的度量 一辞, 指明受神的管治。我们的工 作和经历都是照神所分给我们尺度 的度量。不仅如此, 祂给我们的享 受也是有尺度的。因此, 当我们说 到自己的工作和经历, 或对主的享 受时, 我们必须是在度量之内作见 证,也就是说,在一定的限度之内 作见证。…我们见证或报告时,不 应该夸大。…有一位管治者和度量 者,就是度量的神,管治的神。所 以我们必须留在神尺度和度量的限 制之内。保罗在这里所说的『甚至 远达你们』, 指明他去哥林多乃是 在神的管治和度量之下(哥林多後 书生命读经, 五二六至五二七页)。

信息选读

From 2 Corinthians 10:13, 14, and 15 we see that although we expect the Lord's work to spread, we must learn how to be under God's restriction. Do not expect a spread that is without measure. That kind of spread would certainly not be within the limit of a walk according to Spirit. From experience we can testify that if we spread the work according to the Spirit, there will always be a certain limit. Inwardly we shall have the consciousness that the Lord intends to spread the work only to a certain extent. Furthermore, outwardly, in the environment, the Lord may cause matters to restrict the spread of the work. Therefore, inwardly we do not have the peace to spread the work beyond a certain point, and outwardly the environment does not allow us to go beyond a particular boundary line.

I would encourage [the young people] to keep this word within them, for one day they will experience it. We all need to learn that in serving the Lord and in working with God, there is always a limit. This is also true in the service of the church....In the church service we need to realize that God has only measured out so much to us, and we should not overstretch ourselves. We need to know our limitation, our jurisdiction, and not go beyond it into others' territory. Like Paul, we should move and act according to our rule, that is, according to how much God has measured to us.

We know from Acts 16 that Paul became clear that God had called him to Europe. He came to Achaia with the gospel of Christ according to God's ruling. Both Macedonia and Achaia were under Paul's rule. Thus, the Judaizers should not have come into this territory to cause trouble. This was the feeling deep within Paul as he was writing these verses....He is a good example of a person fully under God's restriction.

I encourage the young people especially to study this portion of the Word and learn from it how to conduct themselves in the church service and how to move in the Lord's recovery....You must know your rule, your limit. This means that you must know how much God has measured to you, how much He has apportioned to you. This restriction, this limitation, is a very practical dealing with our flesh. Our natural man wants to be without limitation. [Since] God knows our problem...He sets up boundaries and restrictions so that we may stay within the measure He has apportioned to us. (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, pp. 448-449, 452-453)

Further Reading: Life-study of 2 Corinthians, msg. 51

我们从行传十六章知道,保罗非常清 是一个完全在神约束下之人的好样 我们从行传也去做一个,保著神。 是照著他是照著神。 是照在是一个是一个,是是一个完全在神约束下之人的好样。

参读: 哥林多後书生命读经, 第 五十一篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Seven (Day 5)

Taking the Lead to Stand on the Unique Ground of the Church, to Be under the Limitation of the Body of Christ, and to Be Body-conscious in One Accord

Morning Nourishment

Acts 1:14 "These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer..."

1 Cor. 12:24-25 "...But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked, that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another."

For the Lord's move in His recovery both locally and universally, we all need to be Body-conscious in one accord and Body-centered in oneness. In one accord we should be Body-conscious. In oneness we should be Body-centered. In our consideration the Body should be first and the local churches should be second....What a shame it is for any local church to declare its autonomy! To teach that the local churches are absolutely autonomous is to divide the Body of Christ. All the local churches are and should be one Body universally, doctrinally, and practically. Otherwise, where is the unique church of God and the unique one new man for the fulfilling of God's economy?! (One Body and One Spirit, p. 24)

Today's Reading

We are here for the Body. Without the backing of the Body, without the backing of the recovery, we have no way to practice the local churches. If we practice the local church life and neglect the view of the Body, our local church becomes a local sect.

We all need to come back to the truth, and to practice the truth is to take care of the Body. Sometimes the Body is strong, and sometimes the Body is weak, but it is still the Body. If we come back to the truth and take care of the proper order in the Body, the Body will immediately become stronger. All the problems 二〇一二年春季国际 长老及负责弟兄训练

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徒一14 『这些人···都同心合意,坚 定持续的祷告。』

林前十二 24~25 『…但神将这身体调和在一起,把更丰盈的体面加给那有缺欠的肢体,免得身体上有了分裂,总要肢体彼此同样相顾。』

信息选读

我们在这里是为著身体。没有身体作 後盾,没有主的恢复作後盾,我们就 没有路实行地方召会。我们若实行地 方召会生活,却忽略了身体的观点, 我们的地方召会就成了地方宗派。

我们都需要回到真理上,而实行真理就是顾到身体。有时身体是强壮的,有时身体是软弱的,但仍然是身体。我们若回到真理这里,并顾到身体里正确的次序,身体就立即变得更刚强。一切的难处都是由於

are due to one thing: not seeing, not knowing, and not caring for the Body. We have to honor the Body.

When Brother Nee taught about the Body he said that with whatever we do, we have to consider how the churches would feel about it. When we do something, we must not forget that we are members of the Body, and the Body is not only a local church. (The Problems Causing the Turmoils in the Church Life, pp. 35, 28-29)

Since we are the members of the Body of Christ, we should have a feeling for the Body. First, we must take the feeling of the Head as our own feeling. In Philippians 1:8 Paul said, "I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus." This means that Paul took the inward parts of Christ Jesus as his own inward parts in caring for the church. This also means that he took care of the Body of Christ by taking Christ's feeling as his own feeling. Christ's feeling became his feeling for the Body. We all should be like Paul, taking the feeling of the Head as our own feeling. This is most necessary for our living the Body life. Furthermore, we should not only take the feeling of the Head as our feeling, but also do so in the principle of caring for the Body. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:25b-26 that "the members would have the same care for one another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it." In order for us to have the Body life, we must care for our fellow members and must be full of feeling for the Body.

If we as members have the feeling of the Head in everything and care for the Body, we will take the Body as the rule in our mind, thoughts, words, and actions. We should deny ourselves and should identify ourselves with the Body. By doing this, there will be no separation or disconnection from the Body. The life that we live will fully be the Body life, and the Lord will gain the expression of His Body. (The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure, pp. 40-41)

Further Reading: One Body and One Spirit, ch. 1; The Problems Causing the Turmoils in the Church Life, chs. 2-4; The Practical Points concerning Blending, ch. 1; The Oneness and the One Accord according to the Lord's Aspiration and the Body Life and Service according to His Pleasure, chs. 3-4

一件事:没有看见、不认识、不顾 到身体。我们必须尊重身体。

我们既是基督身体上的肢体, 就需 要对身体有感觉。首先,这感觉乃 是以头的感觉为感觉。…在腓立比 一章八节保罗说, 『我在基督耶稣 的心肠里, …切切地想念你们众 人。』这就是说,保罗是以基督的 心肠为他自己的心肠来顾到召会。 这也就是说他是以基督的感觉为自 己的感觉,来对待基督的身体。基 督的感觉成了他对身体的感觉。 们都该像保罗一样, 以头的感觉为 感觉;这对我们过身体的生活,是 极其需要的。再者,我们不仅要以 头的感觉为感觉,还要以顾到身体 为原则。保罗在林前十二章二十五 节下至二十六节也说, 『总要肢体 彼此同样相顾。若一个肢体受苦, 所有的肢体就一同受苦; 若一个肢 体得荣耀, 所有的肢体就一同欢 乐。』我们要能有身体的生活,就 必须这样顾到同作肢体的,满有对 身体的感觉。

参读:一个身体和一位灵,第一章;召会生活中引起风波的难处,第二至四章;关於相调的实行,第一章;主所渴望的合一与同心并祂所喜悦的身体生活与事奉,第三至四篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Seven (Day 6)

Taking the Lead to Stand on the Unique Ground of the Church, to Be under the Limitation of the Body of Christ, and to Be Body-conscious in One Accord

Morning Nourishment

1 Cor. 12:15 "If the foot should say, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body, it is not that because of this it is not of the body."

21-22 "And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. But much rather the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary."

In Christ everything that is individualistic is ruled out. If we want to know the Body life, we need deliverance not only from our sinful life and our natural life, but also from our individualistic life. All individual elements must go because nothing that is individualistic can reach God's goal....Once a man sees the Body of Christ, he is free from individualism. He will no longer live for himself but for the Body.

If we realize that a Christian is nothing more than a member, we will no longer be proud. Everything depends on our seeing. Those who see that they are members will surely treasure the Body and honor the other members.

First Corinthians 12:14 through 36 speaks of two erroneous concepts that members may have: (1) "Because I am not...I am not of the body" (v. 15). This is to despise oneself and covet the work of others. (2) "I have no need of you" (v. 21). This is to be proud of oneself, thinking that one man can be all-inclusive, and despising others. Both concepts are harmful to the Body. We should not imitate other members or be covetous of other members. In this way we will not become discouraged and give up when we find that we cannot be like others. At the same time, we should not despise other members, thinking that we are better and more useful. (Watchman Nee, The Mystery of Christ, pp. 16-18)

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林前十二15 『倘若脚说,我不是手, 所以不属於身体,它不能因此就不 属於身体。』

21~22 『眼不能对手说,我不需要你; 头也不能对脚说,我不需要你。不 但如此,身上肢体似乎较为软弱的, 更是不可少的。』

在基督里,所有的个人都没有了。 如果我们要认识身体的生命,我们要就脱离犯罪与天然的是要蒙拯救脱离个人因为是不 命,更要蒙拯救脱离个人因为人因素必须除掉,因为看见人 所有能成全神的旨意。 一人之, 不再为自己,乃为身体。

我们如果认识,一个基督徒不过是 一个肢体,这样,我们就没有骄傲 了。这件事在於看见。一个看见自 己是肢体的人,定规宝爱身体,看 重其他的肢体。

Because the self is something independent, the self is the greatest problem to the building up of the Body. We should be dependent not only on God but also on the Body, on the brothers and sisters. Whenever we are independent of the brothers and sisters, we are in the self, in the independent soul. For us today, being independent of the Body is equal to being independent of God. This is a matter not of doctrine but of experience. If you check with your experience, you will realize that when you were independent of the brothers and sisters, you had the sense that you were also independent of God. Likewise, when you were isolated from the brothers and sisters, you had the sense that you were also isolated from God. (The Heavenly Vision, p. 44)

What are the eyes, ears, hands, and feet? They are Christ Himself. The Head is Christ, and the Body is also Christ. Each member is a part of the life of Christ. If I refuse the help of my fellow-members, I am refusing the help of Christ. If I am not willing to acknowledge my need of them, I am not willing to acknowledge my need of Christ. Just as I cannot be independent from the Head, I cannot be independent from the Body. Individualism is hateful in the sight of God. What I do not know, another member of the Body will know; what I cannot see, another member of the Body will see; what I cannot do, another member of the Body will do. Therefore, I must allow the other members of the Body to minister to my needs. We must avail ourselves constantly of the fellowship of the Body, for it is our very life.

We have to see the reality of the supply in the Body of Christ, and we have to learn to live in the Body and to receive the supply in the Body....Everything that Christ has is in His Body. He is a foolish man who claims that he can be a Christian alone. Sooner or later, all individual Christians will dry up. As long as we live in the Body, we will receive the supply of the Body, no matter what our condition is. Every member should learn to treasure the supply of the Body and to treasure every member. We must all learn to live in the Body, that is, we must all learn to live in the supply of the Body. (The Mystery of Christ, pp. 23-24)

Further Reading: The Mystery of Christ, chs. 3-4; The Heavenly Vision, chs. 3-4; Life-study of Colossians, msg. 56

眼睛、耳朵、手、脚是甚麽?这些 就是基督自己。头是基督,身体也 是基督。每一个肢体都是基督生命 的一部分。如果我拒绝在身体里同 作肢体者的帮助, 我就是拒绝基督 的帮助。如果我不愿意承认我需要 他们,我就是不愿意承认我需要基 督。正像我不能向头独立, 我也不 能向身体独立。个人主义在神眼中 是可恨的。我不知道的, 身体里别 的肢体知道; 我不能看见的, 身体 里别的肢体能看见; 我不能作的, 身体里别的肢体能作。所以我必须 让身体里别的肢体供应我的需要。 我必须一直应用身体的交通, 因为 这身体就是我们的生命。

参读:基督的奥秘,第三至四篇; 从天上来的异象,第三至四章;歌 罗西书生命读经,第五十六篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 4:12, 16; S.S. 6:13; 7:1-13

Outline

DAY 1

I. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, we need to realize that in the Lord's recovery there is only one work—the work of the Body; what we are doing today is not our personal work but the work of the economy of God—the building up of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10; Eph. 4:12).

II. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, we must know the central work of God (3:17a; Phil. 2:13):

A. God's central work, His unique work, is to work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them for the Body of Christ (Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17a; 4:16).

- B. The principle in God's work is to gain persons and by gaining them to have a way to go on for the carrying out of His economy (Acts 9:15; 13:1-2):
- 1. The right priority is not for us to work for God but for God to work Himself into us (Eph. 2:10; Phil. 2:13).
- 2. It is not that we work for the Lord but that He works on us; therefore, we should not be merely the Lord's workers but the Lord's work (Eph. 2:10).

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第八篇

领头为著身体与主同工

读经: 林前十二27, 弗四12, 16, 歌六13, 七1~13

纲 目

周一

贰 我们要为著身体与主同工,必须认识神中心的工作——三17上, 腓二13:

- 一 神中心的工作,独一的工作,乃是要将他自己在基督里作到他所拣选的人里面,使他自己与他们成为一,好为著基督的身体—加四19,弗三17上,四16。
- 二 神工作的原则乃是要得著人;藉著得著人,神就有路往前完成祂的经纶—徒九15,十三1~2:
- 1 第一要紧的不是我们为神作工, 乃是让神将祂自己作到我们里面— 弗二10, 腓二13。
- 2 不是我们为主作工,乃是主在我们身上作工;因此,我们不该仅仅是主的工人,乃要成为主的工作品—弗二10。

C. The kind of person we are determines the kind of fruit we produce; if our person is wrong, we may build up something by what we do but tear down more by what we are (Matt. 7:17-18).

III. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, we need to realize that God's work has certain essential features:

- A. The initiation of God's work must be according to His will (15:13; 1 Cor. 8:6).
- B. The advance of God's work is according to His power (2 Cor. 3:5; Phil. 3:10).
- C. The result of God's work must be for His glory (John 7:17-18; Eph. 3:21).
- D. No work should be initiated by ourselves, no work should be carried out by our own power, and no work should result in our own glory.

DAY 3

IV. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, there should be no difference between life, work, and move (Mark 1:14-45):

- A. With the Lord Jesus there was no difference between life, work, and move:
- 1. The Lord worked everywhere and all the time because His life, His work, and His move were all the same; He lived His work, His ministry.
- 2. With the Lord Jesus every aspect of His life was the same; there was no distinction between life and work.
- B. Just as the Lord's life was His work, so our living should be our working (Phil. 1:20-21a).
- V. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, we need to work by a life that is all-sufficient and all-mature, able to fit all situations, that is, able to endure any kind of treatment, to accept any

三 甚麼样的人,就结甚麼样的果子; 我们这个人若不对,藉著我们所作的, 可以有些建造;但因著我们所是的, 拆毀得更多—太七17~18。

参 我们要为著身体与主同工,需要领悟神的工作有些基本的特点:

- 一 神工作的起头必须是神的旨意—十五13,林前八6。
- 二 神工作的进行必须是神的能力—林後三5, 腓三10。
- 三 神工作的结局必须是叫神得荣耀—约七17~18, 弗三21。
- 四 工作的起头不该是我们自己,工作的进行不该是我们自己的能力,工作的结局不该是叫我们得荣耀。

周三

肆 我们要为著身体与主同工,在生活、工作与行动之间应当没有分别—可一14~45:

- 一 主耶稣的生活、工作与行动并没有分别:
- 1 主随时随处作工,因为祂的生活、工作与行动是一样的;主耶稣活祂的工作,活祂的职事。
- 2 主耶稣生活的每一面都是一样的;生活和工作之间没有区别。
- 二 主的生活怎样就是祂的工作,我们的生活照样也该是我们的工作一腓一20~21上。
- 伍 我们要为著身体与主 同工,需要靠著生命作工, 这生命是全丰全足、全然 成熟的,能适应一切处境, 就是能忍受任何对待,接

kind of environment, to work in any kind of condition, and to take any kind of opportunity, for the carrying out of the ministry (John 14:6a; Acts 27:22-25; 2 Cor. 6:1-13).

VI. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, we must be willing to make up what is lacking of the afflictions of Christ for His Body, the church (Col. 1:24).

DAY 4

VII. If we would work with the Lord for the Body, we need to become the Shulammite, one who is qualified to work with the Beloved (S.S. 6:13; 7:1-13):

A. In Song of Songs 6:13 the lover, having passed through various stages of transformation, has become the Shulammite, Solomon's duplication:

- 1. She is the same as Solomon in life, nature, expression, and function, as Eve was to Adam (Gen. 2:20-23).
- 2. This signifies that in the maturity of Christ's life the lover of Christ becomes the same as He is in life, nature, expression, and function but not in the Godhead (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29).
- B. In Song of Songs 7:1-9a the Shulammite is qualified to be Solomon's co-worker; this indicates that eventually Christ's lovers need to share in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10; Eph. 4:12).
- C. Song of Songs 7:9b-13 reveals that the lover works with the Lord, the Beloved, for the Body:
- 1. To share in the work of the Lord is not to work for the Lord but to work with the Lord (1 Cor. 3:9a; 2 Cor. 6:1a).
- 2. To work with the Lord we need to be one with Him; actually, to work with Christ we must become Christ (1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:4-5; Phil. 1:21a).

受各样环境,在各种情形里作工,并把握各种机会,好完成这职事—约十四6上,徒二七22~25,林

陆 我们要为著身体与主同工,必须愿意为基督的身体,就是为召会,补满基督患难的缺欠—西一24。

周四

柒 我们要为著身体与主同工,需要成为书拉密女, 彀资格与良人同工—歌六13,七1~13:

一 在六章十三节, 佳偶经过变 化的各阶段, 成为书拉密女, 所 罗门的复本:

- 1 她在生命、性情、彰显和功用上,与所罗门一样,正如夏娃之於亚当一创二 $20 \sim 23$ 。
- 2 这表徵爱基督的人在基督生命的成熟里,在生命、性情、彰显和功用上,但不在神格上,成为与基督一样一林後三18,罗八29。
- 二 在雅歌七章一至九节上半,书拉密女彀资格成为所罗门的同工;这指明爱基督的人至终需要分担主的工作一林前十五58,十六10,弗四12。
- 三 雅歌七章九节下半至十三节启示, 佳偶为著主这位良人的身体与祂同工:
- 1 有分於主的工作,不是『为』主作工,乃是『与』主同工—林前三9上,林後六1上。
- 2 我们要与主同工,就需要与祂是一;事实上,我们要与基督同工,就必须成为基督一林前六 17,约十五 $4 \sim 5$, partial partia

- 3. To work with the Lord for the Body we need the maturity in life (Eph. 4:13-14):
- a. To enter into God's New Testament economy requires that we grow and mature in the life of God (1 Cor. 2:6; Col. 1:28).

DAY 5

- b. Maturity is a matter of having the divine life imparted into us again and again until we have the fullness of life (John 10:10b; 2 Cor. 5:4b).
- 4. To work with the Lord our work must be for His Body (Eph. 4:4, 16):
- a. The Body is the governing law of the life and work of the children of God today (1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:4-6, 12-13, 27).
- b. The work of the Triune God in us is to produce and build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 3:16-21; 4:4-6, 12, 16).
- c. Our work in the Lord's recovery is the work of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 15:58; 16:10; Eph. 4:12).
- d. All the co-workers should do the same one work universally for the one unique Body; the starting point of the work is the oneness of the Body (v. 4; 1 Cor. 16:10).
- e. According to Song of Songs 7:11, Christ's lover wants to carry out with her Beloved the work that is for the entire world (fields) by sojourning from one place to another (lodging in the villages); this indicates that our work must be for the Body (Eph. 4:12).

DAY 6

- f. "Whenever God's children see the oneness of the Body, they will also see the oneness of the work, and they will be delivered out of individualistic work into the work of the Body" (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 37, p. 244).
- 5. In the churches (vineyards) Christ's lover renders her love to her Beloved (S.S. 7:12):
- a. At the place of His work, she expresses her love to the Lord; in the midst of the Lord's work, we give Him

- 3 我们要为著主的身体与主同工,就需要在生命里成熟—弗四 13 ~ 14:
- a 我们要进入神新约的经纶,就需要在神的生命里长大成熟—林前二6,西—28。

周 五

- b 成熟乃是我们一再得著神圣生命的分赐,直到我们有了生命的丰满一约十10下,林後五4下。
- 4 我们要与主同工,我们的工作必须是为著祂的身体一弗四4,16:
- a 身体乃是神儿女今日生活与工作管治的定律—— $22 \sim 23$,林前十二 $4 \sim 6$, $12 \sim 13$,27。
- b 三一神在我们里面的工作,是要产生并建造基督的身体—弗三 $16 \sim 21$,四 $4 \sim 6$,12,16。
- c 我们在主恢复里的工作,乃是基督身体的工作—林前十五58, 十六10,弗四12。
- d 所有同工都该为著独一的身体,在宇宙一面作同样一个工作;工作的出发点乃是身体的——4节,林前十六10。
- e 按照雅歌七章十一节,基督的 住偶愿意从一地到另一地寄居(在 村庄住宿),为要与她良人一同完 成那为著全世界(田间)的工作; 这指明我们的工作必须是为著身 体一弗四12。

周六

- f 『神的儿女甚麽时候看见身体的合一, 甚麽时候看见身体的一; 甚麽时候看见身体的合一, 甚麽时候看见身体的合力, 甚麽时候就脱离个人的工作, 就看见身体的工作。』(倪柝声文集第二辑第十七册, 三八页。)
- 5 在众召会(葡萄园)里,基督的佳 偶将她的爱情献给她的良人—歌七12:
- a 在主工作的地方,她向著主显 出她的爱情;我们在主的工作中,

our love (Mark 12:30).

- b. Here we see the relationship between the first love and the first works (Rev. 2:4-5):
- (1) The first works are works that issue from and express the first love.
- (2) When we are filled with the first love of the Lord, everything we do issues from and expresses our love for Him, and we will work with the Lord, the Beloved, for the Body (Eph. 3:19; 4:16).

将我们的爱给主一可十二30。

- b 这里我们看见起初的爱与起初的工作之间的关系—启二4~5:
- (一) 起初的工作乃是起初的爱 所发出的工作,并且彰显起初的爱。
- (二) 当我们充满对主起初的爱时,我们所作的一切,都是因著爱主而发出,也彰显我们对主的爱,并且我们会为著主这位良人的身体与祂同工一弗三19,四16。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight (Day 1)

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Morning Nourishment

Eph. 4:12 "For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ."

Phil. 2:13 "For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure."

What did Brother Nee accomplish, and what have I accomplished? All that we have done is left here for the Lord to show grace to His children; the work that we have done is the Lord's recovery....We must see the Body of Christ and be very clear concerning this [governing and controlling] vision. We must do the work of the Lord's recovery under this vision. The work of the Lord's recovery is the work of His economy, the work of the Body of Christ.

Do you work in your locality merely to guard your hall, merely to work on your district meeting, or merely for the locality where you are? We should not have feudal princes among us; we should have only one Head, who is Christ, the Head of the Body. What we are doing today is the work of the Body of Christ. Christianity is full of fortresses: the Catholic Church is a big fortress; the Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church are also fortresses. Every small free group is a small fortress. We cannot see the Body of Christ among them. (The Governing and Controlling Vision in the Bible, pp. 33-34)

Today's Reading

The Body of Christ as the axis of God's economy is the organism of the Triune God. This is not a small thing. According to Ephesians 4:4-6, we can say strongly that the Triune God is in the Body of Christ today. Here it mentions one Body, one Spirit, one Lord, and one God, who is over all, through all, and in us all. According to the human understanding, the Triune God is in heaven. But according to the revelation of the Bible, we have to say conclusively and definitely

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领头为著身体与主同工

晨兴餧养

弗四12 『为要成全圣徒,目的是 为著职事的工作,为著建造基督 的身体。』

腓二13 『因为乃是神为著祂的美意, 是神为著祂的美事。』 是神为者志并,使你们里面运行,使你们主志并有甚麽们, 是我们所以是是是一个。 是是是一个。 是是是一个。 是是是一个。 是是是一个。 是是是一个。 是是一个。 是一个。 是一一。 是一个。 是一个。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。 是一一。

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作神经纶轴心之基督的身体,乃是三十神经纶轴心之基督的身体,乃事。以此,不是一件小们可不完成,我们是四至六节,我在基内的说,三一神今天就在基一个身体,贯上,他在我们里面的神与父。但根据是一个,也在我们里面的神与父。但根据是一个的启示,我们要圆满且具体的说,

that the Triune God is in the Body. The Body of Christ is where the Triune God is located today....Today, the Triune God is doing only one central work, which is the building up of the Body of Christ. Everything that God is doing in the universe is for this central work. Today, we who are in the Lord's recovery are in the center of this central work of God. (The Mysteries in God's New Testament Economy, p. 64)

I have the burden to help you to realize what is God's main work in His recovery, or in His economy....The Lord's recovery is also to recover the oneness of the Body. This means that in the recovery we must see the universal Body and do everything in the limitation, the regulation, of the one Body. We all need to learn how to practice the Lord's recovery of the one Body.

God's economy is centered on one thing....God's unique work in the universe and throughout all the ages and generations is to work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them. This involves the mingling of divinity with humanity. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 195)

In the church the most important thing is the person. The importance of the person far exceeds that of any work. In the world it is just the opposite; there, the work is more important than the person....Time stands between the two eternities; both creation and redemption are within the span of time. During the span of time, God does many works. God's main goal, however, is not the works, but to gain persons through the works. God does not work for the sake of working, but for the sake of gaining men through His works. (Messages Given during the Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry, vol. 1, p. 189)

Ephesians 3:17 tells us that Christ is now within us doing the work of building Himself into us to produce this mutual abode. We often say that Christ is living in us and working in us....What is Christ wanting to accomplish by His working in us? The answer is that Christ is working in us to build up God's habitation by building Himself into us....What God builds up in us is both God's habitation and our habitation. We need to realize that God will have a habitation not by our doing or working but by His building. (Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, p. 169)

Further Reading: The Governing and Controlling Vision in the Bible, chs. 1-2; Life-study of 1 & 2 Samuel, msg. 30

三一神就在基督的身体里。基督的身体里。基督的身体是三一神就在基督的所在。…今天三督的一个人,就是建国督的一个人。在这件事以外,神在宇宙间的作一切的事,都是为著这一件中心的事。我们今天在主的恢复里,就是在神这一件中心之事的中心(神新约经中的奥秘,六六至六七页)。

我有负担帮助你们看见,在神的恢复,有负担帮助你们看见,在神的恢复,他主要恢星,他主要恢复。他是恢复是一个人。我们必有,是是一个身体,一个身体的两个身体。我们都需要学习如何,就是一个身体。

神经纶的中心是在一件事上。…神在宇宙中历世历代独一的工作,乃是在基督里将祂自己作到祂所拣选的人里面,使祂自己与他们成为一。这与神性和人性的调和有关(撒母耳记生命读经,二三七至二三八页)。

参读:圣经中管制并支配我们的异象,第一至二篇;撒母耳记生命读经,第三十篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight (Day 2)

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Morning Nourishment

Matt. 7:17 "Even so every good tree produces good fruit, but the corrupt tree produces bad fruit."

Phil. 3:10 "To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

Eph. 3:21 "To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen."

I do not believe that there is anything that is more real than the things in the spiritual realm. A person cannot cheat God. He cannot cheat himself, and he cannot cheat the saints. In two years' time, you will see the effect of my words today. The kind of person you are determines the kind of children you produce. Those who love the world will produce Christians who love the world. Those...who seek after modern fashions, if they can bring others to salvation at all, will bring in ones who are flippant and shallow. Those who have a hot temper will surely bring in Christians with a bad temper. A good tree produces good fruit, and a corrupt tree produces evil fruit (Matt. 7:17-18). The kind of person we are determines the kind of fruit we produce. (Messages Given during the Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry, vol. 1, pp. 62-63)

Today's Reading

In the past years of my Christian life and work, I have seen a good number of able persons with miraculous gifts and power. But eventually what they were and what they did became a distraction and damage to the building up of the local church. In the long run, the local church can only be built up by persons like those whom Paul has described in [1 Timothy 3]. Through these persons, the church will gradually be built up in a solid way. I believe many of us have seen able persons who were powerful and miraculous in gifts, yet eventually were of no benefit for the building up of the church. They

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领头为著身体与主同工

晨兴餧养

太七17 『这样,凡是好树都结善果,惟独坏树才结恶果。』

腓三10 『使我认识基督、并祂复活的大能、以及同祂受苦的交通,模成祂的死。』

弗三21 『愿在召会中,并在基督耶稣里,荣耀归与祂,直到世世代代, 永永远远。阿们。』

信息选读

were capable persons, yet they did not have the qualifications mentioned by the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 3. They may build up twelve inches by their spiritual capabilities, but eventually they tear down fourteen inches by what they are. They may build up something by what they do, but they tear down more by what they are. (Christ as the Reality, p. 130)

Most sins are common sins, but a worker of the Lord can commit some special sins—sins in God's work. We have to pay special attention to this matter. A sin pertaining to the work may not necessarily involve such things as pride or jealousy. When the flesh is manifested, when the self-will is exposed, and when one speaks rashly or makes suggestions rashly, one often commits the special sin that pertains to the work. Those who do not engage themselves in God's work will not commit the iniquity of the sanctuary. But those who work for the Lord are liable of committing the iniquity of the sanctuary in addition to all the other common sins. Sinning in the work means offending God in His holiness, glory, and sovereignty. In God's work, everything that is incompatible with God's will is a sin and is an iniquity of the sanctuary.

I have often said to others as well as to myself that there are three very important considerations in God's work which we should never forget. First, the initiation of God's work must be according to His will. Second, the advance of God's work must be according to His power, not our own power. Third, the result of God's work must be for His glory. If we fail in any of these three points, we have committed an iniquity against the sanctuary. No work can be initiated by ourselves, no work can be carried out by our own strength, and no work should result in our own glory.

The initiation of God's work is His will and the advance of His work is His power. These two things have nothing to do with us. In the same principle, the result of God's work is God's glory, not our glory....[If] we are only for God's will and glory, we will never think of usurping His glory. If we have the thought of usurping His glory, we will surely have a problem with the first and second point. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 42, pp. 359-360, 364)

Further Reading: Messages Given during the Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry, vol. 1, ch. 10; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 42, ch. 45

但他们没有保罗在提前三章所题的那种资格。他们凭著属灵的才干,可能建造十二寸,但结果因著他们的为人,拆毁了十四寸。藉著他们所作的,可以有些建造;但因著是也们所是的,拆毁得更多(基督是实际,一五五至一五六页)。

所一罪作等一便工人十般的神上,有的工炉候随是的民一所罪犯工作意、多来些的罪犯工度和明明,有别骄,意大生已张不圣的,有别骄,竟是在是位、主。从上。嫉时、都工度位、主。圣和时期,作为是位、主。圣师人上,然时,是一个人上。嫉时、都工〔了圣得工罪,但工注做的话上不1〕罪。圣一世不是位、第二个,作为工,和明明,作为是一个人上。嫉时、都工〔了圣得工罪,有的工炉候随是的民一所罪令,都是一个人。

正如神工作的起点是神的旨意,神工作的进行是神的能力,与你一点无疑,神工作的结果一荣耀自然而然也是神的,不是归给你只求神的旨意,如果你只求神的旨意,你知果你只求神的旨意,你来不至想要僭夺耀的灾难,你来也要僭夺神的灾难,你第一点、第二点也必定出册,你第一点、第二点也必定出册,你第二点工至一五八页)。

参读: 倪柝声恢复职事过程中信息 记录, 第十篇; 倪柝声文集第二辑 第二十二册, 第四十五篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight (Day 3)

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Morning Nourishment

2 Cor. 6:4 "But in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses."

Col. 1:24 "I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church."

After the Lord Jesus was baptized, the Spirit descended upon Him. Then the Lord went forth in His move to work, to minister. We have seen that with Him there was no difference between life and work. His life was His work, and His work was His life. We may say that the Lord Jesus lived His work; He lived a ministry. The Lord lived a life of preaching, teaching, casting out demons, healing the sick, and cleansing the lepers. With Him there was just one thing—His life, which was His work, His move, and His ministry. Whatever the Lord did, whatever He spoke, and wherever He went were all part of His life. (Life-study of Mark, pp. 485-486)

Today's Reading

Just as Christ's life was His work, so our living as Christians should be our working. This means that we need a living that matches our ministry for the Lord, a living that is the ground and support of our service for Him. (The Conclusion of the New Testament, p. 684)

Today both in the Christian world and the secular world more attention is given to what people do than to what they are. Christians mainly pay their attention to work or ministry, yet neglect the being of the person who does the work. They pay attention to the work and the ministry much more than to the worker and the minister. But according to the Bible, God pays more attention to what we are than to what we do or to what we can do. He cares for the kind of person we are and

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领头为著身体与主同工

晨兴餧养

林後六4、8 『反倒在各样的事上,在 多方的忍耐上、在患难上、在贫困上、 在困苦上…,证荐自己是神的执事…。』

西一24 『现在我因著为你们所受的 苦难喜乐,并且为基督的身体,就 是为召会,在我一面,在我肉身上 补满基督患难的缺欠。』

信息选读

基督的生活怎样就是祂的工作,我们基督徒的生活照样也该是我们的工作。这就是说,我们需要过一种生活,符合我们为著主的职事;需要过一种生活,作为我们事奉祂的立场和支持(新约总论第三册,一七七页)。

今天在基督教和世俗的世界中,多半偏重人所作的过於人所是的人所是的人所是。他们就不可能。如此是这个时间,这个不知识,这个不知,这个不知识,这个不知识,这个不知识,就们的人,这个人,就们所有的。我们所过的是怎样的生活。

for the kind of life we live. Therefore, in 2 Corinthians Paul first presents the New Testament ministry. Then he goes on to show that this excellent, marvelous ministry needs excellent ministers with an excellent life.

We need to be deeply impressed by the fact that God cares much more for what we are than for what we do. What we do must be measured by what we are. Furthermore, our being must match our work; that is, what we are must match what we do. Our being must match our doing....[Ministers of the new covenant] work together with God by a life...that is all-sufficient and all-matured, able to fit all situations, able to endure any kind of treatment, to accept any kind of environment, to work under any kind of condition, and to take any kind of opportunity, for the carrying out of their ministry. (Life-study of 2 Corinthians, pp. 339-340)

Although we cannot participate in Christ's suffering for redemption, if we are faithful to Him, we must share in His suffering for the producing and building up of His Body. Paul was a pattern for us in this matter. Immediately after his conversion, he began to share in this suffering of Christ, to partake of the afflictions of Christ for the sake of His Body.

When Jesus lived on earth as a man, He suffered continually. According to the history of His life, His name Jesus denotes a suffering person, a man of sorrows (Isa. 53:3). Therefore, to be a joint partaker of tribulation in Jesus is to suffer and to be persecuted as we follow Jesus the Nazarene.

We need to follow the early apostles in making up the lack of Christ's afflictions for the church. We also need to share in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings for the building up of the church. The goal of our Christian work must be the building up of the church. However, if we care only for such activities as preaching the gospel or teaching the Bible, we may be welcomed and appreciated. But if the goal of our preaching and teaching is the building up of the church, we shall be opposed by the religious ones.

As we hide in the Lord during times of suffering and affliction, we share in the fellowship of His sufferings. In this way we fill up what is lacking of the afflictions of Christ for the sake of the church. (Life-study of Colossians, pp. 98-99, 101, 104)

Further Reading: Life-study of Mark, msg. 56; Life-study of 2 Corinthians, msg. 39; Life-study of Colossians, msg. 12 因此,保罗在哥林多後书首先给 我们看见新约的职事,然後又给 我们看见这超越、美好的职事需 要一班有超越生命的超越执事。

虽然我们不能有分於基督救赎的苦难,但我们若向祂忠信,就必须有分於祂产生并建造祂身体的苦难。 在这件事上,保罗是我们的榜样。 他悔改以後,就立即开始有分於基督的这个苦难,为著祂身体的缘故, 有分於基督的患难。

当耶稣在世为人时, 祂不断的受苦。根据祂一生的历史, 祂的名字耶稣乃指祂是受苦之人, 是忧患之子(赛五三3)。因此, 在耶稣的患难里一同有分, 就是当我们跟随拿撒勒人耶稣时, 要受苦并受逼迫。

在受苦、遭患难的时候,我们藏身在主里面,就交通於祂的苦难。这样, 我们就为召会的缘故,补满基督患难的 缺欠(歌罗西书生命读经,一一九、 一二一、一二三、一二七页)。

参读: 马可福音生命读经, 第五十六篇; 哥林多後书生命读经, 第三十九篇; 歌罗西书生命读经, 第十二篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight (Day 4)

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Morning Nourishment

S.S. 7:10-11 "I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields; let us lodge in the villages."

By the end of [Song of Songs 6] the lover, having passed through various stages of transformation, has become Solomon's duplication. She is now called Shulammite (the feminine form of Solomon—v. 13), for she has become the same as Solomon in life, nature, and image to match him for their marriage. This couple's becoming one indicates the New Jerusalem. In the New Jerusalem the redeeming God (signified by Solomon) and all His redeemed (signified by the Shulammite) become one. The New Jerusalem is a mingling of divinity and humanity to express the processed, consummated Triune God in human virtues. (Life-study of Song of Songs, p. 55)

Today's Reading

[By the end of chapter 6] it seems that the book [of Song of Songs] should end, yet it continues. Solomon is the lord of many vineyards, and these vineyards require much labor. Now the country girl, who has become his Shulammite, must become his co-worker. This indicates that eventually Christ's lovers need to share in the work of the Lord. To share in the Lord's work we need to be qualified, and our qualification depends upon the spiritual equipment, that is, it depends on our being equipped with all the attributes of the divine life....In 7:1-9a we see that the lover, the Shulammite, is equipped as a worker in the work of the Lord.

We have seen the portrait of her qualifications. Now we will see that she works together with her Beloved (S.S. 7:9b-13)....[In verse 10] she confesses that she belongs to her Beloved for His desire....[Verse 11] reveals that she wants to carry out with her Beloved the work that is for the entire world by sojourning

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第八篇(周 四)

领头为著身体与主同工

晨兴餧养

『我属我的良人, 他也恋 歌七 10~11 慕我。我的良人,来吧,你我可以 出到田间; 你我可以在村庄住宿。』 到雅歌六章末了, 佳偶经过变化的 各阶段, 成为所罗门的复本。她现 在称为书拉密女 (所罗门的女性写 法一13), 因她在生命、性情和形像 上,成了与所罗门一样的,与他相 配,好成为婚配。这对配偶成为一, 指明新耶路撒冷。在新耶路撒冷里, 救赎的神(由所罗门所表徵)与所 有蒙祂救赎的人(由书拉密女所表 徵)成为一。新耶路撒冷是神性与 人性的调和, 在人性的美德里彰显 那经过过程终极完成的三一神 (雅 歌生命读经, 六九页)。

信息选读

我们已看见她资格的描绘。现在 我们要来看她与她的良人同工(9下~13)。…〔在十节〕她承认自己 是属於良人,为著满足祂的愿望。… 〔十一节〕启示她愿意从一地到另一 地寄居,为要与她良人一同完成那为 from one place to another. This indicates that she is not sectarian. In the Lord's work it is not easy to keep our work open, to not keep our work "in our pocket." We must learn to keep the work open, so that others can come to sojourn there and we can go to sojourn elsewhere. This is to keep one work in one Body.

To share in the work of the Lord is not to work for the Lord but to work together with the Lord. This requires a matured life....Through our experience we have learned that to work together with the Lord we must be mature in life and we must teach the high truths. Song of Songs does not emphasize truth, mentioning it only once (Amana means "truth"—4:8). However, in Song of Songs we see that to work with the Lord we need the maturity in life, we need to be one with the Lord, and our work must be for His Body. Our Lord is Solomon and we must be the Shulammite; that is, we must be one with the Lord. Actually, to work with Christ we must be Christ. Paul was a real Shulammite because he lived Christ (Phil. 1:21).

The Shulammite works as Solomon's counterpart, taking care of all the vineyards (S.S. 8:11). This indicates that our work should be for the Body, not just one city. We must have a work that is for the entire world. This is what Paul did by establishing local churches and then working to bring them into the full realization of the Body of Christ. (Life-study of Song of Songs, pp. 55, 58-61)

The meaning of the word mature in Greek is "at the end point." When the word is used to describe organisms, it denotes completion, full growth, and maturity. This word is used many times in the New Testament, referring to the believers' being full-grown, mature, and perfected in the life of God, which they receive at the time of regeneration. It indicates that although we receive the life of God when we are regenerated, after regeneration we still need to grow and mature unto perfection in this life.

The wisdom in God's economy can be spoken only to the full-grown (1 Cor. 2:6). To enter into God's New Testament economy, into God's eternal plan, requires that we grow and mature in the life of God. (Life Lessons, vol. 4, p. 69)

Further Reading: Life-study of Song of Songs, msg. 8; Life Lessons, vol. 4, lsn. 46 著全世界的工作。这指明她不是分门 结党的。在主的工作中,要把我们的 工作开放,不要把我们的工作放在 『自己的口袋里』,这并不容易。我 们必须学习把工作开放,使别人能到 这里来寄居,我们也能往别处寄居。 这是保守一个身体里的一个工作。

书拉密女是所罗门的配偶,作工顾到 所有的葡萄园(歌八 11)。这指明我 们的工作应当为著身体,不只为著一 个城市。我们必须有一种为著全世界 的工作。这就是保罗所作的,他建立 众地方召会,然後作工,使他们充分 的领悟基督的身体(雅歌生命读经, 六九至七○、七四至七七页)。

成熟一辞,在希腊文是一个字, 其本意是终点,用以说到生物一 类时,指完全、长成并成熟。 约圣经多次用此字,说到信徒系 重生所得神生命上的长成、成熟 并完全,指明我们虽然在重生时, 已经得著了神的生命,在重生後, 我们还需要在这生命里长大成 熟,以至於完全。

神经纶中的智慧,只能讲给长成的人(林前二6)。要进入神新约的经纶,就是神永远的计划,需要我们在神的生命上长大成熟(生命课程,三四七至三四八页)。

参读:雅歌生命读经,第八篇;生 命课程,第四十六课。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight (Day 5)

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Morning Nourishment

Eph. 4:4 "One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling."

1 Cor. 16:10 "Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear; for he is working the work of the Lord, even as I am."

The word transformed [in Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18] indicates that in our Christian life we need a metabolic change. We do not need outward correction and alteration; rather, we need an inward change in nature and in life. This metabolic change begins with regeneration....At regeneration a new life, the divine life, was put into our spirit. From the time of our regeneration, this life has been transforming our natural life. As the divine life changes our natural life, it imparts more and more of the divine life into our being. Therefore, transformation is the change of our natural life. When this change reaches the point of fullness, the time of maturity has come....The last stage of transformation is maturity. Maturity is not a matter of our being changed; it is a matter of having the divine life imparted to us again and again until we have the fullness of life. (Lifestudy of Genesis, p. 1192)

Today's Reading

Ephesians 4 speaks of the Body of Christ, but no discrimination is made there between the churches, the work, and the ministry. The saints of the churches, the apostles of the work, and the different ministers of the ministry are all considered in the light of, and in relation to, the Body of Christ.

The church is the life of the Body in miniature; the ministry is the functioning of the Body in service; the work is the reaching out of the Body in growth. Neither church, ministry, nor work can exist as a

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长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第八篇(周 五) 领头为著身体与主同工

晨兴餧养

弗四4 『一个身体和一位灵,正如你们蒙召,也是在一个盼望中蒙召的。』 林前十六10 『若是提摩太来到,你们要留心,叫他在你们那里无所惧怕,因为他作主的工像我一样。』

[在罗马十二章二节和林後三章 十八节, 〕『变化』这辞指明我们 在基督徒生活里,需要新陈代谢的 改变。我们不需要外面的改正和转 变; 我们需要在性质和生命上有内 在的改变。这种新陈代谢的改变开 始於重生。…在重生的时候,有一 种新的生命, 就是神的生命, 放在 我们灵里。从我们重生的时候起, 这生命就一直的变化我们天然的生 命。当神的生命改变我们天然的生 命时, 就将神的生命多而又多的分 赐到我们全人里面。所以,变化乃 是我们天然生命的改变。当这改变 达到丰满的程度, 成熟的时候就到 了。…变化的最後阶段就是成熟。 成熟不是我们这人被改变的问题, 乃是我们一再得著神生命的分赐, 直到我们有了生命的丰满(创世记 生命读经,一四二○页)。

信息选读

以弗所四章说到基督的身体,但那里没有对众召会、工作和职事加以区分。众召会的圣徒、工作的使徒以及职事的各个执事,都是在基督身体的光中,就著与基督身体的关系而考量的。

召会是身体在雏形上的生活; 职事是身体在事奉上的功用; 工作是身体在成长中的扩展。召会、职事或工作, 都无法凭自己存在。每个都

thing by itself. Each has to derive its existence from, find its place in, and work for the good of the Body. All three are from the Body, in the Body, and for the Body. If this principle of relatedness to the Body and interrelatedness among its members is not recognized, there can be no church, no ministry, and no work. The importance of this principle cannot be overemphasized, for without it everything is man-made, not God-created. The basic principle of the ministry is the Body. The basic principle of the work is the Body. The basic principle of the churches is the Body. The Body is the governing law of the life and work of the children of God today. (The Normal Christian Church Life, pp. 186-188)

You [must be] a person who lives in his spirit according to the Spirit of God who dwells in you for the accomplishment of God's eternal economy, that is, to produce and build up the Body of Christ which consummates the New Jerusalem as God's heart's desire and ultimate goal. (Life-study of Proverbs, p. 4)

Galatians 2:8-9 record that Paul and Barnabas had fellowship with James, Cephas, and John. They did not consider themselves to be separated from one another. They considered themselves as one in the divine fellowship....All the co-workers in all the regions should do the same one work universally for the unique Body. We should do only one work. There should not be several works in the Lord's recovery....The work should be just one. Even Paul and Peter did not carry out two works. Even though they worked in different regions, they had only one work to build up the Body of Christ.

I am concerned that in the Lord's recovery, the brothers in a certain country may consider that the work there is their work. Then some brothers in another country may consider that the work there is their work. Thus, we have many works.

I hope that we will consider our present situation before the Lord. Are we doing the same one work for the recovery? If not, we should let the Lord have the freedom to adjust us. Thank the Lord that due to the riches of the truth, the Lord's recovery is being welcomed everywhere on the earth. In the Lord's move in His recovery, there should only be one work, not different works. (Elders' Training, Book 11: The Eldership and the God-ordained Way (3), pp. 118-119)

Further Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msgs. 92-93; How to Be a Co-worker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations, ch. 6

你〔必须是〕一个照著神那住在你里面的灵而活在灵中的人,以完成神永远的经纶,就是产生并建造基督的身体,终极完成那作神心头愿望和最终目标的新耶路撒冷(箴言生命读经,六页)。

我很关切在主的恢复里,某一国家的弟兄们会认为那里的工作是他们的工作,另一国家的一些弟兄们也可能认为那个国家的工作是他们的工作,因此,我们就有了许多工作。

参读:创世记生命读经,第九十二至 九十三篇;如何作同工与长老,并如 何履行同工与长老的义务,第六篇。

TAKING THE LEAD AS ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES Message Eight (Day 6)

Taking the Lead to Work with the Lord for the Body

Morning Nourishment

S.S. 7:12 "Let us rise up early for the vineyards; let us see if the vine has budded, if the blossom is open, if the pomegranates are in bloom; there I will give you my love."

Eph. 3:19 "And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ..."

If we have Body-consciousness, we immediately will see that the Body is one. Once we see this, we will not be individualistic in our spiritual work. If we want to participate in the Lord's work, we need to deal with this one matter—individualistic works....Whenever God's children see the oneness of the Body, they will also see the oneness of the work, and they will be delivered out of individualistic work into the work of the Body. This does not mean that we no longer work by ourselves. It means that we no longer consider any work to be our own. It does not matter whether a work is done by us or not, as long as someone is doing it, we are satisfied. (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 37, p. 244)

Today's Reading

The maiden goes down with the Lord to the vineyards to "see if the vine has budded, / If the blossom is open, / If the pomegranates are in bloom" [S.S. 7:12]. She is looking at the signs of life together with the Lord and considering together the areas that have the promise of fruit. She is liberated, and the affairs of every saint have become her interest. Even the most immature believer becomes an object of her concern as long as he has a little sign of life and a hope of fruit-bearing. The matter is not who these are begotten of and whether or not they are in our meetings, but what they can render to the Lord. This kind of fellowship with the Lord in the work is a consequence of an absolute union with the Lord in life.

二〇一二年春季国际 长老及负责弟兄训练

长老及 负责弟兄的带领 第八篇 (周 六)

领头为著身体与主同工

晨兴餧养

歌七12 『我们清晨起来往葡萄园去,看看葡萄发芽开花没有,石榴放蕊没有;我在那里要将我的爱情给你。』

弗三19 『并认识基督那超越知识的爱···。』

信息选读

"There I will give you my love." What does "there" mean? It means the fields, villages, and vineyards, that is, the Lord's work. In the midst of the Lord's work, "I give you my love." In the midst of the Lord's work, we give to Him our love. How wonderful this is! In the past, work was something that was a distraction. Because of much serving, the maiden would lose the fellowship at His feet. To an immature believer, work does not improve his love to the Lord. On the contrary, it puts a barrier between him and the Lord. This is a sign of an imperfect union. But by this time, her experience has reached the stage of perfection, and she is able to relate the Lord's work to the Lord Himself and able to relate even the world to the Lord. She is able to relate the Lord's brother to the Lord Himself. Now she can express her love to the Lord at the place of His work. She can make her work an expression of her love to Him. She has no condemnation after she works, and she is no longer afraid of losing something of the Lord through her work. (Watchman Nee, Song of Songs, pp. 111-112)

Outwardly speaking, the first works are not much different from the former works of the Ephesians, but there is a difference in the motivating power and the goal. The works are the same, but the power that motivates the works is different. The "first love" is the same work with different motives. The "first works" are works that issue from the "first love."

The works considered precious by the Lord are not those that are outwardly great or important but those that actually build up the Body of Christ "in love." This is the truly effective work. Without the intention of love there is no work of love. Because there is the love of the Lord Jesus, all the works become works for the building up of the church, and there will be the fitting and the knitting in harmony, and no dissension of opinions will be brought in. Although the church has now left its first love and has not done its first works, we can still be joined to the Head and can grow into Him in all things, from whom we will receive the supply and the strength. All those who have received the power of love from the Head can do the "first works." (The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 4, pp. 298-299)

Further Reading: The Song of Songs, sec. 5; The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, vol. 37, ch. 36

『我在那里要将我的爱情给你。』 『在那里』是甚麼意思呢? 就是 在田里, 在村庄里, 在葡萄园里一在 主的工作里。在主的工作里, 『我… 要将我的爱情给你。』就是在你的工 作里, 我要向你显出爱情来, 这是何 等的奇妙呢?已往的时候,工作是常 叫她分心的。因为伺候的事多的缘故, 就失去在主脚前爱的交通。在幼稚信 徒的身上, 工作不只不能发表她对主 的爱情, 反而叫她觉得与主生了隔 膜,这都是不完全联合的现象。但是, 到了这里,她的经历已经进入完全的 地步, 就叫她能彀把主和主的工作联 合起来, 把世人和主联合起来, 把弟 兄和主联合起来。乃是到了这里,她 才能在主所工作的地方,向著主显出 她的爱情。现在她才能把她的工作, 当作她向主爱情的表示。现在她才会 在工作之後,没有甚麽自责,以为自 己在甚麽工作里失去了主的甚麽似的 (歌中的歌, 一三二至一三三页)。

起初所行的,在外表看来,与以弗所人所已经行过的,没有甚麽分别;不过里面有不同的原动力和目的而已。行为还是如前,不过发出此行为的力量并非依旧。相同的行为,不相同的存心,就是『起初的爱』。『起初所行的』乃是因著『起初的爱』所发出的行为。

参读: 歌中的歌, 第五段; 倪柝声文集第二辑第十七册, 第三十六篇。