## Newsletter

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Construction Project Report
- Final items will be completed in 90 days are:
  ✓ Indoor facilities (Will be completed in Dec.)
  ⇒ Trash can enclosure, Power supply installation,
  ⇒ Gas and water meter installation
  ⇒ Storm water grading solution
  ⇒ Landscaping (10/30/20 Picture below)

Contribution of Construction Fund
- Difference to the Plan: $213,994
- Fund Available: $627,625
- Irvine Church Loan Balance: $200,000
- Any contribution, please send the check to Cerritos Church directly.

Garden of Prayer
- Ask God for help and open the way for church construction and fundraising.
- Pray for those who are affected by COVID-19, may the Lord’s mercy, and the protection be with them.
- Various preaching and pastoral work of the church.
- Pray for God to help the church grow in faith, hope, and love.

Evergreen Fellowship Activities
- Bible Study: 10—11 AM on 11/1, 11/15
- Hiking: El Dorado Park
  ⇒ On 2nd, 4th Sunday of each month
  ⇒ Time: 9:30-10:00am at Park entrance
- The Evergreen Fellowship has a Line group for sharing Bible verses and spiritual practice, not for other purposes. Welcome to join this group. Contact — Brother K.C. Chen, the head of the Evergreen Fellowship

SWR College Youth Spiritual Convocation
- Date: 12/26/20—1/1/21, On line
- Registration: http://events.tjc.org, before 11/22/20

Bible Reading Guide for Family Altar
- The USGA Pastoral Department has translated the Taiwan GA E2/ J1 Bible Reading Guide
- For the Book of Matthew
- Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z86Kj1qQ8vDQTtS-Bkzmq7/spxYH_OM?usp=sharing

Holy Spirit Monthly Website
- Downloaded the app onto your smart phone, Or
- Link: https://tjc.org/zh/home/sermon/聖靈月刊

Articles for Newsletter
- Other than service schedule and announcements, there will be a separate page for other information in newsletter.
- For the article regarding Bible reading, sharing and fellowship activities all can be published in this page
- Email the articles to changkuosung@hotmail.com
- Please provide in Chinese and English. However, the editor will translate it if the article provided in one language.
- The layout of the page is as follows
  ⇒ Half-page format: text file 1,000 words
  ⇒ Full-page format: text file 2,000 words, or
  ⇒ Full-page format: text file plus photos, a photo is about 350 characters, such as a text file of 1,000 characters, three photos can be inserted.
- Half-page articles need to be combined and arranged, and the publication month will be adjusted accordingly
- Thanks for your participation and contribution.

### Construction Fund Statement (10/30/2020)

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Let no one despise your youth

Dr. K M Huang

Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy chapter 4 encourages the young preacher Timothy not to be despise his youth. Today, I elicit this passage to likewise encourage young members to mutually exhort one another.

How do we achieve this goal? Paul mentioned the following key points:

1. Exercise godliness (godly devotion), for “godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” (1 Timothy 4:8) and concentrate on pursuing and learning the matters of God. Live a God-centered life and make worship and service to God the priority.

In Luke 2:41-49 it records, “His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And [Lord Jesus] was twelve years old...when they had finished the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem...sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.” After three days, when His parents found him and asked him, and He replied that He “must be about [His] Father’s business.”

Why was the Boy Jesus able to take the opportunity of being in Jerusalem for observance of the Passover, to stay behind alone and concentrate on learning the word? - because as mentioned, “He must be about His Father’s business.”

What does this mean?

Firstly, He already fully understood His Father-Son relationship with the Heavenly Father. Furthermore, He knows that His Father sent him from heaven to the world in order to accomplish the will of the Heavenly Father. He must first learn the things of His Father (and His word). Therefore, this time, accompanying His parents to Jerusalem to observe the Passover, He saw the opportunity to remain in the temple and to diligently learn the word of God.

Similarly, if we are mindful of our Father’s business, we should ask of God and the revelation of the Holy Spirit to reveal to us our roles as the children of God. We should take the further step and ask for the Holy Spirit to help us understand the evangelist commission entrusted to us with this. With this, we will diligently grasp hold on to every opportunity to learn the word of God, whether it be at church or at home. We will not only listen attentively, but we will also ask for clarification when we do not understand. We would request the guidance of the Holy Spirit to comprehensively understand the truth in its entirety. If we do this, others will see and respect our growth, and God will be glorified.

Secondly, rely on the Holy Spirit to renew our lives and “in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

1) Speech

In Ephesians 4 and 5, it mentions that we must, “put off, concerning our former conduct, the old man.” Be cautious in our words, and forsake lies, slurs, lewd words, lies, jokes, profane and old wives’ fables, because these have no part in the kingdom of heaven. We must try our best to imitate God, tell the truth and speak words that edify men, using psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to thank and to glorify God. This is evidence that we are the children of the merciful God.

(Ephesians 5:1)

Furthermore, Jesus taught us, “...Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12: 34-37). Therefore, today we should resolve to constantly renew our minds and thoughts by the Holy Spirit, so that we can truly set an example in our words and gain the favor of God and man.

2) Conduct (that is, practicing the word)

The Lord Jesus said, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.” (Matthew 7: 24-27) In other words, our proactivity in practicing the word will directly affect whether or not we are able to maintain our faith in temptations and trials and to ultimately be victorious.

Moreover, during the Judgment, the Lord will judge each one according to his works. Therefore, we must be determined and diligent to practice what we learn today. Through being strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we should develop a habit of walking in the truth. By doing so, we will not only save ourselves, but also allow others to see our progress, and save those who listen to us (1 Timothy 4:15-16).

3) Faith

The Lord Jesus especially emphasized the importance of faith to all who call upon Him. He said, “All things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23). “He who doubts... shall not receive anything from Him” (Lk 17:6-7) To exercise faith, we must first examine our own faith, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal our lack of faith. (Mark 9:24) The Lord promised his disciples to give them the Holy Spirit and strengthen their belief so that they had faith and power to preach the gospel. (Acts 1:8)

4) Love one another

Before being arrested, the Lord Jesus gave a new command to his disciples to love each other, just as He loved them and laid down his life for them (John 15:1-13). Loving one another is not about receiving “honor from one another, and [but to] seek the honor that comes from the only God”. (John 5:44) The Lord rebuked faith of the Jews - they only valued the relationship between people, but neglected to respect God first, and they worshiped in vain (Mark 7:6-7).

The spiritual fellowship of loving one another can only be true fellowship when it is founded on fellowship with God (the love of Christ). (1 John 1: 1-3) Furthermore, if the servants of a church loses its first love (the love of Christ) and does not reflect and repent, the Lord will ultimately leave this church (Revelation 2:4-5). Therefore, we must always be alert and examine if everything we do is compelled by the love of Christ.

In the end, when the Lord judges every believer, it will be based on whether we have ever loved (cared for) those in need (Matthew 25:31-46) Thus, we ought to pay attention to those around us in need of care, and take the opportunity to help at the appropriate time.

5) Purity

In the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). Paul said that a Christian is like a chaste virgin who has been betrothed (or dedicated) to her husband (Christ). He feared that the believer’s hearts may stray towards evil, losing their pure hearts toward Christ, similar to how Eve was tempted by the serpent’s craft. (1Timothy 4:1: 1:11: 2-3), leading to the sin of man and being driven out of the Garden of Eden by God.

Believers who friends with the world are at enmity with God and are adulterers (James 4:4). Today, how can we keep our purity? The Lord Jesus told His disciples to seek first His kingdom and righteousness, and God will provide for life’s necessities. Paul beseeches us to present our bodies a living sacrifice and to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of [our] mind, that [we] may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

We ought to ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of our hearts and see the falsehood of the world clearly, avoiding confusion. We must also ask for a deeper understanding of the heavenly inheritance that never fades. Let us live in the way of the Lord, lead a pure life, see the true God, and dwell with Him. In the future, we will gain the inheritance of eternal glory in heaven.