

CHURCH IN REGINA

MATT. 6:21 FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE
PORTION OF THE
SAINTS.

Church Meetings:

Lord's Table

Lord's Day, 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Friday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young People's Meeting

Saturday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Children's Meeting

Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Small Group Meeting

Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference

February 18-20, 2022

April ITERO

April 1-3, 2022

Memorial Day Conference

May 27-30, 2022

July Semiannual Training

July 4-9 2022

October ITERO

October 6-8, 2022

Thanksgiving Conference

November 24-27, 2022

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 26-31, 2022

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Material Offering and the Lord's Move Today - Week 2

Let us come to...Paul's attitude towards money...In Acts 20 he said to the Ephesians, "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing" (v. 33). This is a matter of **motive**. He did not covet anything. In his work for the Lord, he was able to boast that **he never coveted anyone's possessions**. He had no thought concerning anyone's gold, silver, or clothing...Then he said, "You yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my needs and to those who are with me" (v. 34). This should be the common attitude of all servants of God. We must covet no man's silver or gold or clothing. Others' possessions are their own, and we have no desire for them. They can keep what they have. At the same time, we work to supply our own need and those of our co-workers.

In 2 Corinthians 11:7 he said, "Or did I commit a sin, abasing myself that you might be exalted, because I announced the gospel of God to you free of charge?" He continued in verses 9 through 12: "And when I was present with you and lacked, I was not a burden to anyone; for the brothers who came from Macedonia filled up my lack, and in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and will keep myself. The truthfulness of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be stopped as it regards me in the regions of Achaia. Why? Because I do not love you? God knows. But what I do, I also will do, that I may cut off the opportunity of those desiring an opportunity, that in the thing in which they boast, they may be found even as we." Paul did not categorically deny all gifts, but in Achaia it was **a matter of testimony**. Some were criticizing, looking for opportunity, and boasting as if they were different from others. Paul did not want to give them an occasion for criticism. He said that he announced the gospel of God to them free of charge, that **he was not a burden to them**, not even when he lacked. He kept himself from being burdensome to them, and would continue to keep himself in this way. He would not allow himself to become a burden to them. This does not mean that he did not love them, because what he did, he would continue to do. But he acted in this way to cut off the opportunity of those desiring an opportunity, and to shut their mouths. This is the attitude of a worker towards money. **Wherever we go, as soon as we sense any reluctance, we should cut off any opportunity for criticism. God's children must maintain their dignity in His work.**

Brothers and sisters, our spiritual future has much to do with our attitude towards money. The **worst attitude** we can take is to **gather only for ourselves and to do everything for ourselves**. It seems a hard task to ask the Levites to offer. Yet the Levites have just as much responsibility to tithe as everyone else. It is true that the Levites had no inheritance in all the cities; they sojourned among the twelve tribes and lived by the altar. Some Levites might have been tempted to say, "I live by the altar. What do I have to give?" But God said that all the Levites should receive tithing and should also tithe. This stops all the servants of God from saying, "I have given up everything. Do I still have to offer from the meager income I receive?" If our eyes are always on our own needs, we will end up in financial straits and will not be able to supply the needs of our co-workers. We have to **learn to give. We must be able to supply all of our brothers and sisters**. If we keep money in our hands, no matter how little it may be, and if, at the same time, we expect God to constantly work on the other brothers and sisters, we will find that God does just the opposite; He will not entrust His money to our hands.

Even in extreme poverty we have to learn to give. If we want to receive more, we have to give more. The more we are able to give, the more we are able to receive. This is a spiritual principle. **Often when we are in lack, we should give more, for as soon as the money that we have goes, the Lord's supply comes...**We should not count how much is left in our hands. The Lord said, "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38). This is God's law. We cannot annul God's law. The Christian way of stewardship is different from that of the world. **The world gains by saving; we gain by giving.** We may be poor, but we can enrich others.

~ Excerpts from *The Character of the Lord's Worker*, Chapter 9

Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord, we give ourselves to You. Make us frugal so that we would not be slaves to mammon. You are our only object of worship. We want to see You and consider matters from Your point of view.
2. Teach us, Lord to continually let go of our money and give to those who are in need. We want our treasure to be in the heavens and not on the earth. Save us from any anxieties and cause us to seek Your kingdom and righteousness first.
3. Lord, without Your mercy we cannot pass through our days on earth. Help us meet every condition so we can receive Your promise. Only You can supply all our need.
4. We praise You generous and overflowing One. You are righteous and You give to us according to what we give. May we learn and exercise our faith in giving. Make us proper stewards in the church.
5. Lord, we let go of our self-love and give to others first. We take our little flour and oil to make bread for Your people. We simply trust in Your word.
6. Lord, we want to have a secret life with You. Cause us to live in and care only for the presence of the Father. We seek no glory from man, but we empty and humble ourselves before You.

Europe/North America

1. Bible Distribution in Europe - 250,000 copies of the New Testament Recovery Version have been printed in five languages for distribution in Europe. Please pray for the spreading of the translated, interpreted, and understood divine truths in Europe for the Lord's recovery and restoration.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the **2022 church direction**, especially our priestly service and our practical services. Grant each one of us a real searching of heart and a great resolution in heart.
2. Pray for the purchase of a **lot property and meeting hall**.
3. Pray for a **regular bible distribution** and the **continual preaching of the gospel**. May our living be a testimony for the gospel.
4. Lord, we pray for our individual pursuit of the **Life-study messages**.
5. Pray for Bro. Antonio Miranda and Sis. Cecil Miranda's **final medical review**. Pray that they can come within the next month.
6. Pray for everyone's **health** and **complete recovery**. Bind the work of the enemy and preserve each family. Thank You, we are all in Your hands.

A Timely Speaking

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the substantiation of **things hoped for**, the conviction of **things not seen**." This is the apostle Paul's definition of faith...Things hoped for and things unseen are not in the physical realm. We believers are not for physical things that are in our hands. We are always for things hoped for.

Also, all the things related to us are things not seen. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:18, "We do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the **things which are seen** are **temporary**, but the **things which are not seen** are **eternal**." We should not choose the things in this temporary time. Instead, we should regard the unseen, eternal things. The worldly people regard the things which are seen. They do not care for things not seen. But we are different because we are believers. We may have a car, a house, and other material possessions, but we are not for these things, because we care only for things not seen.

~Excerpts from CS Study of the Epistle to the Romans, ch. 8

Local Announcements:

1. **Brothers' pursuit meeting** on January 30 at 6pm via Zoom.
2. **Sisters' fellowship meeting** on February 13 at 2pm via Zoom.
3. **International Chinese-Speaking Conference** on February 18-20 via Zoom. No registration required and English translation will be available.
4. **Church Pursuit** on February 22 at 4pm via Zoom.