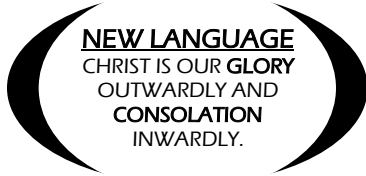


CHURCH IN REGINA

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



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 3

Occupations

What are the **occupations** that God wants? God's will for man is that he has to eat bread in the sweat of his face (Gen. 3:19). In the Old Testament God ordained that Adam had to till the ground and that Abel had to tend to the flock. Men like Abraham and Jacob were all herdsman. Genesis 4 speaks of the "artificer in brass and iron" (v. 22). All these are manual labor. In the New Testament the apostles were fishermen, and Paul was a tentmaker. These are also occupations that **involve manual labor**.

Paul said that to the one who works, his wages are accounted according to what is due (Rom. 4:4). Occupations that are **based on one's labor** are **proper occupations**, for they have **no element of money-making**. Such kinds of occupations increase and add to the value of the goods. You cannot consider these kinds of occupations as making money; they are merely a selling of our labor. There are only a finite number of things in the world. Suppose there were only ten thousand cattle in the world, and through my farming there are now eleven thousand; my labor has caused the world to have one thousand more cattle. Suppose there was only one stalk of wheat, and through my farming there are now thirty stalks or one hundred stalks. This is to cause an increase in value. Why do I gain some money? It is because I have caused the world to have ninety-nine stalks more. Paul brought the material home, sewed it into a tent in the night, and sold it the next morning. The money he made came from the work of sewing. However, if you buy five rolls of fabric, store it away until the price for the fabric is high, and then sell it, you have made your money without increasing the value of the fabric by one bit. We cannot engage ourselves in this kind of business. All the occupations that do not increase the value of the goods must be changed. We have to have a **turn in our mentality**. The mentality of many people is focused on money, not on value.

Offering Up Ourselves and Our Occupations to God

Our views have to be enlarged. A man cannot say on the one hand that he is learning to serve God, while holding on to money on the other hand. The Lord has no intention that we serve Him while engaging in some money-making occupation. I hope that we can offer up ourselves and **our occupations** to God **for the accomplishment of His purpose**.

The Whole Body Coordinating Together for the Accomplishment of God's Will

Our occupation must be such that we earn our wages through labor and through increasing the value of the goods. Today it is not a sin to receive much, but it is a sin to have excess. It is not wrong to take in much, but it is wrong to keep the excess. We have to **simplify our own living**, and we have to save money for others. Only those who have given to others know that indeed it is more blessed to give than to receive...

...The increase in bank deposits is just the increase in zeros; it will not give you joy. **Only those who save for God, who labor for God, and who increase the value of goods will have true joy in their hearts...** If the Lord comes back soon, we will all see Him. If the Lord delays His coming for another one or two hundred years, those coming after us will watch the way we conducted ourselves today. We believe that the Lord has set a straight path before us.

~ Excerpts from *The Collected Works of Watchman Nee, (Set 3) Vol. 57: The Resumption of Watchman Nee's Ministry, Chapter 16*

Prayer Burdens:

- 1) Lord, release our hearts. We offer ourselves to You and for the gospel. We bring all that we are and all that we have to You. Save us from holding on to material riches.
- 2) Lord, we willingly and voluntarily consecrate our entire being to You. Make us all full-timers today - those who live to You. Touch us, Lord, that we would rise up and offer our all.
- 3) Lord, empty our hands. May we all put everything in Your storehouse that it would become a blessing. Save us from holding back and ending up in poverty.
- 4) Lord, cause us to offer up everything and put everything in the Body. Grant us this kind of consecration - to be delivered from riches. May our way, our work, and our testimony lie with the Body.
- 5) Lord, we give ourselves to You. Make us absolute just for You - those who are living not just for You but to You. We do not give ourselves to anything else, only to our saving God.
- 6) Lord, make us those who really mean business with You. May everything that we do, everything that we are, and everything we have be to 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.

A Timely Speaking

Second Corinthians 5:7 says that we believers do not walk by sight, by appearance, but by faith. Sight brings you a lot of things, but faith annuls all things. When sight is here, you see all the material things. When faith comes in, all these physical things disappear. We walk by faith; we walk not by what we see but by what we do not see.

~Excerpts from CS Study of the Epistle to the Romans, ch. 9

Arise! The holy bargain strike—
The fragment for the whole—
All men and all events alike
Must serve the ransomed soul.
**All things are yours when you are His,
And He and you are one;**
A boundless life in Him there is,
And kingdom yet to come.
~Hymn #473

Local Announcements:

1. **Love Feast** on February 13.
2. **Sisters' fellowship meeting** on February 13 at 2pm via Zoom.
3. **International Chinese-Speaking Conference.**
Msg 1 - Feb. 18, 7:30pm
Msg 2 - Feb. 19, 9:00am
Msg 3 - Feb. 19, 11:00am
Msg 4 - Feb. 19, 7:30pm
Msg 5 - Feb. 20, 2:00pm
4. **Church Pursuit** on February 22 at 4pm via Zoom.