

Church in Regina

Being a Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man of God, By Being Empowered in the Grace
Which is in Christ Jesus to Fully Accomplish Our Ministry in the Unique Ministry of God's Economy—Week 1

In this series of messages, we will consider 2 Timothy from a particular angle. The title of this series of messages is "Being a Vessel unto Honor, a Fully Equipped Man of God, by Being Empowered in the Grace which is in Christ Jesus to Fully Accomplish Our Ministry in the Unique Ministry of God's Economy." This title embraces all eight messages. This title shows us **what kind of persons we need to be** to live in the reality of God's eternal economy. In 1 Timothy 1:16 Paul declares that he is **a pattern to all the believers**. In 4:12 he tells Timothy as a younger brother, saying, "Let no one despise your youth, but be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

The title of this message is a descriptor of how we can live Christ in these final days. In Thessalonians 1:5 Paul reminds the Thessalonians, who were new believers, saying, "You know what kind of men we were among you for your sake." **The Lord's concern is what kind of men, what kind of persons, we are, because the person is the ministry, the message.** Like Paul, we need to feed others with our living of Christ. We have been stressing these matters. We do not want these matters to be mere doctrine to us. We want to live in the reality of God's eternal economy. We do not want God's eternal economy to merely be terminology to us. We want to live in the reality of God's eternal economy for its fulfillment, and this takes place by building up a habit of exercising our spirit. The phrase **building up a habit** is very important. Our living Christ is a matter of our building up a habit. None of us has arrived at this. We all are disciples, learners, and we are still in the process of building up a habit to live Christ. **Practically, the habit to live Christ is a habit of exercising our spirit.** Exercising our spirit is synonymous with fanning our God-given spirit into flame. To exercise our spirit is to fan into flame our God-given spirit.

The key to receiving the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity and being a channel of this dispensing for the saints' growth in life and their enjoyment of Christ is **to exercise our spirit**, which is to fan our God-given spirit into flame. 1 Timothy 4:7 says that we need to exercise ourselves **unto godliness**. A crucial matter we need to see in this section is that the exercise of the spirit is synonymous with fanning our God-given spirit into flame. Whenever we exercise our spirit, there will be the flame, the burning, there.

Godliness, a living that is the expression of God, is the issue of the divine dispensing for the divine economy, and this dispensing depends on the exercise of our spirit to live Christ in our daily life for the corporate manifestation of God in the church life. In cooperation with the Lord, may we build up a habit of living Christ in our daily life by exercising our spirit. **None of us have arrived at this.** We need to live Christ in our daily life by exercising our spirit for the corporate manifestation of God in the flesh.

The word **exercise implies forcing**; if we Christians want to be strong and want to grow in the Lord, we must force ourselves to use our spirit until we build up a strong habit of exercising our spirit (1 Tim. 4:7). We need to build a habit of saying, "Praise the Lord!" regardless of how we feel. One thing the devil cannot do is say, "Praise the Lord!" But we can say, "Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Jesus is Lord!" When we declare this with a turned heart and the exercise of the spirit, we are in the Holy Spirit. Whether or not we feel like doing so, we have to exercise our spirit.

Those who play the piano know that they need to practice every day. Some days they may have to force themselves to practice. They have to force themselves until practicing the piano becomes their habit. Playing the piano is wonderful, but to be a great piano player, a person has to practice everyday until he or she can play without even looking at the keys. If a piano player does not practice for one day, he will know the difference. If he does not practice for two days, those in his household can hear the difference. However, if he does not practice for three days, everyone will be able to hear the difference. Likewise, if we do not exercise our spirit for three days, we need to put a "sign" on us that says, "Beware of Dogs." This is scriptural because Philippians 3:2 says, "Beware of dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision." The evil religious workers do not exercise their spirit and are like dogs, which have no spirit (Excerpts from The Ministry of the Word, Vol. 28. No. 5, pp. 5-26).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Meeting Grp 1 by Zoom; Grp 2 in person
2. Welcome Dinner—Sept 13
3. Brothers' Mtg—Sept 29
4. Children's Fun Day—Sept 29

Conferences and Trainings Information:

1. Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference—Feb.10-11, Taipei, Taiwan
2. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Apr.12-14, Anaheim, CA
3. Memorial Day Blending Conference—May 24-27, Bellevue, WA
4. Summer Training—July 1-6, Anaheim, CA
5. International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones—Oct.4-6, Warsaw, Poland
6. Thanksgiving Blending Conference—Nov.28-Dec.1, Atlanta, GA
7. Winter Training—Dec.23-28, Anaheim, CA

Prayer Burdens

1. Lord, we focus only on Your economy. We strongly exercise our spirit to cooperate with You. We open to Your dispensing. Make us Your divinely human and humanly divine people to build up the Body of Christ.
2. Thank You, Lord for breathing the breath of life into us – producing in us our spirit. May we have a genuine appreciation of our spirit where we can receive and contact You. Govern us through the higher law in our spirit
3. Lord, bring us to Your strict control in big things and in small things. We want our spirit to be the central government in our being. May we all take heed of our spirit, not missing the mark of God's economy.
4. Lord, strengthen us to fan our spirits into flame. In any kind of situation, we force ourselves to exercise our spirit. Thank You, Lord for giving us a spirit of power, of love, and of sober-mindedness.
5. May nothing hinder our exercised spirit. Continue to deal with our mind, that we may know and understand the things of God; our emotion, that we would love what You love; and our will, that we would be strong to remain with You and choose what pleases You.
6. Lord, teach us to discern our spirit from our soul. Remind us not to set out mind on the flesh but on the spirit. May we always follow our spirit and walk in all things according to the spirit.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the migration to six European cities and strengthening of lampstands. Pave the way for the migration of burdened saints to six cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich—for Your testimony.

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1. Pray for our contacts: Abe Friesen, Shane McClellan, David Hyman, Lianne and Jeff Racette, Patricia Schurman and Daniel Clark, Anthony and Celeste Sernat and family, Orlando Sernat and family, Jun and Divine Linantud, Charles and Janet Argawanon (Yorkton SK), and William Mejares Temonio and family (Stenen SK).
2. Special petition and prayer for Sister Diana Ballao and her pregnancy. May she have a normal delivery of the twin boys with no complications.
3. Pray for positive and immediate approval of all the immigration papers:
 - > Alforte Family (Radam and Rosalina) - PR Application
 - > Orolfo Family (Wilson and Jenny and their three children) - PR Application
 - > Jerome Family (Pravin and Abinaya and their two children) - PR Application
 - > Miranda Family (Ann Margarette and her family) - PR Application

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- Home Meeting—Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM
- Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—MW 8:30-9:00PM
- College Meetings—Fridays 7:30-8:30PM
- YP Meetings—Fridays 7:00-8:00 PM
- Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-9:00PM

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