

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 6

There are three words that I want to emphasize and that are crucial in our understanding of this message – **open**, **pure**, and **pursue**. We may think that these are simple matters, but they are neither simple, shallow, nor superficial. We need to pray, *“Lord, cause us to be open. May we really be open vessels. Cause us to be pure in heart. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”* Furthermore, these are the days in which we need to **redeem the time to pursue** with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart and to cleanse ourselves from all unrighteousness. **We do not have time to waste.** May we redeem the time to be those pursuing with such ones. We can be patterns to the flock by exercising to be open, pure, and pursuing. This gives a way for the saints among us, especially the younger ones, to see a pattern that will cause them to pursue as well.

First Corinthians mentions **wood, grass, stubble**. These are **cheap and worthless materials**. The works of some people are cheap—their service is cheap, their meeting is cheap, the testimony they bear and the truth they speak are all cheap. With these people everything is worthless and dishonorable. **With others everything is honorable. They are willing to pay the price.** They have been dealt with by the Lord for three, five, or ten years, and their testimony is something that is from the heart and the result of God's work in them. What they speak and testify are honorable. Those who are naturally wise may speak eloquently and give wonderful stories and excellent speeches, but what they say **comes from their mind** and **not from their heart**; therefore, it is cheap.

The question today is not whether you can preach, but whether your preaching comes from having paid a price. **The question today is whether the things you say are honorable.** If they are not things of honor, what you speak and what you have will not be honorable in the sight of God or man. If what you have has not yet passed through the blood, the tears, the divine discipline, and the dealings of God, it is impossible for it to be honorable. Words that are copied and imitated from others can never be honorable. Both Balaam and Isaiah spoke about the kingdom and both prophesied. But the worth of the two men's words cannot be compared. Many people are satisfied as long as they can speak the same thing as others do. In reality speaking the same thing does not mean much. The words may be the same, **but it makes a great deal of difference whose mouth the words come from.** **The only words that are noble and honorable are the words that have been paid for with a price** (Excerpts from (CWWN, vol. 44, p. 915-916).

Local Announcements:

1. Prayer Meeting Grp 1 by Zoom; Grp 2 in person
2. Love Feast and Sisters' Mtg—Oct 13
3. Church Pursuit—Oct 14
4. Winter Training Deadline of Registration—Nov 1

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, constitute us with the sure foundation that holds the truth, making us vessels unto honor. Cleanse and sanctify us from all that defiles us. Cause us to be useful to the Master and prepared unto every good work.
2. Lord, we present ourselves as open vessels. Make us genuine Christians, virgins that are open to receive the oil. Have mercy on us that by Your grace, we will have our being entirely and thoroughly open to You.
3. Continue to infuse us with faith. You've attracted us and we appreciate all that You've done for us. Keep us under the ruling of Your throne, that we would flee youthful lust and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.
4. Lord, we want to experience the peace of God and the God of peace guarding our hearts. Have mercy on us that we would see our pitiful situation. Thank You for still loving us amidst our fallen condition.
5. Lord, we want to practice calling on Your name no matter the situation. May we realize that the more we call, the more we are saved. Cause our calling to be such a testimony and salvation to others.
6. Grant us a pure heart, a heart that relies on You and is led by You. We allow You to do everything according to Your way and not our own. We submit to Your leading and we give ourselves in prayer.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the urgent need for participation in shepherding trips to France to care for the seeking ones who were contacted during the Bible distribution trips. Many people have been saved and hungry seekers all over the French-speaking world have expressed the desire to have a meeting life. Pray for adequate shepherding for the cities of: Paris (centre), Nanterre, Palaiseau, Versailles, Dieppe, Lille, Lyon, Brussels, Montpellier, Nantes, Rouen, Strasbourg, Bordeaux, Caen, Marseilles, Toulouse, Mertzig (Luxembourg), and Geneva (Switzerland).

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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 Margarete 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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