

Please pray:

- ✿ New college school semester: Please pray that the Lord would burden our students to be built up as companions to go on together; pray that our students would be burdened to be gospel seeds for their campus, classmates, and friends; that our students would rise up and lead the college work; that the Lord would sweep on the campus to find the seeking, hungry, open and key ones and add them to the church life; that the Lord would gain what He is after this new semester.
- ✿ Laval: Please pray for the strengthening of the bible study in Laval; pray that we would have a heart to serve and shepherd the contacts; that the Lord would add new ones to the bible study and to the church life.
- ✿ Polish New Testament Recovery Version proofreading project: During the first week 35 saints served on proofreading and 10 saints served on practical support service. By the Lord's grace and mercy, the first phase of proofreading (a one-week phase) was finished a day and a half ahead of schedule. The atmosphere among the serving ones was sweet, harmonious, and jubilant. This week 26 saints are serving on proofreading and 12 saints are serving on practical support service. The tasks for this next phase are more complex and the laborers fewer. Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing on this project and for the timely completion of all the tasks for the best possible publication of the Polish New Testament Recovery Version.
- ✿ Nepal: Pray for the saints to live a vital group life, that they can be perfected and practice the God-ordained way; pray for few key families especially brothers to be attracted by the word, that they can become the pillars to bear the testimony.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 1 Ch 15:1 - 26:32 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 1, week 3

Announcements

- ✿ With the beginning of the new school year, there will be bible distributions on campus this coming week each day from 10am to 3pm. Please get a schedule and sign-up sheet so we can coordinate who will be at the distribution.
- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. However, there is a continued need

for translator and editor support. The French translation fund is currently low. Please pray for this need.

- ✿ The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be completed by Aug. 2018. They will be printing only about what they have as existing orders; therefore, the collection will be unable to be ordered after completion. Any who wishes to order them, can go on standing order to receive them at a 40-45% discount. There are several payment plans available. See bulletin board.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Aug 27	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
Sep 3	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
10	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
17	✿ Serving: Chinese South A ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, Bloomfield, ON: **Fall Eastern Canada College Retreat at Wesley Acres Retreat Centre**,
- ✿ October 5 to 7, 2017, Leipzig, Germany: **Fall ITERO**
- ✿ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

27	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
AUGUST	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
28	✿
Monday	
29	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Combined prayer at the meeting hall with all languages
Tuesday	
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Wednesday	✿
31	✿
Thursday	
1	✿ 6:30pm - 9pm: Gospel Meeting in the Homes (English speaking)
SEPTEMBER	
Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French /

	Chinese)
2 Saturday	☼ 6pm - 9pm: Gospel Meeting `t the meeting hall (Chinese speaking)
3 SEPTEMBER	☼ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	☼ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

CONFESION AND RECOMPENSE

Scripture Reading: Lev. 6:1-7; Matt. 5:23-26

II. THE TRESPASS OFFERING IN LEVITICUS 6 (continued)

B. How to Return

Our manner of life has to be righteous, and our conscience must be void of offense before God. God's Word says, "Then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, that he shall return what he took by robbery" (v. 4). The word return is very important. There are two aspects to the trespass offering. On the one hand, there is the need of propitiation before God. On the other hand, there is the need to "return" to man that which has been taken. Do not think that propitiation before God is sufficient. You must also return to man that which has been taken. If you do not return it, something is lacking. The trespass offering in Leviticus 5 deals with sins that do not involve material transgressions against people. Of course, there is no need to return anything in that case. But the sins spoken of in chapter six involve material loss, in which case one must return something. Propitiation through sacrifice was not enough. One still had to "return" that which was taken. This is why verse 4 says, "Then it shall be, when he sins and is guilty, that he shall return what he took by robbery." Everything acquired through sinful means must be returned. One must return what was taken by robbery, what was gained through extortion, what was deposited with him, whatever has been found, and whatever has been falsely sworn. All of these things must be returned.

How does a person return these things? "He shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more; he shall give it to whom it belongs on the day he is found guilty" (v. 5). Here are three things that we need to take note of.

First, we have to make restitution in full. We are wrong if we do not make any restitution. We are equally wrong if our restitution is not made in full. No one should consider an apology as being sufficient. If the object in question remains in our house, it proves that we are still wrong; we have to return it in full.

Second, God wants us to not only return in full, but also to add one-fifth more when we make a recompense. Why must

we add one-fifth? According to this principle, we have to return abundantly. If we have taken money or things from others, God wants us to add one-fifth to the full amount when we return it. God does not want His children to return the bare minimum. In printing books one has to leave margins at the top, bottom, left, and right of a page. Similarly, we should not be stingy in apologizing to people and returning what has been taken from them. We must be generous and liberal.

Some people do not add one-fifth to their recompense. In fact, they return much less than one-fifth of what was owed. They apologize by saying, "Although I offended you in this matter, I was not wrong in other matters. In other matters I did not offend you; rather, you offended me." This is a settling of accounts, not a confession. If you want to confess, do not be that stingy. It is all right to apologize more than you need to, but do not apologize less. Why did you sin in the first place? Since you have to recompense now, be more generous. Do not take things away from others and then return only that much to them. You have to return generously.

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