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"Wake Up Sleeping Souls with the Word and Power!"

Male parish leaders above all else are seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness



District Leaders', Sub-district Leaders', and Cell Leaders' Associations assembled on August 24, 2014. (Left top, district leaders; right top, sub-district leaders; and bottom, cell leaders)

Manmin Central Church has grown up under its two systems: the mission system (age groups) and the parish system (area groups). The parish system is composed of three great grand parishes, each divided into grand parishes, parishes, districts, sub-districts, and then cells at the lowest level.

In 2014, with their new leaders, the male District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Associations have rearmed themselves with the Word of God. Because they can accomplish the kingdom of God only with His power, they are being devoted to the Word and prayer to become sanctified (1 Corinthians 4:20).

They study the Word of God together on Sundays—district leaders, after Morning Service; sub-district leaders, at 8:30 A.M.; and cell leaders, at 7:30 P.M. They are well-organized in their studies of such sermon series as 'The Message of the Cross', 'Love Chapter', 'Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit', and 'Beatitudes' and, they are

also praying fervently in Daniel Prayer Meeting.

This results in improving their ability to guide newcomers and other members in spiritual needs as well as speeding their personal growth in spirit. They are now developing the ability to preach in any kind of worship services and take good care of members through spiritual love. With the revival of the Men's Cell Service, male members have become more filled with the Holy Spirit.

Cell Leader Deacon Yihee Song, age 56, said, "I was physically and mentally exhausted due to hepatitis B when I was guided to Manmin and I was then healed by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. I was so grateful for God's grace that I earnestly preached the gospel and now am working as a cell leader with ardent love for souls."

Sub-district Leader Elder Jaekeun Lee, age 48, stated, "I work in the apparel trade. Walking the righteous path as God said, we may seem to suffer loss for the time being, but God will absolutely give us best things in the end. I've experienced it and my tithe has increased in His blessing."

District Leader Elder Nakhong Yim, age 47, said, "I have felt compassion for souls growing in me as I worked as a district leader for several years. I also learned spiritual love and came to embrace more people with a broader heart."

District Leaders' Association's President Elder Hongki Park, age 55, was healed of pollution disease by Dr. Lee's prayer and is leading a healthy life. He is now the incumbent Advisor of Fair Trade in Lee & Ko Law Firm. He said, "There are 44 male district leaders. A district leader works together with 2 or 3 sub-district leaders and 7 to 9 cell leaders. We help male members overcome the sinfilled world, become light and salt in the world, and receive blessings both in spirit and body through cell services, parish meetings, or personal counseling. We are working hard for the church's revival as a source of power in church."

Elder Hangcheol Shin, age 55, Subdistrict Leaders' Association President (Choongang Brain CEO), said, "We are trying hard to deliver the love we have received from God, the Lord, and the shepherd to other people and to please God with the parish's revival."

Elder Enoch S. Lee, age 47, President of Cell Leaders' Association (Managing Director of the church's Translation Bureau) said, "We cell leaders are having a Revival Campaign beginning on August 25 through September 27 to keep us filled with the Spirit and take better care of souls. By relying on the power in the Lord's blood, we'll make sure to enter New Jerusalem with many people."

Male leaders are trying to be faithful in all aspects—work, church, and family. Such efforts are leading many dying souls to the way of salvation and helping saved souls grow up in faith, which extends the kingdom of God and establishes a toehold for the world parish.

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Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

"For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends" (2 Corinthians 10:18).

God commends those who give out the aroma of Christ with righteousness in heart.

Not many Scriptures are found where Jesus commended people. He sometimes praised some saying, 'She has done a good deed to Me' or 'What this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her' (Mark 14:6, 9), rather than commending straightforwardly. Thereby He let people know what kind of person is approved by God and follow their deeds. Let's now look into what we should do to be able to earn the Lord's compliment.

1. We must do what we should

1) We should earnestly build an altar to God

In the Bible, people met God and built altars earnestly to keep communicating with Him. Today 'to build an altar to God' means coming to the church which is the Lord's body and offering worship services. It also includes giving offerings with gratefulness, listening to the Word of God, and keeping it in heart. We don't just listen to the Word but also we make the Word spiritual bread for our life and practice it. This is to worship in spirit and truth, and only when we give this kind of service, God is pleased and leads us to blessing.

One Whom the Lord Commends

2) We should offer up God-wanted prayer

We should offer up God-wanted prayer in order that our souls prosper and we enter Heaven. Only through such prayer can we receive God's grace and strength and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, in which we can cast away untruth and fleshly thoughts and replace them with the truth. Then we can become persons of truth and spirit; so our souls prosper, everything goes well, and we enjoy good health.

Therefore, we must pray without ceasing on our knees and cry out in prayer with all our hearts just as Jesus did. We ought not to pray in meaningless repetition, but we must pray with faith and love. Then God accepts it with joy and gives us blessings.

3) We should have faith worthy to receive answers

A Roman centurion came to Jesus and implored Him to heal his servant who was inflicted paralyzed (Matthew 8). Jesus said He would come and heal him but the centurion professed his faith saying, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed." He marveled at his faith and humbleness and commended him saying, "I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel."

This kind of spiritual faith, however, isn't simply given because you long for it. God gives you such faith to the extent that you achieve goodness and practice the Word.

Since the centurion had a heart of goodness, he believed the works of Jesus just as he had witnessed and heard. God commends such people who believe Him and act without any doubt, and He works for them according to their faith.

4) We should humble ourselves before God

In Mark 7, a Syrophoenician woman appeared and asked Jesus to cast out the demon out of her daughter. But He said, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

The woman didn't feel anger nor did she show resentment toward Jesus though He seemed to treat her like a dog. She rather humbled herself and said, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

Jesus was moved by her faith and humbleness and cast the demon out of her daughter. We should also ask God with such a humble heart before God.

5) We should sow with faith

Sowing with faith is deemed righteous. When we sow with faith, God praises and blesses us. If you want to be rich you can be rich by sowing your finances according to the law of sowing and reaping. In particular, tithes and thanks offerings are closely linked to the law.

Our offerings to God are used to extend God's kingdom—for souls' salvation, sanctuary construction, missionary works, charity, and so on. By giving offerings, we can express our love for God, and God will accept them joyfully and repay us by 30, 60, or 100 times. Thus we must cheerfully give offerings in faith and love, not begrudgingly or under feelings of compulsion.

6) We should believe and rely on God in any circumstance

Since David relied on God in any situation, he could avoid many difficulties under God's guidance.

God loves children who trust and depend on Him in any situation. If we are dependent on the world or our own knowledge, though we call God Father, He can't help us.

To the extent that we live in the truth, our trust in God grows better and we gain the Lord's compliment. I urge you to ask God, wait for His answer patiently, and receive it. I hope you will be under His guidance all the time.

7) We should obey the Word of God

As God tells us to rejoice always and give thanks in everything (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18), we should rejoice and give thanks under any circumstance. When we bear the Word and obey it, God is with us. He doesn't force us to obey Him unconditionally beyond our capacity, but He guides each of us according to our measure of faith.

When we obey Him even in most insignificant works, God may allow us to experience His work and He gradually increases our spiritual faith. Then, we can do greater things when He commands.

2. We should crucify the flesh with its passions and desires

We have to crucify the flesh with its passion and desires, which God deems righteous, and He praises us for it. As Galatians 5:24 says, "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires," we should cast away passions and desires for they are not different from sins.

David fell under a great trial for having taken his subordinate's wife because of the lust of the eyes and had her husband killed in the battle. Achan stole a mantle and gold and silver out of his greed. In the end he and his family as well were stoned to death. His wrongdoing even caused the Israelites to lose in the battle in the city of Ai. On the other hand, Asa the King pleased God by abstaining from his passions and desires; he removed her mother from the position of queen mother because she had worshiped idols.

In order to do the will of God, we should abstain from fleshly passions and desires and have faith that never compromises with the world. Then we can keep our faith. Thus, we must cast them away. Now it is how to be commended by the Lord: to do what we should do and to cast away every passion and desire with its flesh.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, do you practice the Word of God as His children? If you serve God and are worthy of the Lord's praise, you will receive answers from God, receive healing of any kind of disease, and be with God all the time. I pray in the name of the Lord you will be approved by God and earn the Lord's praise.

English

The Confession of Faith

- 1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless
- 2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by
- 4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven
- 5 Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles" Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim

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"[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

FEATURE STORY

Three-point Checklist For Achieving Your Goal in Faith

What is the goal in your Christian life? If you really love the Lord, then it must be to achieve His beautiful heart and enter New Jerusalem. Now check your progress towards the goal by answering the following three questions.

1. Do you stick to achieving your goal unchangingly?

Heading for a certain goal, you may wonder if you are on the right path towards it. Suppose you run in a marathon. At first you started for the finish line but if you are distracted in the middle then it becomes hard for you to win the race.

In the course of our spiritual race, if we are distracted and diverted onto a wrong track, we can't get to our goal quickly. We must see, hear, and think of only things that belong to spirit with strong determination. In other words, we must study the

Word of God, listen to sermons, and pray in church instead of watching TV and seeking self-satisfaction or worldly pleasures.

You may have set your goal in spirit and say you are heading for it, but you must now check if you haven't diverted your attention from spiritual things to the worldly entertainment and friends. You always have to check it because since Adam's fall the enemy devil and Satan has relentlessly tried to tempt people to grab the worldly things.

They lead people to set their minds on things on earth whereas God says, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).

Hence, you need to check whether you pay more attention to money, fame, power, worldly pleasure, or relationships with the opposite sex, and you have more fun gathering with worldly people than being with people in church, and you rely on the world more than God. Check them again.

2. Do you cry out in prayer without ceasing?

No matter how hard you try to keep to your goal, if you don't pray fervently, you can't be provided with strength to do it. Even if you fill your mind with the knowledge of the truth ardently, unless you cry out in prayer, you can't be filled with the Holy Spirit. That is what leads to unfruitfulness.

Only through prayer can we put the Word that we have heard in our hearts and bear its fruit with 30, 60, or 100 times. Many places in Scriptures emphasize the importance of prayer. For instance,

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray without ceasing" and 1 Peter 4:7 reads, "The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer." Many Christians, however, pray only in Sunday Services.

In order to keep faith and not to enter into temptation, any Christian must habitually pray as the Lord taught. Without praying it is very hard to keep faith and reach salvation since sin and evil are prevalent in the world today. Thus, prayer is not an

option but a must-do for Christians. Without it, they can't overcome the world.

Prayer is spiritual breathing and the way to communicate with God. It is the way to know the spiritual world and enter spirit. Some of you may have worked diligently in church, however you were not praying. It can't allow for your souls to prosper. Thus, check again if you pray unceasingly and cry out in prayer with your whole heart.

3. Do you practice goodness and how much?

If you have worked hard towards your goal while praying fervently, then check how much goodness you have practiced in your life. Many believers try to do no evil and cast away sins to gain sanctification. But they tend to lack interest and efforts in doing 'good'. By doing good enthusiastically, we can make it easier to enter spirit.

Just trying not to sin passively is very different from trying to do good actively. Suppose there are two children of a mother. Both behave well, one trying not to be scolded by her and the other trying to please her. The latter may grow up better and be loved by the mother more.

That is the way we should also love God and seek Him actively and diligently for Proverbs 8:17 reads, "I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me." When it comes to doing good, we should cultivate our hearts into goodness as well as practicing it in action. Of course, we should store up goodness by actions of giving and serving, but more importantly, in our heart-fields we should first cultivate love and a serving heart.

Thus, most importantly, we must achieve the heart itself to seek others' benefits, serve others, and sacrifice ourselves for them. Only when people around us feel comfortable and happy due to our goodness then can we say we have practiced true goodness.

Goodness entails spiritual fragrance. No matter how insignificant it may look, any act of goodness carries beautiful aroma. Yet no matter how deeply and greatly you can discuss goodness, if you don't practice it, it has no aroma. Goodness comes out not through deliberation or study but comes naturally from the heart and soon leads to action. As you practice goodness it grows. As you practice deeds of goodness at the basic level and continue to do it, you will be able to act in deeper levels of goodness. Goodness continues to grow in this way.

Note here that you must not stop at the level of being forced to do goodness based on what you have learned, or being satisfied with having practiced goodness. You must keep trying to achieve true goodness that comes from the bottom of your heart.

Now, check whether you act in goodness coercively based on your knowledge of the truth or if you like goodness itself from your heart and find it makes you happy doing good.

"My vision was improved by the powerful prayer!"



Pastor Hyunkwon Joo, age 61, 3rd Grand Parish Pastor in Korea

Since accepting the Lord, I have had no need to see a doctor and take any medicine for the last 35 years. But the one thing was that my eyesight began failing in late 1996. In 2000, I ended up wearing glasses with eye vision, 0.5/0.3.

As Manmin Summer Retreat 2014 was drawing near, my mother Senior Deaconess Jeongsoon Lee prepared offerings for the healing of her eye which has no vision and received Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. She said she had harbored my bad eyesight during his prayer.

I had a dream at the previous night of the Retreat on August 3. I saw the root of a boil that had come out from its place in the dream. I was reminded of Dr. Lee having said, "The works of power will explode more greatly than any other year in the Retreat 2014". So I joined it with great expectation for blessing in spirit and body.

On the first night of the Retreat, it rained softly during the Seminar. My glasses fogged up due to rain drops so I took them off and listened to the message carefully. All of a sudden, things began looking clear which had looked blurred. "Oh! My vision has got improved!" I took a card from my wallet and tried reading it. I could read even small letters!

In the ensuing Divine Healing Meeting, I received Dr. Lee's prayer with my hands on my eyes. Then my eye vision became even better so I ran in the relay race without glasses in Sports Day. I even drove home safely without glasses though it was night and rainy. Hallelujah!

"In Manmin I was healed of all my ailments! Now I am feeling the warm love of God!"

Ms. Lilou Huong, age 43, France

No religion had moved my heart though I had been asked by many people with different religions to share their faith. But as my friend, Janet, talked about Manmin Central Church, I happened to join the Friday All-night Service online.

The Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon greatly moved my heart and filled me with the Holy Spirit. I tasted great joy in praising too. Afterwards, I joined Sunday Services and Friday All-night Service every week and prayed in Daniel Prayer Meeting every night in which I felt true happiness.

I finally visited Korea to take part in Leadership Seminar 2014 on June 26, 2014. Several members from France and I attended Friday Allnight Service in Manmin Central Church in Seoul and then we met Dr. Lee close up! I saw his bright and shiny face and smile and shook hands with him. At that very moment, I found my body and heart heated and felt my wounded heart being healed.

Then tears of joy flowed down.

The following morning, I felt itchy in my left ear while having breakfast with Janet and picked my ear. Then the scabs inside came off and it felt smooth. How soft!

As a matter of fact, for the past 5 years I had had eczema in my left ear. As it was itchy I picked at it. Soon it bled and pus oozed out. I had pain with my left eardrum swollen. The infection affected nerves linked to left gum so I got gum infection too. My right ear had otitis media which caused the right eardrum to swell too much for me to put a cotton swab in it. Pain eased when I applied an ointment, but soon enough it came back.

After knowing Manmin Central Church, I didn't use the ointment. Instead, I sprayed God's powercontaining Muan Sweet Water and pain gradually decreased. But when I shook hands with Dr. Lee, all was gone including otitis media in right ear, eczema in left ear, and left gum infection.

Hallelujah!

This is not the end of blessings. In fact, I had sprained my left ankle in an accident and taken five months off from work. I still had pain and difficulty in walking even when I departed for Seoul. However, the next day after I shook hands with Dr. Lee nothing troubled me though I wore stiletto heels all day.

In August 2014, I experienced amazing works of God again in the Seminar of Manmin Retreat 2014. I received Dr. Lee's prayer with my hands on my chest since I had had varicose veins, pain caused by corns on feet, frequent memory failure, and itchiness.

My veins became varicose after I delivered my youngest child five years ago. They enlarged so much I didn't wear skirts for fear that others would see. I stood all day in work

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were even
more painful as I
worked. I sometimes
had to take painkillers or
wear compress bandages
to relieve the severe pain.
When I stood for more than
four hours, varicose veins led
to leg-swelling due to blood
concentration. I had to elevate my
legs when resting or sleeping. My
doctor recommended that I have an
operation to stop it.

In Retreat 2014, however I was completely healed of it by Dr. Lee's prayer. I felt cool as my heart became hot. Tears of jubilance ran down and great peace came into my heart. I took a close look at my legs. All symptoms disappeared in my left leg and a little bit remained in my right leg. Then the bit was also gone soon.

I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me. I also give thanks to Dr. Lee for raising me with the truth and praying for me.



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