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Blessings of a Tree Firmly Planted by Streams of Water

“The Lord’s Word Is a Lamp to My Feet and a Light to My Path”

In 2017, Manmin Central Church is full of energy because the members actively read the Bible and memorize the verses to fill their hearts with the truth.

Male District Leaders’ Association is reading through the Bible twice this year. And Young Adults’ Mission and other missions set a goal to read the Bible once so that they can root their faith deep into the Word. In addition, they are reading Dr. Jaerock Lee’s books that explain the Bible in very understandable and clear ways.

Female District Leaders’, Male Sub-district Leaders’, Male Cell Leaders’, and Pastors’ Wives’ Associations’ goal is to read a book per month, and Canaan Mission’s is to read twenty books. Female Cell Leaders’ Association is sharing the text of the theme sermons such as Love Chapter with each other so that they can powerfully pray holding the message. And Light and Salt Mission is reading the sermon text.

Additionally, in the church’s Weekly Bulletin is the section ‘Weekly Bible Verses’ so that the members can memorize a verse a day. In particular, students memorize the verses using the smartphone application, and have a test for it in the Bible study time on Sundays. Their efforts show good examples to



young adults and adult members as well.

And many missions including Second Elders’ Association and Prayer Devotees’ Association are running their own verse memorizing projects, and thereby they are preparing for the 17th Bible Quiz Contest with heightened anticipation.

The members are devoted not just to their own spiritual growth

through the arming of the Word, but also to souls’ salvation. Men’s Mission started the ‘Finding Lost Flock Members Project’, Women’s Mission is paying more attention to evangelizing people and visiting their members, and Male District Leaders’ Association began Evangelism and Visitation Competition. The Male Cell Leaders’ Association set a goal to grow in spirit and achieve revival through

each parish’s Prayer Meeting and Sanctification Study Group.

In 2017, amid the flow of whole spirit, the members are joyfully marching to achieve sincere heart in full assurance with love for the Word of God (Hebrews 10:22). Their walk will lead them to the way of blessings that all things prosper like ‘a tree firmly planted by streams of water yields its fruit in its season’ (related story on page 3).

Young Adults from Moldova Received Grace from the Holiness Gospel and Visited Manmin



Young adults from Moldova in Eastern Europe visited Manmin Central Church from December 23 to 29 in 2016 (Photo).

They received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer of blessing and attended Christmas Eve Service and Christmas Service.

They attended Daniel Prayer Meeting, Manmin Prayer Center’s meeting, Young Adults’ Mission’s Tuesday Praise and Worship Service, a course of Manmin International Seminary, and visited GCN and Urim Books. They came to have greater hope to evangelize not only Moldova but also other

countries around it.

Brother Aleksandr Tabaranu, their leader (left in the photo) received great grace when he listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon on TBN Russia and spread it to those around him. Through Dr. Lee’s sermons, they experienced change and life, and the number increased day by day. In April 2014, they started to gather and join Manmin Central Church’s worship service via GCN. Now the number of the members is more than 70, and they have received healing and answers through the holiness gospel.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

The Blessed (2)

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers” (Psalm 1:2-3).

Today many people plot evil schemes and commit sins in seeking their own benefits, and are even indifferent toward others and cause harm to them.

To be a blessed person, what we are not supposed to do is clearly explained in Psalm 1:1, “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!”

Proverbs 16:1 reads, “The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.” The following verse 9 says, “The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.” It shows that no matter how hard we may try, we can receive blessings only when God guides and answers us.

Today let’s delve into how a blessed person acts and what kind of person God is pleased with and leads to the way of blessings.

1. A Person Who Meditates on God’s Law Day and Night

‘The Law’ refers to the law of God written in the five books of Moses including the Ten Commandments in a specific sense, but ‘the Law’ referred to in today’s passage refers to the 66 books of the Bible in its

entirety.

How much do you love the Law of God and do you meditate on it day and night? If you love the Law, you may joyfully attend every kind of worship service. To you, the Word is sweeter than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. When you gain spiritual realization of it, the Holy Spirit rejoices in you and you become filled with joy. When you discover your shortcomings in the Word, you will be happy because it is an opportunity for you to become more perfect. Thus, we should cultivate our heart through the Word by reading it diligently, memorizing the verses, engraving it in heart, and meditating on it day and night. Only when we meditate in the Word all the time with love for it, it can lead us to God’s blessed way.

First, we should understand what the ‘counsel of the wicked’ is and what it is like to ‘stand in the path of sinners and sit in the seat of scoffers’. We should learn the Word and eagerly meditate on it to make it ours. Then, the Holy Spirit, the Helper, teaches us through the Word and guides us to act in the truth. Furthermore, we should understand what Jesus’ answer to the question “Which is the great commandment in the Law?” means.

In Matthew 22:37-40 He answered the question saying, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” It means that the most important commandments in the Law are to love God and to love our neighbors.

If you truly love God you will do what is pleasing to God and resemble Him. You will seek for and love goodness, light, holiness, spiritual love, truthfulness, and other spiritually beautiful things. You will love and serve your brothers and sisters in a meek and humble manner

if the love of God is in you. That is why Romans 13:10 says, “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

2. A Person Who Dwells in God, the Fountain of Blessings and Prospers in Every Aspect

It was recorded that blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, who do not stand in the path of sinners, and do not sit in the seat of scoffers. Blessed are whose delight is in the law of the LORD and who meditates in His law day and night. Then, what kind of blessings will God give to them?

Psalm 1:3 says, “He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.” When it doesn’t rain for a long time, plants cannot but become dry and die. But a tree firmly planted by streams of water may have no problem even during a drought. As long as the streams of water are not dried, the tree can absorb water and nutrients and its leaf does not wither and it can yield its fruit in its season.

Here, ‘streams of water’ refers to the fountain of blessing. As Jeremiah 17:13 states that the fountain of living water is the LORD, and the fountain is God. In other words, to receive blessings like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, we should dwell in God who is the fountain of all kinds of blessings. And we should live in Jesus Christ who is the way, truth, and the life.

To dwell in God means to live in the will and guidance of God. When we dwell in God that way, we will live in sweet rain of grace all the time and be filled with joy, thanks, hope for Heaven, and the love of God. We can communicate with God in the Holy Spirit’s inspiration, hear His voice, and receive His guidance.

Again, a tree firmly planted by streams of water yields its fruit in its season. Then, what kinds of fruit can we yield? It is the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Light, the fruit of the Beatitudes, and the

fruit written in Love Chapter. When we are guided to cast away hatred, if we obey, we can throw away hatred and yield the fruit of love. When we obey and cast off anger, we can bear the fruit of kindness, peace, and patience.

To the extent that we bear the spiritual fruit, we can receive answers as well as receive blessings at home, in the workplace, and in our business. Just as a tree planted by streams of water can yield its abundant fruit even when the whole world has dried up due to drought, when we dwell in God, we can receive blessings in any kind of situation.

When Joseph was the second ruler of Egypt, a severe drought hit the nations around Egypt as well as Egypt and remained for seven years. A great number of people were in danger of starvation, but Egypt had abundant food regardless of bad harvest. This is because God had let Joseph, who was in God, know about the drought in advance and prepare enough food for the time.

When the Ten Plagues struck all of Egypt, Goshen, where the Israelites lived, was protected from all kinds of damage caused by the plagues. It proves that no matter how hard the situation is and even when disasters hit the whole world, those who dwell in God who is the fountain of blessings, will receive blessings.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, a true blessing is to believe Jesus Christ, receive salvation, and reach eternal Heaven. For God’s children, especially, it is important to cast away sins and evil and become sanctified, and thereby for their souls to prosper. To the extent their souls prosper, they can receive love from God, everything will go well with them, receive blessing of good health, and enjoy eternal glory in Heaven.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become a tree firmly planted by streams of water in the grace of God for whom nothing is impossible and bear abundant fruit.

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 the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
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.

“[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)

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Spiritual Arming with the Word

Starting the new year of blessing, Manmin Central Church is filled with fervor for the Word of God. It is because the church members desire to reach New Jerusalem by achieving a sanctified heart that pleases God and being faithful in all aspects. We can be led to prosperous ways to the extent that we become more sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer (1 Timothy 4:5) and that we know more of the truth and live more in it (Joshua 1:7-9). If we understand the specific ways to arm ourselves with the Word and follow it, we can become spiritual warriors, extend the kingdom of God, and bear abundant fruit both in spirit and body.

Step 1



Listen to, Read, Memorize the Word of God Diligently, and Engrave It Deep in Your Heart

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 reads, “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

The Passage above comes from the love of God who wants to protect and bless His children. We can be under His protection by watching and engraving His Word in our heart and keeping His commands. Thus, God’s children ought to have His Word nearby all the time and engrave it in the heart (Proverbs 3:3).

A common attribute among men is a changing heart. To the extent that they have more fleshly attributes, it is frequent for them to forget what they were told to do and keep to their first decision. Thus, they should pay much attention to what they have heard as written in Hebrews 2:1. Someone may say, “I am too old or I have too bad a memory to memorize the Word and put it in heart.” But it is just an excuse.

If you memorize verses of the Bible, it could be gone after a short while. But if you put them in your heart, you can remember the message the verses deliver to you, even if you cannot remember where they are in the Bible. It is just like we habitually eat three meals a day, sleep, and breathe although we don’t consciously try to remind ourselves of them. That is, if we store the Word in our heart and try to act in it, we never forget it.

Therefore, engraving the Word in heart means that we obey the Word in deeds, make it bread of life, and cultivate it into spirit. It doesn’t mean storing the Word as knowledge, but it is to put the Word in heart and cultivate in into spirit. Then, you will not forget it even after time passes, and moreover the Holy Spirit will remind you of the Word when necessary.

Step 2



Meditate on the Word Every Day, and Pray Fervently with the Word

When you love someone, you may think of and miss him or her all the time. In the same manner, if you love the Word of God, you will meditate on it all day (Psalm 119:97; 148). However, it is not one’s willpower and efforts that enable him or her to meditate on and keep the Word.

We need to receive God’s grace and strength and the Holy Spirit’s help through fervent prayer. Only then can we cast away sins and practice the Word. That is why 1 Timothy 4:5 says, “For it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.”

God told the Israelites not to eat any of a lamb raw or boiled at all with water, but rather to roast it with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails (Exodus 12:8-9). A lamb signifies Jesus who was the Word, became flesh, and came to the earth. He is the truth itself.

The Passage means that we should not interpret the 66 books of the Bible literally, nor mix them with any other knowledge. We should receive the Word only through fervent prayer and in the Holy Spirit’s inspiration and make them life. It is as said in Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Step 3



Cultivate Heart into Spirit by Practicing the Word

Romans 2:13 says, “For it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.” As said, it is important to put the Word into practice, not just to listen to it. Through the works our faith can be perfected and we can reach perfect salvation.

Jesus said in John 6:53, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.” Eating the flesh of the Son of Man refers to making the 66 books of the Bible bread of life in our hearts, and when we practice the Word in faith, it is to drink the blood of the Son of Man. When we realize the truth and practice it, the blood of the Lord will cleanse us from all sins and we can recover the image of God.

When we practice the Word of God, our untruthful heart stained with sins change into truthful heart. If we meditate on the Word all the time and try to practice the truth, the Holy Spirit will let us hear His voice through good parts of our heart. He teaches us the truth and reminds us of all things that belong to the truth (John 14:26).

For example, when you are insulted and persecuted unjustly because of the name of the Lord, He will remind you of Matthew 5:11-12, saying, “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.” If you have the Word in your heart as bread of life, you can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit who advises you to rejoice and give thanks. When you obey it with faith, you can pass the test easily and give glory to God.

Those who have the Word of God as bread of life in heart can be guided by the Holy Spirit. By obeying His voice, they do not commit sins. To the extent that they arm themselves with the Word spiritually, they can defeat Satan and hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clearly and receive His guidance. Thus, they can be guided to ways of prosperity all the time.

“I Could Survive in the Definite Crisis of Death by God’s Help!”

Deacon Kiju Song, age 73, Parish 19, Manmin Central Church



My daughter-in-law had tried to evangelize me and I followed her to Manmin Central Church in May 2004. When I listened to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermons, I realized that there are Heaven and Hell, and men should live in goodness.

I stopped drinking and smoking. I became gentle to my wife. I started to keep the Lord’s Day and give a whole tithe. I began working again

and paid back my debt. In 2009, I was healed of peritonitis after I received Senior Pastor’s prayer during the worship service.

My wife Deaconess Jeomsoon Lee and I have volunteered for a local sanctuary. As her food is good, she prepares rice and side dishes for the members on Sundays, and I drive the members to the central church.

I was born again in the Lord that way, and on December 14, 2016, I was blessed to have a new life again.

I am a carpenter, and I was working outside of a building for its extension. When I was working on the fifth floor, all of a sudden, a bundle of wooden bars, which are 3.5m in length and weigh 50kg, fell on my head. My safety helmet took off from my head. When I fell down, my upper body came out of the building. At the moment I was falling, I held steel frames fixed for temporary wall installation with my two hands. I barely hung on there with the wooden bar bundle on my neck and with my legs laid on slates.

Then, four bundles of wooden bars that weigh 200kg fell on my legs, but they supported my body so that I would not fall

from the building. Without them, I would have just fallen from the building and died.

After ten minutes, I was narrowly rescued by my co-workers. I was taken to the hospital and my condition was checked. My head in the safety helmet was normal, and my neck and legs that were pressed by the bundles of wood turned out to be very normal without any problem. Hallelujah!

My co-worker who goes to work with me in my car saw me the next day and said, “When it happened, I thought you definitely had died. You are alive like this! I believe God saved you because you always receive Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer on the way to work.” And he added, “You were given a new life. You are one year old!”

However hard I think of it, I have no idea how I could hold the steel frames at that moment. There is no way to explain it but the help of God. I would have died with one hundred percent chance in the situation, but God protected me. I give all thanks and glory to God and extend my thanks to Senior Pastor who always prays for us the church members with tears.

“After 15 Years, I Can Bike and Hike! It’s Like a Dream!”

Brother Yurik Shindlher, age 54, Switzerland

I suffered from pain in my left knee for 25 years. I had an operation on my knee cartilage but I still had pain and it developed into arthritis. So I was living with pain. I would take painkiller when it was so painful. I was advised to avoid some exercises including cycling that I liked. Many things were restricted due to the problem.

In 2015, my doctor said it became a lot worse and suggested I have joint replacement surgery as soon as possible. I was scheduled to have the surgery on June 7, 2016. But I heard that Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor would come to Switzerland, and I boldly canceled the surgery appointment.

I had seen and heard many people receive healing of many kinds of diseases through the prayer

of handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12). This time, I came to have hope for healing and was given faith. My wife and I prepared ourselves to receive the prayer.

On June 21, when Rev. Lee prayed for me, I felt fire coming down upon my knees. Afterwards, pain was gone and I came to be able to straighten my knees and walk with ease. Hallelujah!

My wife Gulbahar Shindler happened to watch Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon program on TBN Russia in November 2011. She received much grace and from then she listened to his sermons for ten hours a day on Manmin Central Church’s website. In late December 2011, she visited Korea and felt God’s presence in the church. She was even set free from back pain, which had troubled her for a year,

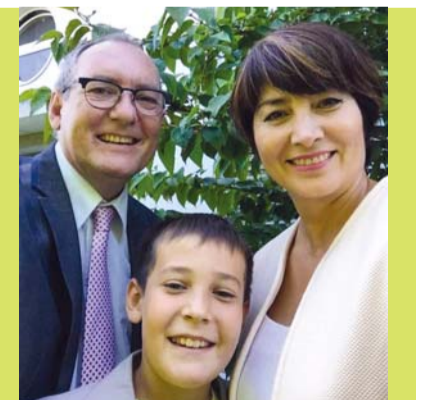
after she received Dr. Lee’s prayer.

In August 2012, I paid a visit to Korea with her to participate in the church’s summer retreat held in Muju, Jeonbuk Province, Korea. Countless people in attendance were healed of their diseases through Dr. Lee’s prayer and experienced amazing signs. In the site of power, I came to understand why my wife had so often wanted to visit Korea.

We testified the church to acquaintances and have offered up the church’s worship service on the Internet with ten people who we guided. Dr. Lee’s sermons put an emphasis on sanctification, which quenched the spiritual thirst of Swiss people who were longing for the grace. In May 2016, we rented a building and have lived a

happy believing life together like believers in the Early Church.

Now I enjoy cycling after 15 years of break, and even hike for more than five hours. I feel like I am living a dream. I give all thanks and glory to God who blessed us with the holiness gospel.



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