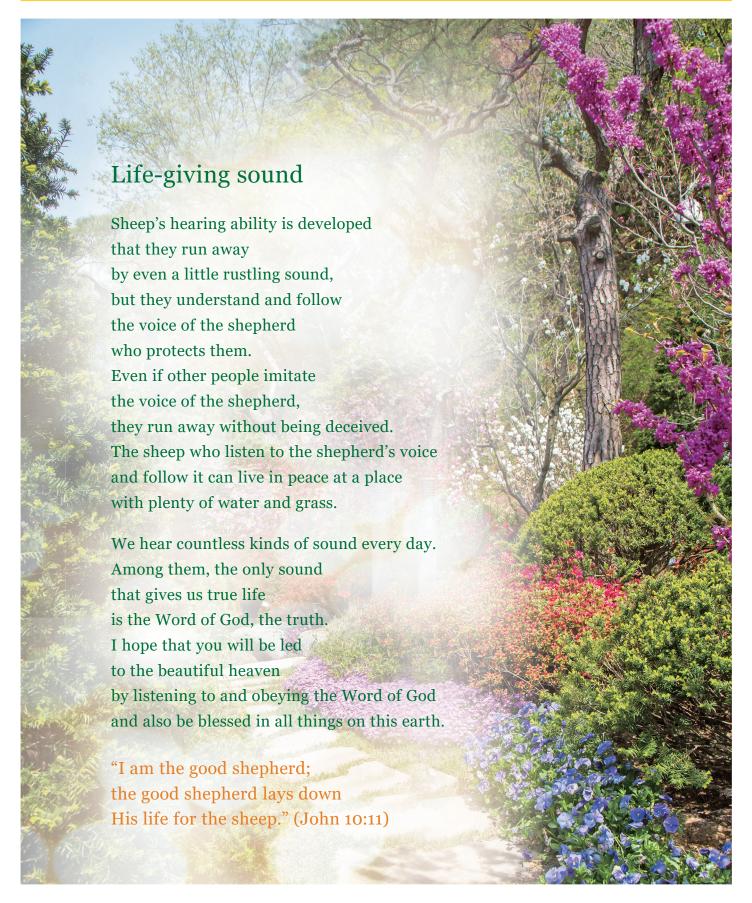
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Congratulations

'2020 Excellence Award Ceremony in each department' held non-face-to-face

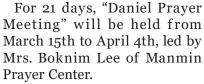
During the Sunday evening service on February 28, there was a "2020 Excellence Award Ceremony" for the members who faithfully fulfilled the duty in the Lord during the year of 2020.

The award ceremony was held non-face-to-face, and a total of 20 representatives including district leaders, sub-district leaders, cell leaders, committee and full-time Levite workers were awarded.

In particular, many of the winners are from Chinese parish. They are Pastor Insook Oh (2nd Chinese Parish Pastor), district leader Deacon Ilhwa Kim, sub-district leaders Deacon Seongbeom Cho and Eunhye Oh (2nd Chinese parish), cell leaders Deacon Myungsook Jung (1st Great Grand parish 9th parish), Deacon Chunae Park, Deacon Heungguk Yun (1st Chinese Parish), Senior Deaconess Changsoon Won, Deacon Jeongok Yun, and Deacon Yonghyuk Jung (2nd Chinese parish).

Besides, Senior Deaconess Soonyeop Ryu (Children's Sunday School Teachers' Association), Elder Sangki Seo (Supporter of North Korean Refugees' Mission), Deacon Dongho Kang (Supporter of Children's Sunday School), Senior Deaconess Hyunmi Lee, Jiyoung Seon, and Hair Makeup Team (Performing Arts Committee), Floral Committee (Worship Service Department), Senior Deaconess Youngsoon Cho (Prayer Devotees' Mission), Senior Deaconess Sookhee Han (Sharon Mission), and Deaconess Eunhye Lee (GCN TV) received awards.

Untact "Daniel Prayer Meeting" from March 15th to April 4th



Particularly, the Oneday Relay Fasting for the sanctuary moving and for the Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee is being progressed, where the church members attend voluntarily. Our church has been praying every night from the beginning of the church's opening according to the Word of God, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Although it's being held online due to the COVID-19, many members are participating in the Daniel prayer meeting with a longing heart, as they can receive

answers and blessings, and experience the works of the Holy Spirit.

The Daniel prayer meeting is held from 9 to 11 PM everyday (Except Friday for Friday Allnight Service), and you can attend by watching GCN TV (www.gcntv.org) or Internet live broadcast not only in Korea but also from anywhere in the world.



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"Thank You, Lord for rescuing me from the swamp of 'anorexia' that I couldn't get out of by myself."

Soojung Jung (Tokyo Tabata Manmin Church in Japan, Age 14)



In November, 2017, I started running for 30 minutes a day and doing muscle exercises to improve my physical strength. As I continued exercising, I felt good as my body became slim. I also became confident of myself. I gradually increased my workouts and reduced the amount of food I ate.

However, this got worse from July, 2018. As I ate less meals and increased the amount of exercise more, I had a number of symptoms due to excessive weight loss and lack of nutrition.

As I exercised excessively, my toenails even became black and fell out several times. And when I exercised my muscles on a hard floor, the tailbone of my hip came out. Also, the skin on the heels peeled off so badly that

it was very painful, and there were times when the muscles of the ankle were inflamed, which caused pains.

The obsession to be slim made me so hard that I cried a lot, but I could not stop my diet. I was also anxious, so I could not concentrate when I prayed or worshipped. At that time, I was 150cm tall and weighed 31kg.

The hospital examination result was 'Anorexia', and my father, Pastor Kyungtae Jung prayed for me. But because of the fear of gaining weight when my weight returns to normal, I didn't want to be healed.

In the midst of this, because of the idea that I had to go on a diet, I increased my exercise capacity, and I rejected drinking water or swallowing saliva. I was afraid even to eat a little food. However, as I kept receiving the prayer with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12), my mind changed little by little.

As my feelings of pain and anxiety grew more and more, I started to think that my condition was serious, and finally I had a desperate desire to be freed from a very painful diet. Then, as my overall life changed, I was able to eat food gradually, and eventually I was completely freed from the obsession of diet.

Now I feel relieved, and I eat delicious food well. I am healthy. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who delivered me from the swamp of anorexia that I could not get out of by myself, and gave me health and joy.



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Spiritual Love (5)



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Love Does Not Brag

"Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,"

(1 Corinthians 13:4).

In most cases, when people feel that are better than others in some aspects, they like to flaunt it and gain recognition. Furthermore, those who like bragging will openly talk about what they're good at without caring about other people's reactions.

To brag is to talk or write about oneself in a proud or self-impressed way. Those who brag are stingy when it comes to praising others. They think their merits will not be recognized if those of others are. So they try to bring down others to elevate themselves. In doing so, they cause strife with others and disgrace God.

The desire to brag is far from spiritual love that seeks the benefit of others. We might think we will be recognized and lifted up when we reveal ourselves, but we won't. We won't get any heart-felt respect or love from others. It only causes envy and jealousy in others (James 4:16). That is why one of the characteristics of spiritual love is "It does not brag."

1. Boastful Pride of Life

Now, what is the reason that people want to reveal themselves and brag? It's because they have boastful pride of life. 'Boastful pride of life' is the nature to reveal oneself and feel elated for self-satisfaction and pleasure. It comes from love for this sinful world.

1 John 2:15-16 says, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world."

Most people brag about the things they consider important. Those who love money will boast of their wealth. Those who consider being good-looking and physically attractive important will brag about their appearance. It means they cherish their money, appearance, fame, and power more than God.

Hezekiah, the 13th king of the Southern Kingdom

of Judah was once honest before God, and he also purified the Temple. He overcame the attack of Assyria through prayer. When he got a fatal illness his life was extended by 15 years through tearful prayers.

However, he had some boastful pride of life. The king of Babylon sent his diplomatic delegation upon hearing the news of Hezekiah's recovery. Hezekiah was so happy that he showed to them all his treasures and the vessels in the Temple to brag about them. Due to his bragging he was finally invaded by Babylon, and everything he cherished was taken away (Isaiah 39:1-6).

Boasting comes from the meaninglessness of the world, and therefore, it shows that one does not love God. In order to cultivate spiritually true love, we have to cast away 'boastful pride of life' which comes from the love for the world.

2. Boasting in the Lord, Giving Glory to God

2 Cor. 10:17 says, "But he who boasts is to boast in the Lord." Boasting in the Lord is good because it is giving glory to God. One of the best examples is giving a testimony.

As the apostle Paul said in Gal. 6:14, "But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world," it is to boast of Jesus Christ who saved us and gave us the kingdom of heaven.

2 Cor. 12:9 says, "And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

In fact, Paul manifested such great power of God that when people took handkerchiefs or aprons that he had touched him to the sick, they were healed. He guided numerous souls to the Lord and established many churches in his 3 missionary trips. However, **Manmin News** NO. 690 MARCH 28, 2021

he only boasted in the Lord saying everything was God's grace and the power of Christ.

Today, many people testify of their experiences of meeting the living God. They testify of God's grace that gave them divine healing, financial blessing, and peace of the family when they sought and loved God earnestly.

They testify of spiritual blessings, meaning they came to experience God's love and gain faith. Boasting in the Lord not only gives glory to God but also plants faith and life in other believers as well. It is to store up heavenly rewards, and their heart's desires will be answered more quickly by giving testimonies.

However, there are some cases where they say they give glory to God but in fact they are making something about themselves known to others. They tacitly express that they received blessings because they tried hard. It seems like they are giving glory to God but actually they are taking the credit for themselves.

Satan can bring accusations against such people. Boasting of oneself might result in tests and trials. If other people don't recognize them, they might even leave God.

If we really love God, we should speak words that edify, namely, the words that give others faith and life (Romans 15:2). As water is purified through the filters, we shouldn't hastily say just anything, but we should first think about whether our words are edifying others or hurting them, before we actually say them.

3. Cast Away Boastful Pride of Life

Even those who have many things to brag about can't live forever. After the life on this earth they will end up either in heaven or hell. In heaven, even the roads are paved with pure gold, to which no splendor of this earth is comparable and it puts everything that is boasted on this earth to shame. If they end up in hell, what could they boast of even if they had wealth, knowledge, fame and power on this earth?

Matt. 16:26-27 says, "For what will it profit a man

if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds."

Nothing in this world can give us eternal life or eternal satisfaction. But rather, they cause vanity which leads on the shortcut to destruction. If we realize this fact and fill our hearts with the hope of heaven, we will receive the strength to pull out boastful pride of life completely. If we really know about the beauty of splendid gemstones in heaven and believe it, we won't be attached to the things of this earth.

When we cast away boastful pride of life, we will only boast of Jesus Christ. We won't be proud of having worldly things but of the eternal glory we will enjoy in heaven. We will be filled with the joy of salvation, and even if we face various trials, we won't say they are hard.

Dear brothers and sisters,

God gave us His only begotten Son, and the Lord obeyed until death. When this love of the Father and the Lord is placed in our heart, we will rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all things.

If we don't have boastful pride of life, we won't be flattered even when we are praised nor will we be disheartened just because we are reprimanded. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will cultivate spiritual love, humble yourself, and lead many souls to the way of salvation.

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The Confession of Faith

- 1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is Godbreathed 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)

"As He enlightened me in prayer, I was healed of hyperthyroidism and blessed in spirit and body."

Deaconess Riyeon Goh (The 4th Young Adult Mission, Age 31)

In June, 2020, I suddenly didn't feel well. I couldn't breathe, and my heart beat so fast when I walked fast and even when I was still.

I couldn't sleep at night. I couldn't work as I felt palpitations very often, which made me nervous. I felt tired and even if I took a break, I felt like I didn't take any break. I became sensitive because I couldn't sleep well.

I went to see a doctor wondering if there was anything wrong with my heart. The test result said that it was 'hyperthyroidism'. Because my hormone levels were higher than normal, I was told that I needed to keep taking medicine to make it lower. But at the moment I heard it, I thought I was given a chance to glorify God by being healing with faith and I rather rejoiced.

I prayed hard attending the Daniel prayer meeting online. Thankfully, I felt less palpitations when I prayed, although I felt it a lot at other times. Whenever I prayed, God blessed me to discover myself that I had many ill-feelings and resentment, and I always blamed others. I realized that it was me who should have changed. Everything was my fault. As I realized these things in prayer one by one by the help of the Holy Spirit, I could pray more fervently with an earnest heart for change.

I received the Senior Pastor's recorded prayer for the sick in the morning and evening. Whenever I received the prayer, my heart became passionate, and I felt fire in my body and especially my neck. Experiencing the Holy Fire continually like this, I felt confident that I could be healed. The symptoms such as palpitations, going to the bathroom often, and tremors in my

hands disappeared in a short period of time. My body recovered gradually.

The test result in October showed that my thyroid hormone levels were normal. And in December, every level recovered to be normal. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who helped me discover myself in prayer and healed me.



Before receiving prayer: Thyroid hormone is over secreted. (June 30, 2020)

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After receiving prayer: Thyroid hormone levels returned to normal. (December 21, 2020)





Esnas Mutani (Age 55, Nairobi Manmin Church in Kenya)

I went my hometown because of COVID-19 and came back to Nairobi to get a job in Jan. 2021. I didn't go to church on Jan. 3rd, but started to work as a housekeeper from that day.

Next day, I had a fever and dry coughs, and I felt fatigue. My employer isolated me in a room and had me take a COVID-19 test.

I was confirmed COVID-19 positive on Jan. 7th. Then, I repented of not keeping the Sabbath right away. I talked to Rev. Myongho Cheong confessing that I had violated the Sabbath, and received his prayer with the handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12) on the phone.

After that, high fever and severe fatigue disappeared and I was confirmed COVID-19 negative 3 days later. None of my employer's family was infected and he

willingly paid my testing charge. I felt the meticulous love of God the Father who leads me to the right way by this experience. And it made me feel very happy.

"COVID-19 was cured quickly by the handkerchief prayer."

My mother was infected at work and confirmed COVID-19 positive on Dec. 14th 2020. She had to stay at home because of a shortage of beds in hospitals. But none of my family knew her infection because she didn't want to make us worry. As my father and I had symptoms like symptoms of cold, she told us of her infection.

My father and I had the test and were confirmed COVID-19 positive on Dec. 20th. We were isolated at home until there were beds for us because the symptoms were minor. However, my parents and I felt worse and were brought to the hospital on the 23rd. I told my pastor of the situation and received his prayer with the handkerchief of power (Act. 19:11-12) on the phone. As I got a little bit better, I received his prayer once more next day.

I was confirmed COVID-19 negative on Dec. 28th and discharged. My parents were discharged not long after my discharge. The medical personnel were very surprised at my quick improvement. Thanks be to God the Father of love for His healing!

Preeshan Thas (Age 33, Selangor Manmin Deaf Church in Malaysia)