

Thursday



Caring Improperly

"Recently my husband and I have been very upset. My son's grandmother has taken care of him since his early stage. She has insisted on looking after my son for the purpose of getting the alimony, but she treats my child badly. My son is 6-years-old but he has communication barriers. I had never known that my child's situation was so bad. His grandmother has told us later that my child has autism because he doesn't speak nor express himself. After we have taken back our child, we finally find out that his grandmother has treated him badly. We only hope that our child will walk out of the unfortunate shadow and forget those sad matters. We also hope that he can speak and communicate with others normally. Please ask God to heal my child."

(Sister Peng)

✝ Ask the Lord to let Sister Peng's son obtain care physically and mentally through his parental love and care. Please pray that her son will forget the unpleasant past incidents under protection and care; and that he can restore his health and grow up happily.

Governing Strictly

In order to solve the problem of minors' addiction to online games, the National Press and Publication Administration has introduced new regulations. All online game companies in China are required to provide minors, aged below 18, with only one-hour service from 8 pm to 9 pm daily on Fridays, weekends and statutory holidays. The authority has strict regulations: real names are required for registration and log-in to distinguish under-age users. However, there is still no barrier for businessmen to exploit a loophole in order to provide teenagers with channels such as account renting and account purchasing. This has enabled teenagers to bypass the supervision and play online games without restrictions.

("Chinese Discipline Inspection and Supervision Daily", September 6, 2021)

✝ Ask the Lord to help parents care the needs of their children. Pray that the parents will guide their children to develop a disciplined and controlled life style; encourage them to try different types of activities in order to avoid being tempted by online games.

Friday



Accept Gospel Through Radio

"I believe in God by listening to Radio Liangyou. Radio programs have helped me to grow up. I have enjoyed the Lord's grace very much! I started listening to Radio Liangyou when I was 17. I followed the program host to pray for entrusting my life to the Lord in 2002. My spiritual life has been growing daily with the time of listening to the radio under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. During that period, I went to my small room to listen to the radio. I'm really happy and satisfied to have such a close relationship with God! Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this room has become a small sweet room for me to get close to God and pray. Hallelujah!"

(Sister Le)

✝ Thanks to the Lord that Sister Le has accepted the gospel since her young age. This has given her sweet memories and made her receive the Lord's love joyfully. Please pray that the Lord will use her testimony to lead many people to Him.

Under Yulong Mountain

More than 300,000 Naxi people live in northern Yunnan Province. Most of them live in the Lijiang area at the foot of the 5,596-meter-high Yulong Snow Mountain. As early as the beginning of the 20th century, there were missionaries who had entered the Naxi tribe. Yet few Naxi people were converted to the Lord. Twenty years later, only less than 10 Naxi people were baptized. They were also misled by heretical disciples after their baptism. Currently it is estimated that there are 200 believers. The biggest feature of Naxi culture is Dongba hieroglyphs. It was created more than a thousand years ago. At present only a few people can read it. The audio New Testament of the Bible in Naxi language is especially precious.

✝ Yulong Mountain and Lijiang are famous tourist areas in Yunnan. Tens of millions of tourists visit these areas each year. Please pray that the Lord will let believers rise up to take this opportunity to share the gospel with the Naxi people. Also pray that the believers will use the audio bible to allow more Naxi people to hear the Salvation of Christ. Moreover, Naxi young people did not go to university because their families cannot afford it. Ask the Lord to show mercy to them.

Saturday



In My Memory

"In my memory, the relationship among my elder brothers and sisters is just so-so and even regarded as a bit indifferent. My eldest brother and my second elder brother fight each other because of the issue of the financial support for our parents. I'm the youngest in my family, so I don't encounter too much conflict. But I have been chosen by the Lord since the death of my father. After that, the relationship among my siblings is becoming harmonious gradually. Since they are getting older, they value the family affection more. I have been brought up by my elder sisters and brothers. Their values are established on the material aspect because they don't know God. I hope that God will be merciful to my family so that they will return to the Lord. Please pray that they will know the true direction of life, and understand the life meaning and values"

(Sister Zhou)

✝ Please pray that the Lord, who leads people to repentance, will forgive Sister Zhou's family members and choose them. Also pray that the sister's family can understand the love of Jesus, repent and live in harmony through her life testimony.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Laboring Together:** While we are all anticipating the coming of our next leader sent by God, many board and committee members are taking turns in sharing messages in chapel, others even work together in the office during the week with us. Rev Ho, vice chairman of the board, started his volunteer post as Vice Chief Execute (Volunteer) since May, helping the ministry in moving forward. Thanks be to God. May He add to him the needed strength.

2 **Advancing Cautiously:** In the time of changes, our staff have devoted themselves to fervent prayers and carried out quite a few serious discussions. Please pray that we may know His will, and persist in things that can be persisted, adjust those that are adjustable, and change those that are changeable. Also pray that our staff can be "as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves", and that we will be persistent in the mission entrusted by God.

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Dear Warriors in Christ:

The Chinese Ministry Office held an online retreat in September to cheer up a group of female colleagues and volunteers, and let them encourage one another. The speaker shared the key to how to become a "true disciple". It is just like a "steamed bun". The wheat needs to be completely broken and kneaded by the Lord, waiting and refining before it becomes a finished product. The process is uncomfortable but beneficial.

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) In the apostolic era, "Christian" was a nickname given to disciples by unbelievers. It was a very costly nickname for the disciples at that time. What price do we pay nowadays to become the Lord's disciples?

I remember a story: a man invited Jesus to live in his own house. The devil knocked on the door frequently as it wanted to force its way into the house. Every time the house owner opened the door, it took a lot of effort to drive the devil out. The owner suddenly remembered: didn't Jesus live in my house? He asked Jesus, "Why don't you come to help me?" Jesus said, "You are the owner; of course you go to open the door, otherwise you give me your house. Then you come to live in my house, okay?" The owner came to realize this and handed over his key. When the sound of knocking was heard again, Jesus opened the door very widely. Seeing it was Jesus who opened the door, the devil was startled, went down on its knees respectfully and said, "Sorry, I have knocked on the door wrongly!"

The 2021 broadcasting theme of Radio Liangyou is "Come, follow me!" It is not only an invitation sent to unbelievers. It is also a reminder for every believer. When we rely on ourselves and we are in panic all day long, please remember that Jesus has lived in us. Ask yourself: who is the house owner?

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Sunday



Emotionless

“God is in control, that’s what I learnt from the last five years. Sometimes I would look up to God to overcome the fear in my heart. And hoping to avoid complaints from my husband, I always keep quiet in the family. This is hopeless though, as when I look around, my life is still a mistake. It has taken me longer than a decade to prove that selfish people cannot change. They would even see you as enemies when you let them down. I came over a lecture saying that there is a kind of person who lacks emotion. Unfortunately, my husband is one of this kind: no matter how many delicious dishes I have prepared for him, he never showed appreciation. It’s the time to leave my husband lest the longer I hold onto the marriage, the less I can protect myself. Will God guide me in prayers?”

(Sister Xu)

- ⌘ May the comforting Lord help Sister Xu with the power to cope with her husband's emotions. Pray more for him and, through church or counseling program, have their relationship improved. Ask the Lord for mercy.

Self-served Waste Reduction

In Wuhou District, Chengdu City, there is an unmanned glass room where there are many white bags hanging on the wall. One needs to scan the code to enter. This self-served drop-off point for recyclables, known as the “environmental sunroom”, grabs the attention of passersby. Users only need to put the recyclables into the provided WeChat-registered bags and leave them in the room. Currently, 14 types of recyclables are accepted, including glass, plastic bags, fabrics, electronic appliances and so on. To enhance public’s motivation in recycling, its staff complete the collection and weighing, and rebate the user through the electronic payment platform within five working days. Such recycling model will be extended to the rest of the country in the future

(“Chengdu Economic Daily”, September 6, 2021)

- ⌘ Pray that everyone would ignore the inconvenience but be willing to sort the trash for later recycling purpose. To prevent unnecessary waste, more recycled materials will be used in manufacturing while less packaging and more durable products are preferred.

Monday



13-year-old Nephew

“My cousin's child is 13 years old. His parents divorced when he was 6. My cousin went out to work, leaving his child to grandparents to look after. Recently, my nephew has been in trouble: he always played on his phone, skipped class, and scolded his grandparents. He therefore went to stay with his mother for a few days. But last night his mother called me saying that the child had transferred away RMB2,000 from her account. My nephew then bought a new mobile phone and off for his classmate. Prior to that, I told his mother to love her son with patience, care, understanding, and togetherness. The mother said he had been behaving well until he transferred away the money and left. I said to his mother, contact him and not to hit him when he returned. But she replied that she doesn't know what to do next!”

(Sister Chen)

- ⌘ Pray that the Lord will help Sister Chen and her sister-in-law on parenting. Pray more for the child and listen to his needs with care. Children in their teenage rebellion period require more patience, care, and communication with others. The wisdom and guidance from their parents is indispensable.

Improper Practice

Online second-hand trading platforms become increasingly popular, but there are many pitfalls hidden behind. Buyers need to judge the authenticity and quality of goods by looking at the pictures alone, which increases the chance of being deceived in disguise. In addition, some covetous buyers were successfully persuaded to make transactions privately. As a result, they could not receive the goods after the transfer, and the sellers disappeared without a trace. Due to the lack of industry regulations on second-hand trading platforms, the rights and interests of buyers and sellers are only limited. When consumer disputes arise, it is often difficult to get justice back.

(“People Daily”, September 6, 2021)

- ⌘ Pray for consumers' shopping habits. Always be vigilant. One should make decisions after rational analysis. These trading platforms should also review their own system regularly to ensure that everyone's rights are protected.

Tuesday



Apply for Promotion

“Last year, I took the job of a departing colleague, and the supervisor helped me apply for a promotion. But the application was abortive, and the salary remained the same. There was another job this year, and the supervisor helped me apply for a promotion again. Sadly, in vain. The current salary is not high, despite the increasing duties on my shoulder. I wish the third attempt successful: it is a leap from assistant engineer to engineer, which is very difficult, and yet the pay-raise the highest. I'm afraid of losing again and I ask why it is so unfair! My house was bought in 2017, and its price has dropped by RMB400,000 this year. Earning money getting difficult these days. Tithing is what I have always insisted as it is the worthiest to spend. Other than that, I become very cautious before spending any money, like on my food and clothes, even for the petty ones. May God give me luck!”

(Brother Liu)

- ⌘ Pray for the Lord to help Brother Liu learn the lessons of waiting and faith. It is not luck but trusting in God's will to accomplish. Pray that the Lord will help him perform well in his work and get promoted very soon.

Huddling Retirement

In China, as most family members are busy with work, they are unable to care for their seniors. The silver-haired thus start “huddling retirement”, that is, a group of elderly people reside together and take care of each other based on equality and voluntariness. The idea seems beautiful. But easier said than done, problems arise and are mostly “money-related”. The differences in the economic abilities and consumption concepts of the huddlers have led to contradiction in cost-sharing. In addition, to save money, most sites of accommodation are in rural areas where matching medical facilities is insufficient.

(“Beijing Evening News”, September 6, 2021)

- ⌘ To make the new pension model work, not only is there wisdom to resolve disputes and problems, but appropriate supporting facilities are also needed. Ask the Lord to provide participants and managers for that. Pray also for children a filial heart and their all-out effort for the needs of their parents.

Wednesday



In Succession

“How to pray for the house of God, and how to preach the gospel to those outside the house of God? I heard that God's house will be closed one day if it does not preach the gospel. In rural areas, believers are all elderly; young people go to cities to study or work or get married, and most of them are non-believers. Although many of the elderly are Christians and close to the Lord, their belief can go only so far. Their new generation are alienated from the Lord. How to draw the youth around to the Lord? When the elderly pass away, the family of God will have no refill, let alone further expansion. The family of God needs young blood in its veins. Pray for wisdom from the Lord, and may the Lord bless the family of God.”

(Sister Li)

- ⌘ The Lord in charge of all times, the family of God is now in a disjointed period of succession. As most believers are rather old, young disciples are needed to carry on the ministry of the God's family. May the relationship between the Lord and young believers be strengthened by the Lord's grace and blessing.

Gift Chaos

September 10th was Teachers' Day in the mainland. Netizens reported online to the government that the parents' association (PA) of a middle school in Shenzhen had launched a fund-raising activity for Teachers' Day gifts. The education department later confirmed the incident and said that it was an autonomous act of PA with no involvement of teachers. The statement continued that PA had been notified to return all the money to the parents clearly because teachers are forbidden to receive any gifts from them. In fact, PA has always been criticized by society on matters related to unreasonable charges for education, improper banquet invitation to teachers, or collective boasting of teachers in groups.

(“Beijing Youth Daily”, September 6, 2021)

- ⌘ The government has regulated the wind of giving gifts on Teachers' Day, but the problem still exists. Pray that officials have wisdom to deal with it. Pray for the parents that they join the PA not out of any ulterior motive; while teachers are not mercenary but follow their hearts when they do their jobs.