

WORKSHOP & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FACULTY SAINTS

Topic Four

Perfecting the Young People to be Useful Vessels in the Lord's Hand

Scripture Reading: Matt. 4:19; John 15:16; 21:15-17; Rom. 9:23; 1 Thes. 2:7-8, 11; 2 Tim. 2:21

- I. We must be burdened concerning the increase among the young to the extent that we are desperate that a good number of students would be brought into the church; the right way to bring the local people into the church is to start the work with the students—Matt. 4:19, 28:19, John 15:16:**
 - A. God's purpose in creating man with a desire for God and a communal life was ultimately for the carrying out of His economy to have the Body of Christ—Psa. 133:1; Eph. 4:16; Jn. 12:1-3; Rom. 12:4-5.
 - B. The Church is the best community, and the church life is the best communal life; in the local churches we have a proper community where we love and help one another—Psa. 133:1, Rom. 12:4-5.
- II. In His heavenly ministry Christ is shepherding people, and we need to cooperate with Him by shepherding people; we have to shepherd the flock and feed the lambs one by one—Heb. 13:20-21; John 20:15-17:**
 - A. The content of God's entire New Testament economy in His complete salvation is Christ as the Son of Man cherishing us and as the Son of God nourishing us—Eph. 5:29; 1 Tim. 1:15; Eph. 1:7; John 10:10; 1 Cor. 15:45.
 - B. We have to shepherd the young ones by cherishing and nourishing them; this requires that we spend time with them; we have to carry out the shepherding with love; do not condemn the young ones:
 - C. For the preaching of the gospel, we need the individual, direct contact with people, one on one; we also need this kind of personal contact for the feeding of the new believers. We have to feed the new believers one by one.
 - D. We need to care for people with the loving and forgiving heart of our Father God and the shepherding and seeking spirit of our Savior Christ; we must shepherd the saints as a nursing mother and an exhorting father—John 21:15-17; 1 Thes. 2:7-8, 11-12.
- III. It is crucial to know how to become a useful vessel in the Lord's hand—John 21:15-17, 1 Thes. 2:7-8, 11; Rom. 9:23; 2 Tim. 2:21:**
 - A. First of all, we have to pursue the growth in life; follower of the Lord must pursue the growth in the divine life by passing through the processes of sanctification, renewing, transformation, and conformation until he reaches the stages of maturity and glorification — Eph. 4:13, 15-16:
 - B. From now on we have to be equipped with the truth; we must not waste even a single minute, but rather study the Lord's word whenever we have time so that we may know the truth; we all must be equipped in the truth, so that we can preach the truth to people—2 Tim. 2:15:
 - C. We must develop a habit and build up a life of praying every day, fellowshiping with the Lord all the time, confessing our sins to the Lord constantly, and enjoying the infilling of the Holy Spirit at every moment. We must build up these things in our Christian life—Eph. 6:17-18:
 - D. We need to cultivate our human character and disposition in order to build up our Christian character; I hope that we all would apply the matter of having a proper character to our

living, our career, and our behavior so that we will learn to be living witnesses of the Lord—
2 Tim. 2:20-21; 2 Cor. 3:5:

- E. If we intend to speak for the Lord but do not have an adequate vocabulary; even if we have a great deal of knowledge within us, we will not be able to adequately express any of it:
 - F. We must learn to know the church; everything we do should be for the church and by the church; we should never be detached from the church; furthermore, we should be protected, restricted, and led by the church—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:17:
 - G. We need to learn to live a healthy life; first of all, you should pay attention to your diet; do not eat or drink carelessly; while you should avoid overeating, you should not allow your stomach to be empty; we need to have at least half an hour of exercise every day; finally, for the sake of our physical health, we should not quarrel with people—1 Cor. 9:24-27:
 - H. We have to learn how to spend our money properly; even though the money is in our hands, still it is the Lord's money; therefore, we have to learn to spend it carefully, trying our best to save as much as possible for the Lord's use—1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:15.
- IV. “Especially today, seeing the development of this new way, it is truly a broad highway and a rising sun, with a boundless prospect; and now we are still on this broad highway; at this point in time we particularly need young people to rise up and serve the Lord full-time; this is the Lord's calling for us today” (A Blessed Human Life, Message 6)**