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The Secret to Having a Heart of Spirit: Read the Bible!

Manmin members feel the Lord's love in the Bible and their enthusiasm mounts

Today many Christians do not read the Bible and some of them even consider works in the Bible just fables. However, the Bible is the Word of our living God.

In Manmin Central Church, it is not hard to find people who are reading the Bible since the whole church is in Bible study fever. Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee had emphasized that the members should memorize a verse and read a chapter a day. Before the beginning of 2014, he urged everyone to read every book of the Bible for their spiritual growth. He has also taught how to read the Bible in detail.

He told them to read aloud starting from the New Testament that they are more familiar with, write down God's commands such as 'Do', 'Don't', 'Cast Away', and 'Keep' things which they hadn't obeyed, pray with the Words written, and cross out their notes if they come to practice them.

Dr. Lee stressed the importance of reading the Bible once again during District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Devotional Service on February 2, 2014. This is because it is the shortcut to checking faith and achieving the heart of spirit which is the heart of the Lord.

All church members, from children to elderly members, live happily in the grace and emotion that are given through the Bible. They read the Bible while taking notes of what they hadn't thrown away or obeyed, and



then pray to obey the Word. They read it late at night, at early dawn, or during break time. Whenever they have spare time, they read which makes their love for the Lord grow.

Deacon Sangcheol Lee, aged 49, in 2-5 Men's Mission stated, "I read the Bible aloud clearly whenever I am free and before going to bed. Because I am concentrating while reading, I

am receiving a different level of grace from the past readings and the scenes in the Bible are brought to mind in my heart."

"I realized the love of the Lord and the shepherd reading the New Testament. While reading the Old Testament, I can't sit in a comfortable position. Now I am reading it on bended knees. I am so happy to

receive grace and strength to discover myself," said Deaconess Aeja Kim, aged 50, in 3-1 Women's Mission.

The church members also pray fervently in Daniel Prayer Meeting held at 9 P.M. every night as 1 Timothy 4:5 says, "For it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer." They run earnestly to grow up in faith.



"The Word of Life on GCN is God's present to me"

Pastor Nancy Sharpe Blizzard
(Hope for Heaven Church in USA)

After having a TV antenna installed, I was looking for a Christian channel. And I found GCN. I watched Dr. Jaerock Lee's 'The Word of Life' and experienced God's grace that I had never felt anywhere. I am positive that GCN is God's gift.

Then, I read Dr. Lee's books *Heaven I & II* and I was greatly moved by the books. I was awestruck by the detailed description of Heaven that has several different dwelling places and different levels of rewards. I came to think that I should fulfill my duty all the more earnestly so that I can pile up more rewards in Heaven.

I minister to Hope for Heaven Church in Hollywood, Los Angeles in California. On January 12, 2014, we had a Revival Meeting

and Handkerchief Healing Meeting with Pastor Hangeol Kim as a speaker. He is ministering to Manmin Mission Center in California. Pastor Kim prayed for us with the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

I was healed of backache that I had due to the aftereffects of an accident, and Sister Natasha was released from depression. Moreover, my church members' hearts opened and they repented. Now they are changing and running earnestly. Hallelujah!

These days, I am reading Dr. Lee's books and receiving a lot of grace. I am filled with the Spirit since I met the true shepherd who delivers the word of life. I give all thanks and glory to God.

Wisdom Is Unwavering, without Hypocrisy

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (James 3:17-18).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

With prejudice and partiality, people are sometimes sure about what is not true. For our hearts or minds to incline towards one side is to waver. Wavering leads to hypocrisy. We can bear truth when we are unwavering and without hypocrisy. Then, we can see everything with impartiality and discern what is true exactly. By doing so, we can gain wisdom that can penetrate through everything with the beautiful jewel-like eyes of the heart.

What should we do to receive wisdom that is unwavering and without hypocrisy?

1. To be unwavering and without hypocrisy, we have to have love and mercy

‘Unwavering’ means to view everything with steadfast integrity without partiality. If we are not partial, we will have steadfastness towards everyone. That is, our attitude towards others will not change according to outward appearances, financial situation, educational background, or other such conditions. Before being able to look at everything from within justice and with such integrity, we first have to cultivate love and mercy in us.

Even if we know a lot about the Word of God, we cannot put it into practice properly without love and mercy. For example, God tells us ‘to love our enemies’, but it won’t be easy for us to love those who do harm to us or those whom we cannot understand at all. It is because we tend to incline towards our personal tastes, characters, our self-centered righteousness and our frameworks. We will incline towards something to the extent that we lack love

and mercy. If what others are saying is not in agreement with personal ideas, it is easy to judge and condemn it.

Though it is the same person, he appears fat when seen through the convex lens of a magnifying glass, but he looks slim when he is seen through a concave lens. If we say he is fat or slim based on the image seen through the lenses, what would happen? You might just say you are honestly stating what you are seeing, but it is different from reality. Thus, it is a lie. This kind of remark might even offend that person, too. If you look at others with prejudice, then the fruit of falsehood will be borne.

Those who are full of truth, love, and mercy do not criticize others in any situation. They just try to accept them with a merciful heart. Mercy bears the good fruit of giving life to people while ‘wavering’ will bear the evil fruits that distort the truth with judgment and condemnation and that cause loss of life.

It was the case with Pharisees and scribes at the time of Jesus. They interpreted the Law within their own frameworks, and if something was being done that was not right according to their frameworks, they condemned everybody doing it as a sinner.

When Jesus healed a sick person on the Sabbath, they interpreted the act to be in violation of the Sabbath. The actual meaning of ‘keeping the Sabbath’ is not just to prohibit all kinds of work, but to take spiritual rest. To heal sick people, preach the gospel, and to revive the souls is something of goodness that ought to be done on the Sabbath, but the Pharisees and scribes judged such actions by Jesus as being in violation of the Sabbath.

2. Some bear fruit of falsehood due to their wavering partiality

Many people do not realize that this kind of fruit is borne of hypocrisy and wavering partiality in our daily lives. For example, suppose two little brothers had a fight. If you ask the elder brother, “Why did you fight?”, then he might say, “My brother hit me first!” But if you ask the younger brother, then he might say, “He tried to take away my toy and I hit him!”

If you scold the younger one by listening only to the elder brother, the younger one would feel he has been victimized. If the parents tend to love the elder one more, or if the younger one is usually the trouble-maker, they might

even more easily believe only the older one. But if the parents are wise, they will view the situation with justice and integrity.

Also, some distort the facts for their own benefit or by injection of personal thoughts. Because of the wavering in them, they speak in falsehoods without even realizing it. For example, suppose you hear that somebody you love has been accused of doing something wrong. You are likely to disagree immediately saying, “That’s impossible.” Or, you may want to cover the person’s fault saying that he must have had a good reason. However, if that person is somebody you don’t especially like, then you might just hear and accept it. Furthermore, you may think, “He made mistakes like that before, and now it seems he has done it again.” You may even justify your ill-feelings against him saying, “That’s why I was never able to like him anyway.” Because of the ‘wavering’ caused by your partiality or bias, instead of trying to discern the truth, you just tend to pass judgment on the person.

Let me give you another example. Suppose somebody you know passes you by quickly and ignores you. He could have been busy, or he might have been preoccupied with some other thoughts. He may have had a pressing problem and it was necessary to avoid everyone for the moment.

If we have partiality under such conditions we are likely to pass judgment on him. We may think his action is rude or interpret it in another way within our own experiences and emotions thinking, “He must be upset with me because I didn’t respond positively to him before when he asked me to do him a favor.” In such cases we cannot hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, our eyes will be closed and we cannot find the truth.

3. To be truthful with God’s wisdom in everything

First, we have to remember that it is ‘wavering’ if we incline towards the weak (Exodus 23:3). We must not stand for the rich and powerful according to our own benefit, but at the same time we must not show favoritism towards the poor and the weak just because they are the poor and the weak.

People usually think it is more fitting to stand for the weak when there is a dispute between the powerful and the weak. We

have to discern and judge everything with the standard of the Word of God. We must have unwavering, precise judgment between right and wrong, but only with the eyes of love and mercy.

In order not to have biased wavering or falsehood, secondly, we must not make hasty judgments based on what other people are telling us. If we have prejudice, bias or partiality, we cannot discern the truth properly even if we see or hear an event directly. If we jump to conclusions based on our assumptions or just the information other people are giving us, we are likely to make a mistake. We have to be careful in making our judgments about what we see and hear, so that we can have more of an upright heart and fairness.

Lastly, in order not to have any wavering or falsehood we have to cast away hard-feelings and selfish-motives. Most people have more lenient standards for those who are close to them or those who treat them well. For example, if somebody who is not very close to us breaks the rules, we say, “He is arrogant. He doesn’t follow the rules and he acts with impropriety.” But if our family members or close friends break the rules, we think they must have had a reason. Most people have more lenient standards for those who are close to them or those who treat them well.

When we say something or think about something, if we can feel any kind of ill-feelings or selfish and self-centered motives, we have to be careful and check ourselves once again. Especially if it is related to our loved ones or close friends, we must be able to act and speak in greater justice and fairness. Those who are in leadership positions in companies or organizations should be all the more careful. They may think their decision was fair while others might think quite the opposite.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 7:5, “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.” People see brothers’ speck even though they have a great sin like the log because they lack spiritual love. When we cast off sin and evil and become sanctified, we can discern exactly the hearts of men and the situations. Thus, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will see and feel and think of everything in goodness and discern everything in justice and honesty.

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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Upon what kind of people do the answers of God come?

“ God says in Proverbs 8:17, “I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me.” Jesus also states in Matthew 7:11, “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” He preached about the God of answers. Then, to what kind of people are God’s answers given? ”

Those Like Abraham who have unchanging faith

Abraham had perfect faith to believe God unchangingly so he neither doubted the Word of God nor disobeyed. Since he believed the almighty God who revives the dead, he could obey immediately when God told him to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering (Hebrews 11:19). So, God set him up as the forefather of faith and gave him all kinds of blessings such as children, good health, wealth, and fame.

Many people doubt and disobey when things do not agree with their thoughts, and they complain. Although they say they believe, they turn to doubt without deciding whether to believe or not to believe just like the surf of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. So, the Bible says that a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord (James 1:6-8).

Those like Cornelius who fear God and do good

Cornelius and all his family had a reverent fear of God. Though he was a Gentile and a centurion that belonged to Rome, he gave alms to many Jewish people and prayed all the time (Acts 10:1-2). His prayer and charitable works reached heaven and God blessed him by sending Peter so that he, his family, his relatives, and even his friends could receive salvation and the Holy Spirit.

Acts chapter 9 talks about a disciple in Joppa named Tabitha (translated is Dorcas). When she died of sickness, other disciples implored Peter to come. When Peter arrived, widows there wept and showed all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. Moved, Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And surprisingly she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. Tabitha who had been devoted to good deeds and charitable works touched God’s heart.

Those Like Elijah who pray fervently

Elijah was a prophet who proclaimed the will of God during times of Ahab and Ahaziah in northern kingdom of Israel. In those days, his nation was suffering from serious drought for three and a half years due to idol-worshipping of King Ahab and the people of the nation. He prayed earnestly and brought down God’s answer of a downpour through prayer (1 Kings 18:42-45). He cried out in prayer so earnestly that his stomach cramped and it caused him to bend down to the earth and put his face between his knees.

Jacob wrestled with the angel sent by God at the edge of the Jabbok River until the socket of his thigh was dislocated. He sought God in prayer. Jacob’s older brother Esau was going to Jacob with 400 men to kill him, but God urged him to make peace with Jacob and the lives of all Jacob’s family members were preserved.

Those Like Solomon who worship God in spirit and truth

After King David, Solomon became the king of Israel. Before ruling, he offered up 1,000 burnt offerings to God with his heart. It is not easy to offer up 1,000 burnt offerings. In the Old Testament times, many limitations are bound to follow in terms of place, time, offerings, and ways. Solomon went up there before the LORD to the bronze altar which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

God was pleased with Solomon who offered a thousand burnt offerings and blessed him. God appeared to Solomon in a dream at night and He said, “Ask what you wish Me to give you.” Then, he asked wisdom to govern the people, not wealth and glory. God took delight in his asking so He gave him not only wisdom but also wealth and glory. The offerings in the Old Testament refer to worship services today. If we love God and worship Him in spirit and truth during services, we also can receive answers and blessings from God.

Those Like David who seek after God’s heart

David was a boy but he had faith and boldness. He said to King Saul that he would go and fight with the Philistine, Goliath, who despised God’s troops (1 Samuel 17:32). Unarmed, he went to Goliath only with a sling and five stones and knocked him down by slinging a stone. David killed Goliath with Goliath’s sword. Through this, Israel was able to achieve a great victory.

In ways like this, if we have faith that is bold like David’s, even though we are faced with a great problem that seems impossible to be solved, nothing is a problem. Just as God said to David, “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will” (Acts 13:22), we can receive answers to whatever we ask, if we have a heart that seeks after God.

Those Like Joseph who follow after God’s righteousness

Joseph was betrothed to the Virgin Mary. Then, he heard that Mary had conceived a baby though they hadn’t come together. Joseph planned to send her away secretly because when it was revealed Mary would have been stoned to death according to the Law. Since Joseph had such a good and righteous heart, he met an angel of the Lord and heard the message of God as said in Matthew 1:19-23.

Most people insist on what they deem right, and some of them even force others to follow their opinions. They think peace can be broken to accomplish something. But, God has no consideration for one who breaks peace although he is doing things right. God’s righteousness is to cast out sins with reverent fear for God, to practice His Word, and to obey Him with faith.

“Only by the grace of God, I was promoted to a police inspector”



Senior Deaconess Hyesuk Shin
(aged 54, 3-32 Parish in South Korea)

It has already been 28 years since I became a police officer. I have been in charge of juvenile delinquency and investigating juvenile crimes, leading prevention activities, conducting a school violence prevention campaign, and giving lectures on such topics to students and parents. I also accept reports of missing children or runaway students and pursue investigations for their return. I have been faced with cases that were really hard to deal with or with cases where it was unclear about which department should take responsibility for them, but I deemed them all just part of my job. I counseled people on the phone late at night and I didn't avoid those who asked for my help. I was devoted to giving constant help to them.

Dealing with juvenile delinquents, I could feel the heart of my Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who has done everything he can to help keep the church members from falling into sin and to stand firmly on the truth. I also tried hard to do the same with the students.

Most of them are criticized by society and even their parents turn their backs on them. Because of many different situations, they went astray and abandoned even themselves having no dreams and no hopes. I wanted to make them feel the love of Father God who embraces and leads us in any kind of situation.

Many of them were changed and sent text messages to me saying that they also want to be people who can help others. I felt rewarded and grateful! Some of their parents expressed their thanks in writing on our station's website, so I received official commendation.

In 2014, I have a happy testimony. I should have prepared for a test for promotion to be a police inspector, but for some personal reasons I could not adequately prepare. In the meantime, on January 3, 2014, I was told that I was included in the list of candidates for promotion for having shown outstanding performance. Many kinds of elements work in screening for promotion, so one may feel tense until the final step. I was also feeling nervous, and I wanted to receive help from others, but I decided to rely on God who is my perfect Supporter and I also received Dr. Lee's prayer on January 5. As a result, I passed the screening on January 10. Hallelujah!

All these things are by God's grace. When I tried to do something with my own ability in the past, everything was not easy. But I realized the love of God who wants to give us only good things. Then, I felt joyful and thankful to Him even when I couldn't achieve what I wanted. I just kept Dr. Lee's teaching telling us to seek the advantage of others as God said and I helped civil petitioners, but God blessed me to be promoted. I give all thanks and glory to God.

“God has let me achieve my dream”

My family registered in Manmin Central Church in 1991 when my three-year-old brother who often hung between life and death due to frequent convulsions, was healed of it by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. I entered Hanyang University and studied Korean history. After finishing my bachelor's and master's courses, I was enlisted as an Air Force officer at the age of 28. It was comparably late, so I prayed to get a job after the military service. I studied records management of history, so I wanted to be an archives and records manager which is a civil servant.

A records manager manages all the procedures of records producing and discarding. Its recruitment is different from the process of other civil servant open recruitment. It is because the jobs for civil servants for such research positions are opened irregularly and the number of employment slots is quite limited, so I had nothing I could do but pray.

For my Christian life, I wanted to work in Seoul. I prayed that the job would be opened at the right time when I was discharged from the Air Force. At the end of 2012, at the proper time, a job opening was posted to employ a records manager in Seoul. The final result was to be announced on June 28, 2013. It was when I would be discharged from the service. I thought it was the answer to my prayer and I felt like I already passed the test.

Unlike my expectation, however, I failed the final interview. I felt like someone took away what belonged

to me. Then, I started to complain and grumble. Nobody could say when the job would be opened, and I was not confident of studying for it again. I knew that I should rejoice and give thanks because I had listened to the Word of God. But when I was faced with such a problem, I couldn't find even a little faith in me.

But God gave me another opportunity. Another job opening for a records manager in the central agency was posted. I repented that I had complained and I hadn't believed God and started to prepare for the test. I had only a month until the test, so I couldn't help but to rely on God. On October 11 in 2013, I received Dr. Lee's prayer for the test. I passed the written exam and before the interview on November 17, 2013 I talked about it with Dr. Lee. He held my hand and said to me, "Receive the answer from God."

I was sure that I would pass the test, but I fasted and offered up vowed prayer with humbleness. And I waited for the result. On December 13, 2013, I finally was able to see my name on the list of the successful candidates. A civil servant can choose the agency he or she will work for according to the order of the test grades. I passed the test with the highest exam score and came to work in Seoul Central District Prosecutor's Office. I will learn many things here and become source of help to my church in establishing the system of maintaining records. I give all thanks and glory to God who has been leading my way in the best way.



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