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## “Count Your Blessings, See What God Has Done for You!”



God gives to all generously and without reproach, and this year He gave Manmin members many more things for more thanks and greater joy through the shepherd's works of re-creation. He protected them in the Lord's name, let them witness amazing works of the Holy Spirit, helped them renew their hearts, and filled their hearts with hope for Heaven. Let's give all thanks and glory to the God of love!

Thanksgiving is one of the three great feasts of the Bible, and 2014's Thanksgiving Sunday was celebrated on November 16. Throughout the year of 2014, God has blessed Manmin to reap abundant fruit.

In the Thanksgiving Sunday Service, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached the message entitled 'Power' taken from Matthew 16:13-16, and led Holy Communion during Evening Service. Both were broadcast live via GCN ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)). Manmin members offered up the deep aroma of love and thanksgiving to God who had protected and blessed them in the shepherd's power during the year.

Manmin members have enjoyed blessing exclusively given to them by

God through the shepherd's prayer. The blessing is for them to witness and experience the power of God the Creator and to live a happy Christian life with the hope for New Jerusalem.

Since the opening of the church a significantly large number of members have experienced the power of God through Senior Pastor Dr. Lee's prayer. Many women who had conceived children with a high risk of Down syndrome delivered healthy babies by his prayer. The gender of the fetus was changed according to their request. Many members also received the blessing of conception or of healing (related story on page 4).

Under God's protection, additionally, Manmin members were always kept

from all kinds of disasters, accidents, and diseases. Many members have remained healthy for the last 32 years without seeing a doctor even once. Even if they had car accidents by mistake on their part and their cars were totally destroyed, in God's care they weren't injured even a little.

More thankfully, many have grown in faith and have tried even harder than ever to achieve the heart of Christ Jesus and resemble God. That is, in the God-given rapid spiritual flow, pastors and members renewed their hearts, grew fast in spirit, and many of them had achieved the heart of spirit. By Easter 2014, the church had accomplished the standardization of spirit.

There is another reason they must give thanks for—they are part of the church which has been fulfilling and will continue to fulfill the providence of God. As a member of the church, each of them has accumulated rewards in Heaven by joining in preaching the holiness gospel to all the corners of the earth, through GCN's broadcasting ministry that covers over 170 countries, Urim Books' literary mission and book ministry, and World Christian Doctors Network that proves the powerful works of God based on medical data.

Above all else, many members enjoy blessings of everything going well and becoming healthy as their souls prosper.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

A hard-working farmer works diligently with expectation for abundant fruit. In any kind of works as well as farming, people work hard because they anticipate fruit from their efforts.

God repays us according to what we have sown and done; it's the law He established. Thus in the works of God we should bear fruit and we should be able to discern all things by its fruit. Let's look into true fruit that God desires in three aspects.

### First, it is the fruit of the heart with which you love God truly

Those who love God receive titles and dedicate themselves to their duties to pay back the grace and love they received. They try to hold their love for God that they had in the beginning.

But some people care for other things more than their love for God. Here, 'other things' does not only refer to the good things of the world. We must also check whether or not we consider our positions and fame in being the leader to be more important.

We also should check if we have worked thinking that at a minimum we have to fulfill such duties in leadership positions in order to go to New Jerusalem. Of course, we should

consider our duty very precious and also look forward to heavenly rewards. But, what God really wants from us, above all else, is our love for Him.

If we truly love God we will mind the unseen yet true things rather than just the things that are seen from the outside such as rewards or titles. We will also think about and pray about the reasons why we have been given the duty and what God wants from us through such a duty. We have to think and pray about what we should seek through our duty.

Then we will be able to receive the answer and that reason is that He wants our souls to prosper through the duty. He wants us to enlarge our heart vessels and increase our generosity and love. Most importantly, we can eventually become a man of whole spirit who resembles the Lord.

Accordingly, we should clearly understand what is primary and what is secondary and act accordingly. The primary point is that our souls should prosper. For our souls' prosperity, our flesh has to be put to death every day and spirit has to be renewed through the Spirit every day.

To 'die every day' is spiritual faithfulness. This spiritual faithfulness is more important than faithfulness for our duty itself. We can also bear the fruit of love in our hearts to truly love God through this spiritual faithfulness. Those who really love God will resemble God, become 'good' in His eyes, and share love with others.

Thus we need to look back upon whether or not we caused difficulties for others because we were more concerned about fulfilling our duty itself. We should check how much we look after others around us and how much we seek benefit for others. We must not offend others with words or hurt their feelings or make them stumble without knowing their hearts. We should not insist on our own opinion with our self-framework and righteousness and thus give hard time to others.

Moreover we mustn't say after troubling others, "I couldn't help it. It was to fulfill my duty." This just shows that we consider only the

outward title without knowing the will of God in giving us the duty. Furthermore, we can't bear the fruit of true love for God this way. Therefore, I urge you to bear the fruit in your heart of truly loving God.

### The second fruit is the fruit of blessing that you bear by receiving love from God

It is written in Romans 5:8 that God loved us first even when we were sinners. We didn't do anything to deserve the grace of salvation, but God first gave us His great love; He sacrificed His beloved Son to save us.

We didn't even know there was such great love, but God came to meet us first and forgave all our sins. We didn't have anything that was lovely in us, but God still gave us His great and amazing love. God loved us even when we didn't know Him and He gave us the blessing of salvation.

If we love this God who is full of love, then by extension, God will show us even greater love. To the extent that we bear the fruit of true love for God, we will receive God's love and bear the fruit of blessings. Moreover if we show the proof of our love by keeping His commandments, God will also give us blessing as the sign of His love for us.

For example, after we cast away a certain thing of the flesh with our love for God, the level of God's blessings on us will be completely different. We will be more prosperous and receive answers to our problems more quickly. Suppose you sowed 10 and harvested 15 with your labor in the past, but now you can even harvest 30 or 60 times what is sown. This is the fruit of blessing borne by receiving love from God.

In Manmin Central Church are many church workers who are dedicated to the kingdom of God with love for God. Some of them leave their house in the morning, visit other members, preach the gospel to people all day, and go back home in the evening. But at home they are busy preparing dinner for their family. After then they attend the Daniel Prayer Meeting.

Some others work hard during the

day, and during the short spare time after work, they visit other members and gather in cell services. Why wouldn't God want to bless such lovely members? If there are workers who give out the aroma of true love for God, He will certainly bless them abundantly.

### The third is the fruit of salvation of souls borne by your deeds of spiritual hearts

If we truly love God and receive His love, God who repays us according to what we've sown will send people to the groups or cells to which we belong. Then we will see revival.

Of course we still should try to let unbelieving people know God is our real Father with the heart of parents who look for lost children. We should make them know that God alone is the Father who gives us eternal life and true blessings. When they come, we have to prepare a spiritual resting place for them so that they can feel at home.

We have to embrace them with warm love so that their wounded hearts can be healed and their hardened hearts will be melted. To the extent that workers are well-prepared, God can work on the people. God gives them the Holy Spirit as a gift, renews their hearts, and leads them to salvation.

God wants us to become great vessels who can accept all kinds of people. He doesn't want us to cause hardship for others with our self-righteousness and frameworks. He wants us to save them with warm love and good deeds. God sends the souls to those workers who have prepared a spiritual resting place for them. Then they can see revival.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, God surely shows the evidences of His love to those who love Him. This promise is sure and never fails. You cannot bear true fruit just with your own diligence and effort. Only the fruit given by God is true and perfect. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will love God truly, receive His love, bear abundant blessings, and lead many souls to salvation.

## 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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# Trace of flesh and its conversion procedure

When we accept Jesus Christ and repent of our sins, we receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. As we then live by the Word of God, we can grow up in faith, stand on the rock of faith, and then become people of spirit. However, we still have traces of flesh that faintly remain though we have cast off every form of evil by fighting against it to the point of shedding blood (Hebrews 12:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

The traces are like the faint marks of use. However hard we clean it, a used product has traces of use whereas a new one has no trace of anything. In the same manner, all people hold such traces even after throwing away all evil because they have original sins they inherited, the fleshly knowledge and experience they stored in growth, and their personality and

temperament.

For instance, some people are brimming over with love but are inherently indecisive and have hard time making a decision. Others like to give to others, but they do it spontaneously as they are influenced by their mood. Still others are diligent and exemplary, but they appear to be a little cold and inflexible.

These are 'traces of flesh'. In order to be a great worker of God like fathers of faith in the Bible, we need to convert traces of flesh into spiritual traits and take advantage of them. Thus after we become men of spirit we have to undergo the process of transforming traces of flesh. Thereby we can achieve the heart of whole spirit and become partakers of the divine nature.

## Why do we have to be partakers of the divine nature?

2 Peter 1:3-4 explains the reasons why we have to become partakers of the divine nature after accepting Jesus Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit. This is because God wants those who used to live in sins, evil, and lust to be renewed by the power of the Spirit, change into people who resemble God, and to dwell in the shining glory like the sun in Heaven.

In 2 Peter 1:3-4 we find:

*"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).*

Continuing with verses 5-7, it tells us that the specific ways to take part in the divine nature are to possess spiritual faith, have spirit renewed by the Spirit in us, and fill ourselves with spiritual knowledge together with moral excellence. Furthermore, we have to apply self-control, perseverance, godliness, and brotherly kindness, and be filled with love saying:

*"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love" (2 Peter 1:5-7).*

Lastly, the verses 8-10 puts an emphasis on the reason why we have to increase these qualities and become partakers of the divine nature; it is because otherwise we might be useless and unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord. That is why God urges us to participate in the divine nature:

*"For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble" (2 Peter 1:8-10).*

## The trace of flesh and its conversion procedure

The procedure makes a trace of flesh melt in the divine nature and converts it into a spiritual trait

### ◆ Step 1: Fill the deficiency caused by the trace of flesh

1. **We need to fill the deficiency of love.** If one has received appropriate love while growing up, then he knows that rebuking and dismissing as well as forgiving and embracing can come from love. Meanwhile, if someone else lacks love, she doesn't know how to express her love properly and just continues to forgive and embrace others because she thinks it is love. Another person might always rebuke and reprimand others thinking it is love.

2. **We should fill the deficiency of spiritual knowledge.** The Word of God has yet to be completely cultivated in a person's heart though he has high level of knowledge of the Word. He considers that what he has realized and understood is all and is not able to comprehend a deeper level. However, the same spiritual knowledge can have an enormous range of use and methods of application depending on how much the user has cultivated the Word spiritually in the heart. Those who lack such knowledge of spirit apply the Word within their limits.

3. **We have to fill the deficiency of perfect goodness.** At this level we have no ill feelings whatsoever against an evildoer for what they may bring against us. Yet this is just the second level of goodness among the four levels of goodness, which means we need more to fulfill the requirement. For instance, sometimes we think we are practicing the truth, but we may give hard times to others. It means we lack perfect goodness. Suppose you are driving on a two-lane expressway with speed limit of 60km/hr and a

car behind you is flashing his lights at you. But to observe the law you just keep going just 60km with no consideration of the car. This is caused by deficiency of perfect goodness.

### ◆ Step 2: Fill the shortages caused by the trace of flesh

1. **We should fill shortage of love.** In forgiving and understanding others, we have to discern up to which point we have to. But being short of love, we can't do it well. In some cases we should understand and forgive within a certain limit while in other cases we should embrace beyond the limit. If we are short of love we can't discern such things. It hinders us from realizing deeper level of love in more detail.

2. **We should fill shortage of spiritual knowledge.** Of course at this level we can understand the heart of God more than people with the deficiencies. As aforementioned, the Word of God can be applied differently according to given situations and people. Thus, the same spiritual knowledge can have an enormous range of use and methods of application depending on how much the user has cultivated the Word spiritually in the heart. People short of spiritual knowledge may be able to apply a Bible verse in only 5 or 6 ways which could be otherwise applied in dozens of ways and different situations.

3. **We should fill shortage of goodness.** Suppose we are on the two-lane express way with speed limit of 60km/hr. We drive at 60km/h but a car is following flashing his lights. Sometimes we may consider the driver and drive faster, and other time we will not. We try our best to consider others, but we don't do it all the time. This is caused by shortage of perfect goodness.

## “I found no hope of living, but now I am happy in God’s blessing”

Deacon Insik Park,  
CEO of Urim E&C Cor., Muan Manmin Church



Deacon Insik Park with Deaconess Eunkyung Kim (wife), Sister Somang Park (daughter), Brother Kyungmin Park (son)

After graduating from elementary school, I moved to Seoul. I worked during the day and at night studied in a private academy for qualification tests for middle and high school graduation and passed them. Thereafter I moved to Gwangju and started working as a chef in a Chinese restaurant. In 1988 I got married. Not long after our marriage, my wife and I often argued because of personality differences. When I got drunk, I would beat my wife who was roughly talking back to me. Seeing myself behave like that, I thought, ‘It would be better if I die rather than live this way.’

In 1993, I began working as an electronic mechanic but I also began gambling. It brought me into huge debt. My wife attempted suicide by drinking glacial acetic acid when I drank alcohol, beat her, and even started gambling. Fortunately, she survived and was guided to New Gwangju Manmin Church in May 2003.

While going to church, she became healthy and happy. I also attended the church’s services a few times when I drove her to the church. While listening to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s message, I felt peaceful and happy. With a desire to be renewed, I started to lead a Christian life there in January 2004.

In the meantime, I skipped attending church on Sunday and went on a picnic with my mother. On the way we had a car accident. This incident helped me to keep the Lord’s Day wholly, and then I quit drinking and smoking and began working as a volunteer for the church. My new firefighting equipment business also went well.

But from 2008 there was deep recession in the construction industry in Jeonnam province, which also hit my business hard. I was in great debt again between 300 and 400 thousand dollars. Feeling distressed, I met my worldly friends again and returned to my old habits of drinking, meeting women, and gambling. I was wandering that way in the world for three months. One day I heard voice from my heart saying, “Don’t do that. Stop it. Stop!” Hearing the voice, I was awakened.

From January to April in 2009, I offered 3-day fasting prayer seven times and thoroughly repented. I sent my Senior Pastor my letter of repentance with my determination in it. In May, I met him and he gently smiled at me without a rebuke, saying, “Deacon Park, what you piled up has all collapsed.” But I just felt thankful to God for forgiving me and thought of the ways I could repay the love of Senior Pastor who interceded for me with tears.

In November 2010, I began attending Muan Manmin Church and I started to live by the Word of God in earnest and also worked hard. Then blessings came upon my business. I won a construction contract that profited us approximately 5.7 million dollars in 2013. It kept growing and received constant orders whereas other firms in this field tended to reduce the number of employees because of low demand.

In October 2013, I prayed for around an hour before going to work and I shed lots of tears in repentance. During prayer I engraved the love of God and the Lord who came to me and changed me, and the love of Senior Pastor who has raised me with the truth to turn over a new leaf. After this period of repentance, I stood on the rock of faith where we can always rejoice, pray unceasingly, and give thanks in any circumstance.

From the start of 2014, I read the Bible carefully in a good posture. However tired I was due to having worked all day, when I got home, I took a shower, changed into clean clothes, and read it in a good posture. I jotted down the Words telling us to do, not to do, to keep, and to throw away. I prayed to achieve the heart of spirit. I was blessed to realize the love of God and the Lord more deeply. I also gave offerings the best I was able to expand the kingdom of God. Then God poured amazing blessings upon my business.

The greatest blessing for me was that I achieved the heart of spirit and received His love and recognition as man of spirit. Now my family members pray together every day and we’ve become an exemplary happy family in my church. In the past I wanted to put an end to my life, but now life is worth living for me. I give all thanks and glory to God who blessed me to know the true value and happiness of life.

## “My daughter had a pretty daughter after a 7 year long wait”

Deaconess Haruko Sugiura, age76, Nagoya Manmin Church in Japan

My eldest son Masahiko Sugiura was born with brain damage. For his healing I served many kinds of idols. But there was no improvement. In the end I finally chose to go to church. It was at that time that Dr. Jaerock Lee held the Shinshu Province United Crusade in Iida, Japan in 1996. That was where I witnessed God’s powerful works.

By Dr. Lee’s prayer, the hearing-impaired recovered their hearing ability and the disabled came to walk. It was amazing. I was then convinced that my son would be healed, so I visited Korea to attend Manmin Central Church’s Special Revival Meeting with him the following year.

As years went by after the visit, my son’s state was improving. Now he can clap and sheds tears in praising. He is well-focused on worship services and gives offerings himself. He also becomes healthy enough to get a job. Now he is working happily. I feel so thankful for God’s touch on him.

My youngest daughter Hiromi Sato also received a great blessing. She didn’t have a baby although she had been married several years. So she went to a medical clinic for

infertility with her husband. I felt sorry for her so I offered fasting and vowed prayer for her to be able to become pregnant.

In February 2013, I prepared offering with my heart and asked Pastor Miyako Tokikuni to take it and my daughter’s picture and give it to Dr. Jaerock Lee when he went to visit Manmin Central Church in Seoul. I wanted my daughter to receive his prayer. Dr. Lee prayed for her on the picture and in May 2013 my daughter became pregnant. It was through Dr. Lee’s prayer transcending space and time.

In January 2014, my granddaughter was born by the power of God and brought a great joy to all members of my family. Hallelujah!

▼ Hiromi Sato (her daughter), Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor, Deaconess Haruko Sugiura, and Pastor Miyako Tokikuni of Nagoya Manmin Church (From left)



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