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“Do You Want to Know the Key to Living a Youthful Life?”

Elderly Members' Secrets to Living Young in Hope for Heaven

With advances in medical technology, life expectancy is heading for 100. People are increasingly interested in how to lead more active and happier lives in their old age. The ways to lead a happy life in advanced age are often presented in mass media. In Manmin Central Church there are many elderly members who have been leading healthy and Spirit-filled Christian lives with hope for Heaven.

Though he is 86 years old, Elder Jaesik Lee (Picture 2) has been serving faithfully as Principal of Students' Sunday School and Financial Director of Immanuel Choir in Gwangju Manmin Church. He greets others first and serves others well. He is gaining favor and respect from many of the church members. He is always promptly in the place where he has to be. He unceasingly prays and is very punctual to every meeting. He sets a great example for other believers.

Elder Lee said, “Once one starts to believe God, he should not change. I witnessed many powerful works manifested through Dr. Jaerock Lee and came to believe. With the belief, I have just obeyed. Although I just believed and obeyed, God has blessed me to lead a healthy life and to be able to work faithfully with hope for Heaven. I am happy and grateful.”

In Japan, Sister Miyako Simodaira, age 77, had many health problems (Picture 1). But she was healed of high blood pressure, anemia, and reflux gastritis. She had suffered from the after-effect of frostbite of her ten toes for 16 years. During the winter her toes bled so she couldn't even walk. But she was healed of it too. She also recovered good eyesight from 0.6 to 1.5 when she put Muan Sweet Water in her eyes instead of using eye drops.

She stated, “In obedience to the Word of God, I threw away the idols' altars, Kamidana, a miniature household altar, and golden dragon-shaped decorations. Then I received a lot of blessings. In fact, to have such idols is very common in Japan, but after I heard that it is idolatry God hates, I flatly threw all of them away.”

Since she has given the tithe, God has blessed her with great harvest in her farming. Sister Simodaira said



Those members who obey the Word of God and pray are enjoying peace and joy in heart and healthy lives even in advanced age, and they also work faithfully for the kingdom of God and lead happy Christian lives with hope for Heaven. (From right, clockwise, Elder Jaesik Lee, Senior Deaconess Jungsoon Lee, Deacon Woowon Ju (middle with glasses), and Sister Miyako Simodaira)

she feels thankful most for gaining assurance of salvation and hope for Heaven.

Senior Deaconess Jungsoon Lee (Picture 3), age 82, is also living a youthful life. For her 50 years of faith, her first love for the Lord has never cooled down.

When she was young, she offered up a golden ring to God and asked Him to give her faith like pure gold. For the last 33 years since the church opening, she has been devoted to praying for God's kingdom as the oldest member of Prayer Devotees' Group. Her love for souls is also great so she diligently spreads the gospel.

As her life has been filled with grace and joy in the Lord since she met the Lord, she has never taken medicine or gone to hospital.

What is her key to keeping her youth? She said it was prayer and Muan Sweet Water. She said, “I drink a cup of Muan Sweet Water every day and ask God in prayer to make all my organs and body parts including joints and cells healthy and strong, to keep me from losing my hair, and to let me have strong teeth until I stand before the Lord.”

Deacon Woowon Ju (Picture 4), age 85, longs for God's grace. Though he lives in Incheon, he comes to the central church in Seoul to attend Sunday Services. He watches Dr. Lee's messages on GCN and receives his prayer three or four times a day. He said it is his key to having a healthy life. Every morning he prays for the construction of the sanctuary and himself for an hour. He said a

great change that came to him after he started a Christian life is joy and peace in his heart.

It is said that many elderly people in the world live lonely lives with financial difficulties or they have diseases without family members' care. However, the God of love says in Proverbs 16:31, “A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness.” In the Lord, elderly people can lead healthy and peaceful lives with no worry and share love with brothers and sisters in Christ with hope for Heaven.

“Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary” (Isaiah 40:31).

Sun and Moon, Stand Still



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, ‘O sun, stand still at Gibeon, and O moon in the valley of Aijalon’” (Joshua 10:12-14).

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In order to achieve the work of God, it is important to practice the will of God. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 reads, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification.”

If you put aside your sanctification and just get involved only in the work of God, it cannot be perfect joy to God; it is like an empty vessel. But if you cleanse your heart and obey the will of God, you can bear abundant fruit and glorify God greatly.

Let’s look into how to discern the will of God through the incident with Gibeon people and what works can happen when we obey His will.

1. Lies of Gibeon to Have Peace Treaty

In the ninth chapter of Joshua, the Israelites conquered the city Ai, read the law of God before Mounts Ebal and Gerizim, and camped at Gilgal. They were there preparing for the next battle.

One day some strangers came to the camp of Israel and wanted to establish a covenant of peace with them. The Israelites were cautious of them and asked them a question. They said they were from a distant country and they came to establish a peace treaty upon hearing about the fame of the LORD God, what He had done in Egypt and how He let the Israelites conquer some of the people in Canaan.

Actually, God had commanded the people of Israel not to make any covenants with people in Canaan because of the fear that the Israelites might become stained by the sins that prevailed in Canaan (Exodus 34:15). But if people well distanced from

Canaan wanted to have peace with Israel and serve, God said it was OK to have peace with them.

These people who had come to see Joshua said that they had come from a far-off land, the bread they had brought was now dry and crumbling and their clothes, shoes, and wineskins were worn out. So, Joshua made the peace treaty with them without asking God or carefully examining the case (Joshua 9:14-15).

But, it was a huge mistake; they did not come from a distant place but they were Hivites, one of the seven tribes in Canaan. They were dwelling in Gibeon. Gibeon was not far from Israel’s camp at Gilgal. The dry bread and worn-out clothes were all false testimony. The Israel’s leaders were not able to discern their lies.

Three days later the Israelites came to know the truth that these people were the Hivites dwelling in Gibeon. The consequence was that they had to give the Hivites the lands of Gibeon, which they were supposed to have conquered. Although they were cheated by those people, since they made an oath before God, they couldn’t reverse it.

Because Israel had already made an oath before God, they let them live. Joshua made them common laborers, ‘hewers of wood’ and ‘drawers of water,’ for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD (Joshua 9:23).

2. Lessons to be learned from the incident with Gibeon

1) We should ask His will of God all the time

Though it was not intentional, as a consequence of making the peace treaty with people of Gibeon, Israel violated the command of God telling them ‘not to make any covenants with the people in Canaan’. If they had only asked the counsel of God, they wouldn’t have made this kind of mistake.

In our lives, in our businesses or in contract arrangements, some people may try to cheat us. However, in cases like this there are some people who let evil people cheat them and they believe them.

Therefore, the important thing is to discern the will of God by asking for His counsel through fervent prayers. If we have only goodness in our hearts and no greed, then we can receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This way we gain the wisdom of God and even when another person is trying to cheat

us, the Holy Spirit will let us realize it and teach us the way to avoid it.

2) We have to understand how important words that come from our lips are

Because of the incident with Gibeon, several hundred years after they had made the covenant with them, Israel had to go through a disaster. There was a famine that lasted for three years, and David prayed about it.

God said it was because the Israel violated the covenant they had made with the people of Gibeon. Namely, Saul, the first king of Israel, tried to destroy all people of Gibeon thus violating the covenant that Joshua had made with them. As a result there was a famine throughout Israel.

Finally, the famine stopped only after they killed seven descendants of Saul as requested by the people of Gibeon (2 Samuel 21:1-14). It is this way we know that one must take responsibility for the words from their lips or vows to God.

In Judges chapter 11, there is another person who caused himself such a great agony with the words from his lips. It was Jephthah. When he was about to fight against the sons of Ammon, he made a vow that if God would give him victory, he would offer as a burnt offering the first person who came out to receive him when he got back home.

When he came back home after the victory, his only daughter was first to come to receive him. She came out to meet her father with tambourines and with dancing. Jephthah made a careless vow to sacrifice a human life just to get what he wanted. But because of it he had to give his only daughter as a burnt offering. Had he broken his vow by not giving his daughter as a burnt offering, he would have been put into greater hardships and more difficult situations than losing his daughter, through the accusations of Satan.

The power of the word is that great; even death and life are in the power of the tongue. By understanding this, we should keep our words from our lips and say only things belonging to truth and goodness.

3. The miracle of the sun and moon standing still

Gibeon was a big city, and all its men were mighty. It was this city of Gibeon that entered into a peace treaty with Israel just to survive. This news shocked the other people in Canaan and made them tremble. Also, since

there was no opposition in the Gibeon area, the army of Israel could march on more quickly. So, because Gibeon was like a traitor in their sight, the five kings of the Amorites that dwelled around Gibeon formed an alliance and attacked Gibeon. Since the people of Gibeon couldn’t overcome the allied forces, they asked Israel for help.

When Gibeon asked for help, God said He was with Israel. So, they moved quickly overnight and launched a surprise attack against the Amorite kings. The allied armies of the Amorites were unable to retaliate and were defeated. They began to run away and Israel chased after them.

As the Amorites were running away from Gibeon and while they were on the descent of Beth-horon, large hail stones began to fall on them from heaven. Joshua 10:11 says, “... there were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.”

This of itself was something truly amazing, but they couldn’t just stand by in amazement. They had to chase after the remaining enemy force. If the night came, it would be easy for them to hide, so they had to quickly finish the battle while the sun was up. It was almost dusk, and they could see the moon in the eastern sky. At that moment, Joshua showed great faith to fulfill God’s command. He said, “O sun, stand still at Gibeon, and O moon in the valley of Aijalon.”

By relying on God who controls everything, Joshua commanded the sun and the moon in the sky to stand still, and God guaranteed his word (Joshua 10:13). With common human knowledge it is impossible for the sun and the moon to stand still but there is nothing impossible by the power of God the Almighty.

While the sun stood still, Joshua and Israel very quickly defeated the five kings of the Amorites and conquered the southern part of Canaan (Joshua 10:41-42).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, when Joshua used his own thoughts and put his own theory into practice, he was deceived and he made mistakes. But, when he sought the counsel of God and obeyed His will, he could even manifest the awesome work of stopping the sun and the moon. I pray in the name of the Lord you will see only the almighty God, discern His will, do everything with faith, and thereby be guided to prosperous ways all the time.

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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Act 1 Peter's Profession

Peter reminisced on his foolish past days: he said he would never deny Jesus, but denied 3 times with fear. And he thoroughly repented before the cross of Jesus, and finally he was crucified upside down.



Act 2 Mary Magdalene's Profession

Mary Magdalene felt like the world had ended when blameless Jesus was hung on the cross. But He was resurrected and appeared before her. The Lord asked her to spread the gospel of His resurrection, and she diligently delivered the joyous news to people and lived her life with hope and waiting for His return.



Martyrdom

2015 Easter Performance

During Friday All-night Service, on April 3 in 2015, Manmin Central Church had the Easter Performance "Martyrdom" in commemoration of Easter. It was organized by the Performing Arts Committee.

The performance was planned and organized based on God-given songs, and our church members themselves sang, danced, acted, and performed with musical instruments. Beautiful background images like oil paintings and flashbacks using semi-transparent curtains made the performance more excellent, giving rise to great emotional response from the audience.

The Lord did not hesitate to take the excruciating pains of the cross with love for us. The true meaning of His love was looked back upon by Apostle Peter, Mary Magdalene, Apostle Paul, and other disciples of the Lord. Here are pictorial sketches.

Act 3 Paul's Profession

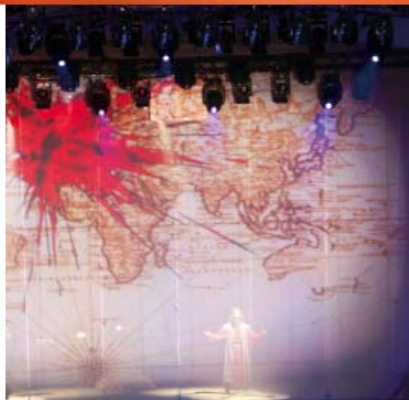
Apostle Paul offered up endless thanks to the Lord who came to him although he had persecuted Him and blessed him to take the way of martyrdom for the gospel.



Act 4 True Love (The Way of Martyrdom)



Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Paul praised the true love of the Lord who gave up everything to save us.



The disciples who witnessed the Lord's resurrection unsparingly offered up their lives and took the way of martyrdom to spread the gospel of His resurrection, and they were full of hope for meeting Him again. Their professions remind believers of the true meaning of love for the Lord.

In early 2013, I received mail concerning my medical check-up from the National Health Insurance Corporation. After the check-up, I was told that something must be wrong with my body. I talked about it to my youngest daughter, and she took me to hospital in a hurry, and let me undergo tests like gastroscopy, a blood test, and a lung scan. The result showed that I seemed to have lung cancer.

I again went to a bigger university hospital, and had a CT scan and bronchoscopy. The CT scan revealed nothing, but bronchoscopy result came out one month later in September and it showed that I had small cell lung cancer. It grows in the bronchus, and about 20% of lung cancer is this small cell lung cancer. Since it spreads quickly, if it is not treated at a proper time, the person is very likely to die.

My doctor expected me to survive only for about four months. I did not know about it at that time, though. The cancer cells were in a connecting part between my big bronchus tube and lung, and it was impossible for me to have surgery because of my old age. My children gathered together, and then told me that they were going to receive Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer with one mind.

I was surprised to hear about my disease, but I believed that I would be healed because I had witnessed many people healed of cancer. My children fasted and prayed earnestly, and they even offered up tithes that I had not given.

In October 2013, all my family—even with my unbelieving children went



Deaconess Youngnam Yang's family living in God's answers and blessings

“I Was Healed of Small Cell Lung Cancer and Paralytic Strabismus!”

Deaconess Youngnam Yang, age 79, Daejeon Manmin Church

to Central Church in Seoul to receive his prayer. I repented that I had disliked my daughter going to church so I had torn the Bible, and I had worshiped idols. Senior Pastor interceded for me and prayed that I had done so without knowing God and asked Him to forgive me. Amazingly, I was healed of cancer instantly. Hallelujah!

After experiencing the work of God, I became happy to lead a Christian life. In November 2014, I did a registration transfer of land that my

late husband had bought. But things did not go as well as I wanted. Then hatred and anger arose in me. I even lost my appetite in the anger and quickly became weaker and weaker.

I even lost seven kilograms so I could not walk by myself. In December, I had a pain from my left temple, ear, and to chin. My MRI scan showed I had trigeminal neuralgia accompanying facial paralysis and severe pain. Fortunately, I received Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin

World Guidance Pastor's prayer of handkerchief, and pain was gone and I was healed (Acts 19:11-12).

But later my hands were numb, and my soles burned with pain. In January 2015, my right eye was losing eyesight, and things looked overlapped and roads looked rugged. I fell down and got hurt several times. It was medically diagnosed as paralytic strabismus. I could not roll my eyeballs. My doctor said that there seemed to be a problem in my brain cells, and urged me to go to a university hospital.

I already have an experience of divine healing, so I prepared myself to receive the prayer. I repented that I had hated others and got angry while I was transferring the land's registration and that I had heard untruthful words that God prohibits.

In February, during Lunar New Year's holidays, I went to Seoul with my children and received the prayer. I felt strengthened and came to have joy. I became more assured of healing. At 8 P.M. on that day, my sixth daughter called me “Mom”. I looked at her. And she said my eyeballs were rolling well. My hands no longer felt numb, pain on the soles of my feet were gone, and I recovered appetite and strength and gained weight. On March 2, I had a MRI scan done again and it showed my brain and eyes were all normal! Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me so that I can live a healthy and happy life at this old age. Thank you for praying for me, Senior Pastor.

“I Was Kept from Having a Car Accident”

At dawn on March 4, 2015, I had a dream where I was on the way to work; my car stalled suddenly on the road and I was asking for help. After I woke up from the dream, I got in my car to go to work at 8:30 A.M. and received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for drivers. He had recorded his prayer for believers' safety in driving.

I received the prayer with my heart thinking of my dream, and turned off the player and listened to a Christian radio channel. It was around 9 A.M. and I was on the double lane. Suddenly my car stalled and stopped. It happened in reality as in my dream.

Two cars were coming, and I had to move. But my car refused to start again and the steering did not work. I was embarrassed, but soon my car started again and I could avoid a car accident. The road was a narrow and

bent slope, so drivers couldn't see other cars and it was an accident hazard area. I was about to be hit by a car but at the last moment my car started again thanks to Dr. Lee's prayer. I was so thankful to God.

I ran down the road around 200m and parked my car to buy some coffee. I turned off starting and left my car. But I heard some sound from my car. I thought it was not my car because I had turned it off. But as I came close to it, it was my car and from my car Senior Pastor's voice in his prayer for drivers was coming out! I was thrilled and felt God's love greatly.

The God of love let me feel Senior Pastor harboring me and praying for me even though I live in the U.K. that is far from South Korea. I felt the Lord's great love and made up my mind to spread the holiness gospel more earnestly as a missionary. Hallelujah!



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