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THE FIRSTFRUITS

In order to be a **living overcomer** we must **be kept by the Lord's grace from every defilement and pollution** and live on earth like virgins. In the eyes of the worldly people, it means little whether we go to the movies or not. But in the eyes of the saved ones, it is serious for me to go to a movie theater. If I did, I would be defiled. We must live a life of virginity, a life of chastity. The reason I neither smoke nor drink is that I do not want to be defiled. On occasion some brothers have offered me a drink of beer. But I have always refused. The Lord's mercy and grace have preserved me for more than fifty years. I will not sell myself so cheaply as to be contaminated by drinking beer. Although it may not be sinful to drink beer, I will not allow the drinking of beer to defile my virginity. But do not be legal about things like this... It is absolutely not a matter of legality; it is a matter of our desire to preserve ourselves as virgins for the Lord. **We all must say, "Lord Jesus, I love You. Because I love You, I will remain as a virgin for You. Lord, I don't want to be defiled or polluted by anything. Lord, I want to keep myself for You."** As a young man, I prayed this way day by day. How I thank the Lord that He has truly answered my prayer.

In my travels throughout the years, I have found myself in many different situations. In these situations there have been a great many temptations. But I can testify, even before the accuser, that the Lord's grace has preserved me. Although there have been television sets in many of the hotel rooms, the Lord can testify for me that not once did I turn on the television. It would not have been sinful for me to watch television, but I would have been defiled. As I was in my room, I said, "Lord, I don't want to be defiled. I want to be kept as a virgin for You. Lord, I did not come to this city for television but for Your testimony. I know the brothers and sisters cannot see what I am doing in my hotel room, but the demons can see." If I had turned on the television set, my testimony for the Lord Jesus would not have had impact. But because my conscience testified that I was not defiled and that I was kept as a virgin for the Lord Jesus, my speaking had an impact.

It is deplorable to make the Lord's salvation a matter of legality. **We should never say that we cannot do certain things because our church forbids us to do them. What a pitiful attitude!** With us **it is not a matter of legality but of a loving desire for the Lord.** We love the Lord Jesus and earnestly desire to be preserved as chaste virgins for Him... This is the way to be a living overcomer, one of the firstfruits.

You may be wondering about the difference between the overcomers in Revelation 12 and the overcomers in Revelation 14. In chapter 12 we have the man-child, and in chapter 14 we have the firstfruits. In the messages on chapter 12 we saw clearly that **the man-child is for fighting and defeating Satan.** Hence, the man-child deals with the enemy. **The firstfruits are not for fighting; they are for the satisfaction of God and the Lamb.** God and the Lamb need enjoyment. We, the living overcomers, will be the firstfruits to satisfy Their need for enjoyment...The enemy, the devil, in heaven must be cast down by the man-child, who will execute the Lord's judgment over him. This is the function of the man-child. But there is another need in the heavens—God must be satisfied. God is hungry and thirsty. He desires some firstfruits to taste for His satisfaction.

... The overcomers who have died throughout the centuries will be the man-child, the fighters. Although we who are living on earth must also fight against the enemy, there is no need to fight him all the time. After you have preached to Satan for a while, you should forget about him. The enemy is subtle. Once you begin to preach to him, he will attract you to preach to him constantly, saying, "My face has become very thick, and I have no sense of shame. I would like to hear you preach to me all the time." He would do this in order to distract you from loving the Lord. Therefore, after preaching to the devil for a period of time, you should say, "Devil, I have no more time to preach to you. Rather, I would use my time to tell my Lord how much I love Him. I want to remain with my Lord in a loving way. Satan, you are the Lord's enemy, and you are my enemy too. I have preached enough to you. Get away—now is the time for me to enjoy a honeymoon with my Lord." Learn this strategy. Do not preach to Satan for too long a time. After preaching for a certain period of time, you must stop and spend your time in loving the Lord, saying, **"Lord, I enjoy looking at You and talking to You. Lord, I want to satisfy You, to be one with You, and to stay in Your presence."** Learn to spend time loving the Lord Jesus in an intimate way. If you have never had such a time, you are short. **It is not adequate merely to be sinless. It is not sufficient simply to be good or right.** We must be in love with the Lord... We all need to fall in love with the Lord Jesus, telling Him, "O Lord Jesus, I love You, and You know that I love You. Because I love You, Lord, there are certain things that I will not do." This is the way to be a living overcomer. Although the Lord certainly needs the man-child to fight against His enemy, **He needs the firstfruits, His lovers, even more to be His satisfaction** (Excerpts from The Life-Study of Revelation, 2nd ed., Msg. 46).

*Go therefore and disciple
all the nations, baptizing them
into the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
~ Matt.28:19*

Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by Area – Aug 18
2. Church in Lloydminster Visitation – Aug 22
3. Brothers' Mtg – Aug 30
4. Church in Saskatoon Camping Invitation – Sept 18-20. Due date to sign up is Sept 6. Please contact Brother Hendrick for those who are interested to attend.

Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Lord, make us those who follow the Lamb wherever You may go and who are one with You, having Your name and the name of the Father. Save us from being defiled by earthly things that we would constantly enjoy and experience You.
2. Lord, we want to be those who satisfy You, those who are one with You, and those who stay in Your presence. Cause us to be serious in the matter of our maturity that we may be the firstfruits who satisfy Your heart.
3. Lord, You are and we are not. Make us like Enoch who walked with You upward. Continue to deal with us that we would learn to deny ourselves and everything that is of us and live according to You and with You.
4. We praise You as the *I am*, the verb *to be* who is everything to us. Save us from the vanities of life and bring us to the joy of having nothing, being nothing, and seeing nothing. We care for nothing but Your interest here on earth.
5. Cause us to be Your faithful and prudent slaves, ministering the word of life wherever we go. Empower us to be diligent in seeking the word that we may fulfill our obligation to minister food to one another.
6. Give us an attitude of one who serves – for we are neither qualified nor have the position and authority to lord it over others. You are our Master and we intend to wait on You. Strengthen us to be Your fellow workers.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for the Fall term of the Full-time training in London (FTTL). Please pray that the Lord will raise up many consecrated and trained young brothers and sisters who will cooperate fully with His present move to spread and build up His testimony in Europe.

Local Burdens

1. Pray for the finalization of the purchase of the meeting hall - [1550 Park St.](#) Please pray:
 - That all legal, financial, and practical matters be completed in peace, without hindrance, and in a timely manner leading up to the possession date of December 1, 2026.
 - For all the saints to be blessed abundantly and be faithful to give their offerings and pledges of \$100,000 by October 31, 2026.
 - For the strong financial support of \$250,000 and persistent prayers from all the saints in the local churches of Canada.
2. Pray for positive approval of the immigration papers of Liu/Qu, Aguador, Alforte and Gonzales families.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM