

Fellowship on the Collected Works of Witness Lee

Scripture Reading: Eph. 3:2-4, 8-9; 1 Tim 4:6; Titus 1:9; Matt. 24:45; Eph. 1:9-10

- I. **God's work depends on His speaking and our proclaiming—Psa. 33:9; Heb. 1:1-2:**
 - A. Through His word God's work has been able to advance on the earth throughout the ages—Heb. 1:1-2.
 - B. The Lord's recovery has been a recovery of truth, a recovery of God's word; God has commissioned us with His word and His truth in these last days—Col. 1:25; Eph.3:5-9; 1 Tim. 3:15.
 - C. During the past twenty years, eighty percent of the more than three hundred churches in the West have been raised up through the publications.
 - D. The churches in Southeast Asia have been able to maintain their spiritual life for the past thirty years, mainly through the publications of the Book Room; despite the fact that the co-workers frequently go to help the churches, their true, long-term help has come from the supply of the publications.
- II. **I encourage you to keep touching and keep seeing by reading the holy Word; eventually, you will become what you read—John 6:63; Rom. 15:16; Ezek. 3:1, 3; Rev. 10:9-10:**
 - A. If we have a clear view and know the Bible, the condition of today's Christianity, the truth, and the mercy given to us by God, we would spend our whole life being immersed and soaked in the truth—1 Tim. 4:6, 15-16; 1:4.
 - B. We should help the saints to build up a practice or a habit that every day they would spend at least thirty minutes in the Word—Acts 17:11-12; Matt. 4:4; 1 Pet. 2:2.
- III. **"If you lay these things before the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, being nourished with the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have closely followed" —1 Tim. 4:6:**
 - A. The words of the faith are the words of the full gospel concerning God's New Testament economy.
 - B. The words of the good teaching are the sweet words that contain and convey the riches of Christ to nourish, edify, and strengthen His believers; following them closely and being nourished with them, we shall then be able to feed others.
- IV. ***The Collected Works of Witness Lee* is a faithful preservation of the ministry that has been given by the Lord to His church for the growth and building up of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:11-12:**
 - A. In August 2018 *The Collected Works of Witness Lee* will be completed and made available in its entirety; this represents a monumental step in church history.
 - B. It is a fact of history in the Lord's recovery that any church which follows the ministry is strong and blessed; but those churches which neglect the ministry and try instead to do something on their own have become a failure; my burden is to produce groceries—Acts 2:42.
- V. **Possessing this set is a unique opportunity to preserve the priceless supply of the ministry with which the Lord has blessed His recovery through the speaking of the Spirit—Eph. 3:8-9:**
 - A. *The Collected Works of Witness Lee* with the comprehensive index will be an invaluable resource for use in personal study, in home meetings, and in the shepherding of the saints.
 - B. It's a lasting legacy of the truth for our children and generations to come.
 - C. There is such a need to have the prevailing home meetings, but the key is the preparation of a living message: (*CWWL*, 1986, vol. 1, p. 223)
 1. Go to the rich groceries, put them together to making a living message, short, brief, yet to the point; the key is your cooking.
 2. This would not be a hard thing if you have the heart to do it, because we have the groceries in all the messages of the ministry.

D. I want us to see the absolute necessity of preparing the right kind of reading material for different meetings; this is in the principle of distributing food according to the proper time; the advancement of the various kinds of meetings hinges on this very matter: (*CWWL*, 1986, vol. 2, p. 203)

1. Matthew 24:45 says that the faithful and prudent slave distributes food to God's children at the proper time; it does not mean merely to distribute food according to the seasons but to distribute different kinds of food according to the varying needs.
2. We need to spend an adequate amount of time to pray thoroughly, to observe the condition of the brothers and sisters, and to understand the need of all the homes and the groups; we need to know their conditions, and then we should search out the suitable material from our publications.

E. Our intention is to produce hardbound volumes of the New Testament Life-studies and give them as gifts to many seminaries, libraries, and church leaders; our burden is to make the truth available to all the Lord's children. (*CWWL*, 1984, vol. 1, p. 387).

VI. "I wish to live on this earth and witness with my own eyes the truth of the Lord not only being printed into books through our hands, but also being sent through us to every part of the world and prevailing in every place. I absolutely believe that this will hasten the Lord's return because it is through this that the Lord will prepare His bride." (*CWWL*, 1986, vol. 2, p. 460).