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By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality" (Colossians 3:23–25).

The Bible exhorts us to do everything "heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Colossians 3:23). The key thought here is to be a people of "Excellence with Integrity". To attain this standard, we should not be an average worker who does things just to get by or be men pleasers. We have to be "a cut above", by doing things from the heart and as unto the Lord.

THE LIGHT AND THE SALT OF THE EARTH

Jesus taught, "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house" (Matthew 5: 13-16). When you have integrity and excellence in what you do, you are the light and salt of the earth. That means, you are a testimony

of God's work of salvation in your life. What you do and your life style is appreciated and is a blessing to others. Many will glorify the God of your salvation.

WHAT IS INTEGRITY?

Integrity is simply moral uprightness. It relates to your character. God is interested in building your character. He wants you to be like Jesus.

1. We go the extra mile.

We do willingly, more than what is required, and we do it with the best of our ability and strength.

2. We keep our word.

Our yes, is yes and no, is no. When we make pledges or commitments, financial or otherwise, we keep them.

3. We give our employers their money's worth.

There is no cheating and no undercutting. Our bosses can trust us.

4. We live with enthusiasm, ever willing to obey, that we may be a witness of God's grace in our life.

GOD BLESSES EXCELLENCE WITH INTEGRITY AND NOT MEDIOCRITY.

Job is a wonderful example of a man of excellence with integrity. The Bible describes him as upright and God-fearing, one who shuns evil, and has moral character. Yet, he came under satan's attack. In Job chapter one, satan claimed that Job lacked integrity and feared God only because God has put a hedge round about him and blessed him. So God allowed Job to be tested by satan who destroyed his children, servants, livestock and home. Next, satan attacked Job physically, covering him with painful sores. But Job kept his integrity and proved himself and God blessed him and gave him back twice as much as he had before (Job 42:10).

The Bible says, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). King Solomon said, "Whatever

your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

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CHOOSE TO BE A WISE MASTER BUILDER

The apostle Paul teaches, "According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anvone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:10-16).

Therefore, let us be excellent in what we do and with integrity be wise master builders.

The wise master builder will observe the following:

- Jesus Christ is the foundation or the cornerstone, in whatever we build (Ephesians 2:20-22).
- What we build on will either endure or suffer loss when Jesus comes.
- Our works will be tested by fire.
- Be sure of your choice of material (gold, silver, precious stone or hay, wood or stubble).
- There are rewards for the wise master builder.

Jesus in His parable of the talents confirms it to be so. "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:21).

DANGERS TO WATCH

A wise master builder serves to please God and not man.

The Bible says, "Bondservants, obey your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God" (Colossians 3:22). We are to build, "Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Ephesians 6:6). There is integrity when we do it as unto the Lord.

A wise master builder serves with the fear of God and not the fear of man.

The greatest need today is the fear of God. The fear of man will make you obey man. Many are made to do wrong or sin because they fear man. Jesus says, "... do not be afraid of those who kill the body. After that, they have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear. Fear him who after he has killed, has the power to cast you into hell" (Luke 12:4-7). We should not fear man because man's power is limited. Man can only destroy the body and not the soul. Man can send us out of this world but not out of heaven. Man can separate us from this world but not eternal life. There is no moral integrity in the fear of man.

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WHY FEAR GOD?

The Bible teaches, "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7). Sparrows are common and

cheap. If God will remember them, He will take care of you. You are of more value to God than many sparrows! King David said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalms 111:10).

There is God's providence. The Bible says, "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?" (Matthew 6: 30-31).

God is all powerful. The Bible says, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

Our affliction has eternal weight

When you will not compromise, people will be upset with you and this often leads to afflictions. But be encouraged. The Bible says, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

God's grace is sufficient.

God promised Paul when he cried out to Him regarding his "thorn in the flesh". God said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9).

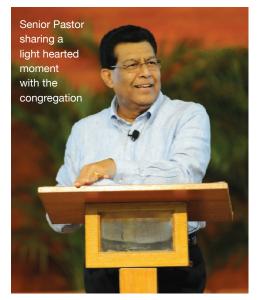
At the end of Joshua's life, he called the Israelites together and recounted how God delivered them from Egypt, led them through the wilderness under Moses' leadership and blessed and prospered them in the promised land. Joshua warned the Israelites that in the land of prosperity, their neighbours will tempt them to live like heathens. He exhorted them to "...fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth". He also urged them to put away all other gods, and only "serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:14).

Will you serve the Lord with excellence and with integrity, or will you follow your neighbours' idolatory? We are builders. Let us build on the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. +

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

DISCOVER, DEVELOP & DEPLOY YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

BY JOHN LIM



CDs and DVDs for these Open Sessions are available at the tape counter at all worship locations

Calvarites from different walks shared how they were blessed by the teaching. Here's what they said: -

Leslie Abraham —I was reminded that knowing does not mean doing! You may know the Holy Spirit, but are you depending on Him? Pray and call upon Him to fill you daily!

Leonella Gonzales — I realised that spiritual gifts are part of my divine inheritance. I should not be ignorant of them. I now desire to exercise more of my spiritual gifts as they help me to be ready for Jesus' return.

Annabelle Wong —I am encouraged in my walk with God as to how much Jesus has given to us when He went back to the Father.

Kenson Low — One thing that struck me was that the Holy Spirit does not have a name but He lifts up the name of Jesus! I believe we are called to do the same with all that we have, which are a gift from God.

David Lim —Thanks to Senior Pastor for pointing out how God would be bored if we

Calvarites were blessed with a spiritual treat through the systematic teaching of Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam on "Discover, Develop & Deploy Your Spiritual Gifts" in the recent School of Christian Growth (SCG) open sessions held on 3,10 and 17 August.

In the first session, Senior Pastor brought a holistic understanding on the purpose and benefits of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 1:12–2:1). Spiritual gifts refer to the supernatural manifestation by the Holy Spirit through believers. They are tools given to us by grace to continue the work of Jesus on earth. The nine gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 can be divided into 3 classifications viz. revelation gifts, communication gifts and ability gifts. Revelation gifts have to do with the message of wisdom, knowledge and the discernment of spirits.

In the second session, Senior Pastor gave some fresh, helpful insights on communication gifts viz. the gift of tongues, interpretation of tongues and prophecy. To illustrate his teaching on the interpretation of tongues, four individuals from different nationalities read portions of the Scripture in their native language which was later interpreted into English. The light-hearted, practical demonstration drove home the point: a long message in tongues can have a short interpretation and vice-versa!

Session 3 began with a wonderful time of worship where we witnessed the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation through messages in tongues and words of exhortation given.

Senior Pastor taught on the gifts of ability namely the gift of faith, the gift of healing and the gift of the working of miracles. He stressed that maturity is not based on gifts, but based on the fruits in one's life. The session ended with an apt reminder to pursue love and Christ-likeness above seeking spiritual gifts. -



kept speaking the same phrase with our new tongue! I am now learning to speak other phrases too!

Christina Lai — I am encouraged to discover my latent spiritual gifts and to continue to exercise my existing gifts effectively.

Augustine Yew — I recognized that speaking in tongues is a precious spiritual gift from God as it provides self edification, removes any inhibitions and encourages a greater intimacy when communicating with our Lord.

Joyce Lim — Senior Pastor's practical demonstration showed me very clearly the difference between interpretation

and translation of tongues. I had always wondered why a long message in tongues has a very short interpretation and vice versa.

Tan Wan Ling − I learnt that prophecy must be judged so that we will not be misled.

Elsie Leng — I used to brush aside the prompting of the Holy Spirit, thinking that it was my own intuition. Now I better understand the workings of the Holy Spirit and endeavour to be more sensitive to His leading.

Jerry Loon — The teaching on the gifts of faith, healing and miracles are enlightening and practical. The Bible references enforce the teaching which has taken me to a higher level of faith and belief.

CAMPORAMA X

- SPECIAL CAMP TO CELEBRATE ROYAL RANGERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY BY LISA TOH

On 9-13 July 2012, six Royal Rangers (RR) Commanders from Calvary Church, KL #1 represented RR Malaysia at Camporama X, the official 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the RR ministry worldwide as well as the tenth Camporama to be held in the United States. Camporama is a special camp where Rangers from all over the country gather together, every four years.

Held at the national Royal Rangers campsite, Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri, it was attended by 5,200 rangers and leaders from all over the United States and 163 international guests representing 28 countries.

The opening night ceremony included a birthday cake the size of a small car, honoring of RRs' former national commanders and a spectacular fireworks show. The next day, our very own Senior Commander Eddy Law represented Malaysia at the flag parade.

The entire camp was packed with an amazing range of activities to cater to all interests. Among the 75 plus activities that were held, there were things like blacksmithing, trapping, rifle shooting, hawk and knife, archery and a whole load more! We even had the chance to see a Black Hawk helicopter touch down in the camp! There were also many educational and interesting experiences for the Rangers including a museum which contains a vast collection of memorabilia spanning the 50 years of RR history.

Evening services were held at an outdoor amphitheater where campers would be seated on the hillside. Every service started off with a worship concert before National Director Doug Marsh ministered, sharing powerful truths with the campers:

• Adventure — There are things about yourself you will never discover until you go on an adventure with God, who wants to take you on the best adventure of your life, so depend on Him.

- Character From the account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, we were warned that taking shortcuts will never get us where God is leading us as God desires to build our character. When we are assured of God's love, we can face every battle - choices, challenges, temptations, with God's strength and power. We were also reminded that God's timing is always best!
- Task We are on task with God as we discover and develop our God-given abilities and are in synch with God's purpose, to strengthen and serve others. When we synchronize our dreams with God's purposes, great things begin to happen!

At the end of every service, the altars were flooded with Rangers coming forward to respond, to pray and be prayed for.

We have been greatly blessed being a part of this historic event and we look forward to a life of adventure, character and task with God! +





Clockwise from far left: Our Commanders: Samuel Ngeow, Chin Yoke Yee. Jason Tan & son Marcus. Jim Guneratnam, Eddy Law & Lisa Toh | Commander Sam learning about skins Responding to altar call | A view of the evening service







"Dan apa sahaja yang anda lakukan, melakukannya sepenuh hati, untuk Tuhan dan bukan untuk manusia, mengetahui bahawa dari Tuhan anda akan menerima bagian yang ditentukan bagimu sebagai upah kerana anda berkhidmat pada Kristus Tuhan. Tetapi dia yang melakukan salah akan dibalas apa yang telah dilakukan, dan tidak berat sebelah "(Kolose 3:23-25).

Alkitab memerintahkan kita supaya melakukan apa-apa "sepenuh hati, untuk Tuhan dan bukan untuk manusia" (Kolose 3:23). Pemikiran yang utama di sini ialah untuk menjadi orang yang "berkecemerlangan dengan integriti". Untuk mencapai piawaian ini, kita tidak harus menjadi pekerja yang biasa sahaja, yang melakukan semua perkara dengan sederhana atau hanya untuk memuaskan hati orang lain. Kita perlu menunjukkan kesungguhan lebih daripada orang lain, dengan ikhlas melakukan kerja-kerja seperti ibadah kepada Tuhan.

CAHAYA DAN GARAM DUNIA

Yesus mengajar, "Kamu adalah garam dunia. Jika garam itu menjadi tawar, dengan apakah ia diasinkan? Tidak ada lagi gunanya selain dibuang dan diinjak orang. Kamu adalah terang dunia. Kota yang terletak di atas gunung tidak mungkin tersembunyi. Lagi pula orang tidak menyalakan pelita lalu meletakkannya di bawah gantang, melainkan di atas kaki dian sehingga menerangi semua orang di dalam rumah itu. Demikianlah hendaknya terangmu bercahaya di depan orang, supaya mereka melihat perbuatanmu yang baik dan memuliakan Bapamu yang di syurga" (Matius 5: 13-16). Apabila anda mempunyai integriti dan kecemerlangan dalam apa yang anda lakukan, anda adalah cahaya dan garam dunia. Ini bermakna, anda adalah saksi kepada kerja keselamatan Tuhan dalam kehidupan anda. Apa yang anda lakukan, gaya hidup anda dihargai dan membawa berkat kepada orang lain. Ramai orang akan memuliakan Tuhan keselamatan anda.

APAKAH INTEGRITI?

Integriti ialah kejujuran bermoral sematamata. Ia berkaitan dengan keperibadian anda. Tuhan berminat memperkuatkan keperibadian anda. Dia ingin anda menjadi seperti Yesus.

1. Kita sanggup melakukan lebih daripada yang diperlukan.

Kita lakukan dengan sukarela, lebih daripada apa yang diperlukan, dan kita melakukannya dengan keupayaan dan kekuatan yang terbaik.

2. Kita mengotakan kata-kata kita

Sekira kita kata ya, itulah ya, dan tidak, itulah tidak. Apabila kita membuat perjanjian atau komitmen, kewangan atau sebaliknya, kita mengkotakan kata-kata itu.

3. Kita menghasilkan kerja yang setanding dengan nilai upah majikan.

Tidak terdapat penipuan dan perlakuan pintas dalam pekerjaan. Majikan boleh

mempercayai kita.

4. Kita hidup dengan penuh semangat, sentiasa bersedia untuk mentaati, supaya kita boleh menjadi saksi kepada kasih karunia Tuhan dalam kehidupan kita.

TUHAN MEMBERKATI KECEMERLANGAN DENGAN INTEGRITI DAN BUKANNYA **KELEKAAN**

Ayub adalah contoh yang mengagumkan bagi seorang lelaki yang berkecemerlangan dengan integriti. Alkitab menggambarkan ia seorang yang lurus dan bertaqwa, seorang yang membenci kejahatan, dan mempertahankan akhlak yang baik. Namun demikian ia diserang syaitan. Dalam Ayub bab 1, syaitan mendakwa bahawa Ayub kekurangan integriti dan berasa takut kepada Tuhan kerana Tuhan melindungi dan memberkati nya. Maka Tuhan membenarkan syaitan menguji Ayub dengan memusnahkan anak-anaknya, hamba-hambanya, ternakan dan rumahnya. Seterusnya, syaitan menyerang Ayub secara fizikal, dan menyerang tubuhnya dengan kudis yang menyakitkan. Tetapi Ayub menjaga integritinya dan tetap pendiriannya dan Tuhan memberkatinya dan mengembalikan dua kali ganda kepunyaannya sebelum ini (Ayub 42:10).

Alkitab mengatakan, "Dan apa sahaja yang anda lakukan, melakukannya sepenuh hati, seperti kepada Tuhan dan bukan kepada manusia, mengetahui bahawa dari Tuhan anda akan menerima bagian yang ditentukan bagimu sebagai upah kerana anda berkhidmat pada Kristus Tuhan" (Kolose 3:23-24). Raja Sulaiman berkata, "Segala sesuatu yang dijumpai tanganmu untuk dikerjakan, kerjakanlah itu sekuat tenaga, kerana tak ada pekerjaan, pertimbangan, pengetahuan dan hikmat dalam dunia orang mati, ke mana engkau akan pergi" (Pengkhotbah 9:10).

MEMILIH UNTUK MENJADI PAKAR PEMBINA YANG BIJAK

Rasul Paulus mengajar, "Sesuai dengan kasih karunia Tuhan, yang dianugerahkan kepadaku, aku sebagai seorang ahli bangunan yang cekap telah meletakkan dasar, dan orang lain membangun terus di atasnya. Tetapi tiap-tiap orang harus memperhatikan, bagaimana ia harus membangun di atasnya. Kerana tidak ada seorangpun yang dapat meletakkan dasar lain daripada dasar yang telah

diletakkan, iaitu Yesus Kristus. Entahkah orang membangun di atas dasar ini dengan emas, perak, batu permata, kayu, rumput kering atau jerami, sekali kelak pekerjaan masing-masing orang akan nampak. Kerana hari Tuhan akan menyatakan, sebab ia akan nampak dengan api dan bagaimana pekerjaan masing-masing orang akan diuji oleh api itu. Jika pekerjaan yang dibangun seseorang tahan uji, ia akan mendapat upah. Jika pekerjaannya terbakar, ia akan menderita kerugian, tetapi ia sendiri akan diselamatkan, tetapi seperti dari dalam api. Tidak tahukah kamu, bahawa kamu adalah bait Tuhan dan bahawa Roh Tuhan diam di dalam kamu?" (1 Korintus 3:10-16).

Oleh itu, marilah kita menjadi cemerlang dalam apa yang kita lakukan dan dengan integriti menjadi pakar pembina yang arif.

Pakar pembina yang arif akan mempertimbang perkara-perkara berikut:

- Yesus Kristus adalah dasar atau batu penjuru, dalam apa jua yang kita bina (Efesus 2:20-22).
- Apa yang kita bina akan bertahan atau mengalami kerugian apabila Yesus kembali.
- Kerja-kerja kita akan diuji dengan api.
- Pastikan pilihan bahan anda (emas, perak, batu permata atau rumput kering, kayu atau jerami).
- Terdapat ganjaran bagi pakar pembina yang arif.

Yesus dalam perumpamaanNya mengenai bakat mengesahkan demikian. "Maka kata tuannya itu kepadanya: Baik sekali perbuatanmu itu, hai hambaku yang baik dan setia; engkau telah setia dalam perkara kecil, aku akan memberikan kepadamu tanggung jawab dalam perkara yang besar. Masuklah dan turutlah dalam kebahagiaan tuanmu" (Matius 25:21).

BAHAYA-BAHAYA YANG PERLU DIAWASI

Seseorang pakar pembina yang arif berkhidmat untuk menyenangkan hati Tuhan dan bukan manusia.

Alkitab berkata, "Hai hamba-hamba, taatilah tuanmu yang di dunia ini dalam segala hal, jangan hanya di hadapan mereka saja untuk menyenangkan mereka, melainkan dengan tulus hati kerana takut akan Tuhan" (Kolose 3:22). Kita membina, "jangan hanya di hadapan mereka saja untuk menyenangkan hati orang, tetapi sebagai hamba-hamba Kristus yang dengan segenap hati melakukan kehendak Tuhan" (Efesus 6:06). Terdapatlah integriti apabila kita melakukan untuk Tuhan.

Seseorang pakar pembina yang arif berkhidmat dengan ketakutan akan Tuhan dan bukan ketakutan akan manusia.

Keperluan utama pada masa sekarang ialah ketakutan terhadap Tuhan. Ketakutan akan manusia akan membuat kamu mentaati manusia. Ramai orang melakukan kesalahan atau berdosa kerana mereka takut akan manusia. Yesus berkata, "... janganlah kamu takut terhadap mereka yang dapat membunuh tubuh dan kemudian tidak dapat berbuat apa-apa lagi. Aku akan menunjukkan kepada kamu siapakah yang harus kamu takuti. Takutilah Dia yang setelah membunuh, mempunyai kuasa untuk melemparkan orang ke dalam neraka." (Lukas 12:4-5). Kita tidak harus takut akan manusia kerana kuasa manusia terhad. Manusia hanya boleh memusnahkan badan dan bukan jiwa. Manusia boleh menghantar kita keluar dari dunia ini tetapi bukan dari syurga. Manusia dapat memisahkan kita dari dunia ini tetapi tidak daripada kehidupan yang abadi. Tiada integriti yang bermoral dalam ketakutan terhadap manusia.

MENGAPA TAKUT AKAN TUHAN?

Alkitab mengajar, "Bukankah burung pipit dijual lima ekor dua duit? Sungguhpun demikian tidak seekorpun daripadanya yang dilupakan Tuhan, bahkan rambut kepalamu pun terhitung semuanya. Kerana itu jangan takut, kerana kamu lebih berharga daripada banyak burung pipit" (Lukas 12:6-7). Burung pipit adalah biasa dan murah. Jika Tuhan akan mengingat mereka, Dia akan menjaga kamu. Anda adalah lebih bernilai kepada Tuhan daripada banyak burung pipit! Raja Daud berkata, "Permulaan hikmat adalah takut akan Tuhan" (Mazmur 111:10).

Terdapat pembekalan Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, "Jadi jika demikian Tuhan mendandani rumput di ladang, yang hari ini ada dan besok dibuang ke dalam api, tidakkah la akan terlebih lagi mendandani kamu, hai orang yang kurang percaya? Sebab itu janganlah

kamu kuatir dan berkata: Apakah yang akan kami makan? Apakah yang akan kami minum? Apakah yang akan kami pakai?" (Matius 6: 30-31).

Tuhan Maha Berkuasa. Alkitab mengatakan, "Bagi manusia" hal itu tidak mungkin, tetapi bukan demikian bagi Tuhan. Sebab segala sesuatu adalah mungkin bagi Tuhan" (Markus 10:27).

Penderitaan kita mempunyai kemuliaan yang kekal.

Apabila anda tidak bertolak ansur, orang lain akan berasa kecewa dengan anda dan ini sering membawa penderitaan. Tetapi jangan putus asa. Alkitab berkata, "Sebab penderitaan ringan yang sekarang ini, mengerjakan bagi kami kemuliaan kekal yang melebihi segala-segalanya, jauh lebih besar daripada penderitaan kami" (2 Korintus 4:17).

Kasih karunia Tuhan mencukupi Tuhan berjanji kepada Paulus ketika dia meravu kepadaNva dalam doa mengenai "duri dalam daging". Tuhan berkata, "cukuplah kasih karunia-Ku bagimu, sebab justru dalam kelemahanlah kuasa-Ku menjadi sempurna" (2 Korintus 12:9).

Pada akhir kehidupan Yosua, ia mengumpul semua orang Israel dan menceritakan bagaimana Tuhan telah menyelamatkan mereka dari Mesir, membawa mereka melalui hutan belantara di bawah kepimpinan Musa dan memberkati mereka supaya mereka menjadi makmur dalam tanah yang dijanjikan kepada mereka. Yosua memberi amaran kepada Israel bahawa dalam tanah kemakmuran, jiran mereka akan menggoda mereka supaya hidup seperti kafir. Ia memperingatkan mereka untuk "... takutlah akan Tuhan dan beribadahlah kepada-Nya dengan tulus ikhlas dan setia". Ia juga menggesa mereka menjauhkan diri dari lain-lain dewata, dan hanya "beribadahlah kepada Tuhan" (Yosua 24:14).

Adakah anda berkhidmat pada Tuhan dengan kecemerlangan dan berintegriti, atau anda akan mengikuti penyembahan dewa-dewa seperti jiran-jiran anda? Kita adalah pembina. Marilah kita bina atas dasar Tuhan Yesus Kristus. +

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Versi Terjemahan Baru.

SERVING THE IN CALVARY CHURCH

"Serving the Lord is a God given privilege to glorify Him with whatever gifts He's given you."

Calvary Church is blessed with a fine team of Calvarites who serve in the diverse ministries of the Church. They contribute towards the growth and spiritual health of Calvary Church through their ministries. Calvary News interviewed some of these Calvarites:

Datuk Han Joke Kwang, a civil engineer by profession is now a businessman. He has been mainly involved in Life Group (LG) Leadership. Presently he is involved in a number of CCC Committees. (Han was a Church Deacon from 1996 to 2008).

Chan Siew Eng is an office administrator. She became a LG leader in 2001 and gradually began leading more LGs. She was appointed as a LG Sectional Leader in 2011 and oversees five LGs.

Punnose Abraham is a senior lecturer with the University of Kuala Lumpur. He is a Carpenter's Workshop helper in Cheras Satellite. He teaches the children in class 1C.

Chin Ki Fen is a homemaker. She is a School of Christian Growth (SCG) teacher.

Chin Li Sha is a student. She is a Music & Creative Arts leader and she also leads a Youth LG.

They share about their motivation for serving the Lord and offer tips on ministry involvement. Let us be encouraged and inspired to serve the Lord!

Left to Right:
Datuk Han Joke
Kwang, Chan Siew
Eng, Punnose
Abraham, Chin Ki Fen,
Chin Li Sha

CN: What motivates you to serve or what do you enjoy most about serving?

Li Sha: Serving the Lord is a God given privilege to glorify Him with whatever gifts He's given you.

Han: The first thing to note about serving is not so much ability, but availability.

Siew Eng: Seeing the LG leaders and members growing spiritually, being transformed and starting to serve the Lord is very rewarding.

Ki Fen: I find joy in studying and meditating on God's word and count it a privilege to serve in the SCG ministry which is primarily building up the faith of the body of Christ.

Punnose: Children need Jesus! I realize that there is a great need for dedicated people to hold them by their hands and walk with them that extra mile to teach them about Jesus. I get motivated when they trust me to pray for them.

LORD











CN: Your advice to someone who would like to get involved in ministry in general.

Siew Eng: Firstly, stay close in your communion with God, and you will find strength and love to serve. Secondly, have a servant's heart, serving diligently and sacrificially for His glory.

Li Sha: Do not let your talents and gifts go to waste. Serve our Heavenly Father using them.

Punnose: This is a field where the harvest is ripe but the workers are few. Many do not realize this. It is a privilege to be a link in the life of that boy or girl who may one day be a missionary, or one who will achieve great glory for God.

Han: Let me pose a challenge instead. Get involved and see the Lord work in and through you as you grow and mature spiritually!

CN: Are you looking forward to the Church moving to CCC & why?

Han: Definitely. I have been privileged to be involved with the CCC Project right from the purchase of the land until now. We have seen God's wonderful hand through the journey thus far.

I want to experience the feeling of being in the Auditorium which I have seen being constructed.

Above all, I want to see the tagline "Impacting Nations, Transforming Lives" come into reality through the CCC.

Siew Eng: The Lord has taken us through a process of moulding to bring us together to be in one spirit, mind and heart, paving the way for us to bring CCC into completion.

Ki Fen: Yes, I am excited that our Church will be moving to the CCC soon. CCC is evidence of God's faithfulness and power. It has been a lesson of faith for me. "With Him nothing is impossible!" I want to be part of God's work.

Li Sha: Yes I am, because I trust God has greater and mighty things in store for the Church and the nation by bringing CCC come to pass. +

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honour and some for dishonour. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."

(2 Timothy 2: 20–21)



OUR GOD HEALS!

BY ANNA CHEW

In March 2012, I realized that I was bleeding. The next day I went to see the doctor and he told me I had cancer. Initially, I was stunned! After that I did not want to think about it. Somehow, I was not worried at all because in my heart, I knew that our Lord Jesus Christ can and would heal me.

I decided to go for treatment. Inside the treatment room, there were quite a lot of cancer patients. I could see from their faces, many are sad and quiet. I was able to smile, by God's grace. During the first week of treatment I prayed to God for healing. And during the second week, before I had my treatment, I would give thanks to God, every day.

By the third week, I was told by the doctor that there was no improvement. It seemed my condition was getting worse as the tumor was hardening. On the same day, my son Andy who is attending Calvary Church told me that a pastor from his church would be coming to pray for me at the hospital treatment room. (It was

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong who prayed with Anna that day). A few days later when I went back for the regular weekly checkup, I told the doctor I was healed. Upon hearing this, the doctor laughed. When the result came out, the doctor found the tumor had shrunk tremendously and it was almost gone.

Praise God for his mercy upon me. A month later, I went back for a follow up visit. There was no more trace of the tumor. The scan was completely clear. Praise the Lord for my miraculous healing from God.

About a month later, I called my sister in law who is in Penang to share about my miracle healing. She was at work and she turned on her speakerphone because her colleagues wanted to hear my testimony too. I told them how God had healed me and that the most important thing is to have faith in God. After hearing my testimony, my sister in law was ready to receive salvation and I led her into the sinner's prayer. •







Clockwise from left

Melvin Wong, Schrene Goh & baby Noelle Thea Wong Jae Le | Francis Lai & Yvonne Chow & baby Matthias Lai Quan Fong | Peh Choon Wee, Leong Mei Kien & baby Bella Peh Yi Xuen

THREE BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated three babies to the Lord on 1 July 2012 at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights. He together with Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. +

COURAGEOUS - A SPECIAL FAMILY MOVE Report contributed by Arthur Yeo & Ding Lai Hong

A special family movie event was organized by the Pastoral Life Group in early July 2012.

The action-packed police drama, entitled 'Courageous', is a powerful film about five men who are challenged to be godly fathers.

At its screening in Calvary Church Damansara Heights, Cheras & Damansara Perdana, 670 Calvarites and guests found themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they were challenged and inspired by the everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children, family and community.

As a follow through to the event, 62 men, 23 of whom are new to Life Groups, signed up for the bi-weekly Courageous Discussion Groups, hosted by the Men's LGs starting from 21 July-1 September 2012 at all the 3

church locations.

The aim of these discussion groups is to disciple men in the areas of right priorities, leaving a legacy, growing in faith and learning to love. Praise God for the enthusiasm and openness in the interaction among the men.

It is also hoped that the Lord will help the Men LGs who are hosting the small group discussion, to not only raise up courageous godly men, but to also pioneer two new Men LGs, as a result. +



Left: Pastor Richard encouraging congregation



Top and right: Listening intently to the sharing | Responding to the altar call after the movie

COURAGEOUS DISCUSSION GROUP Vital Principles **Imparted**

Hear from some of the men who were inspired to learn more after watching the movie.



Suresh Rahman, An Accountant

Watching the movie made me think so much about my role as father and a son that I signed up for the Men's Discussion Group which I felt was very helpful and insightful.

Ferdie Delos Santos, An IT Consultant

In Courageous Men's Discussion Groups, I found strong men sharing testimonies of their love and concern for their own families. As a bachelor preparing for marriage I thank God for a church that gives lessons about family and relationships.

Peter Daniel, A Businessman

The discussion was good. We see from a biblical perspective God's role for fathers as the head of the family.

Rory Wong, A Businessman

The movie Courageous and the Discussion Groups encourage me in my Men LG involvement to move forward and not sit back, to participate and build up, as together we sharpen our Christian values to do the work that God has placed in our hands.



"无论做什么,都要从心里做,像是给主做的,不是给人做的,因你们知道从主那里必得着基业为赏赐。你们所事奉的乃是主基督。那行不义的,必受不义的报应;主并不偏待人"(西3:23-25)。

圣经劝勉我们做每一件事"都要从心里做,像是给主做的,不是给人做的"(西3:23)。这里的关键思想是要作"卓越和诚信"的人。为了要达到这个标准,我们不应该是一个一般的工人,工作只是为了过活或取悦于人。我们一定要"高于一般的程度",要从心里做和像是给主做的。

世上的光与盐

耶稣教导说,"你们是世上的盐。盐若失了味,怎能叫它再咸呢?以后无用,不过丢在外面,被人践踏了。你们是世上的光。城造在山上,是不能隐藏的。人点灯,不放在斗底下,是放在灯台上,就照亮一家的人。你们的光也当这样照在人前,叫他们看见你们的好行为,便将荣耀归给你们在天上的父"

(太5: 13-16)。当你做事是有卓越和诚信的话,你就是世上的光和盐。这意味着,你是神在你生命中的救恩工作的见证。你所做的和你的生活方式被赞赏并且是他人的祝福。许多人会将荣耀归给你救恩的神。

什么是诚信?

诚信就是正直的道德。它涉及到你的性格。 神关注建立你的性格。他希望你能像耶稣。 1。我们多走一里路。

我们愿意做,比所需要的更多,并且我们尽 我们最好的能力和力量去做。

2。我们信守诺言。

我们说是就是,说不是就不是。当我们在财 务上或其他方面作出承诺或委身时,我们要 信守承诺。

3。我们为我们的雇主,提供与工资等值的工作事项

没有欺骗和削价与竞争者抢生意。我们的老

板可以信任我们。

4。我们热心地生活,总是愿意顺服, 使到我们可以成为神在我们生命里的恩典的 见证人。

上帝祝福卓越和诚信的人, 而不是平庸的人。

约伯是一个很好的例子,他是一个卓越与诚信的人。圣经描述他为人正直和敬畏上帝,远离恶事,并且有品德。然而,他受到撒旦的攻击。在约伯记第一章,撒但声称,约伯缺乏诚信和敬畏神是因为神在四面圈上篱笆围护他和赐福予他。所以上帝允许撒旦试验约伯,杀害他的孩子,仆人,牲畜和摧毁他的家。下一步,撒旦攻击约伯的身体,使他从脚掌到头顶长满毒疮。但是约伯保持他的诚信并证明了他自己和上帝祝福他,并赐给他的比他从前所有的加倍(伯42:10)。

圣经说,"无论做什么,都要从心里做,像是给主做的,不是给人做的, 因你们知道从主那里必得着基业为赏赐; 你们所事奉的乃是主基督。"(西3:23 - 24)。所罗门王说: "凡你手所当做的事,要尽力去做,因为在你所必去的阴间,没有工作,没有谋算,没有知识,也没有智慧"(传9:10)。

选择做一个聪明的工头

使徒保罗教导说,"我照神所给我的恩赐,好像一个聪明的工头,立好了根基,有别人在上面建造,只是各人要谨慎怎样在上面建造。因为那已经立好的根基就是耶稣基督,此外没有人能立别的根基。若有人用金、银、宝石、草木、禾秸在这根基上建将它是不是,这火要试验各人的工程必然显露,因为那日子是将的工程必然是,这火要试验各人的工程之极,这火要试验各人的工程者被烧了,他就要得赏赐;人的工程若被烧了,他就要得赏赐;人的工程若被烧了,他就要得过的一样。岂不知你们是神的殿,神的灵住在你们里头吗?"

(林前3:10-16)

因此, 让我们所做的都是以卓越和诚信的 心去做, 做一个聪明的工头

一个聪明的工头会遵守以下所说:

- 无论我们建造什么,耶稣基督是根基或房 角石(弗2:20-22)。
- 当耶稣再来时,我们在根基上建造的工程 将保存得住或遭受损毁。
- 我们的工程将被火试验。
- 要确保你选择的材料(金,银,宝石或草木、禾秸)。
- 聪明的工头就要得赏赐。

耶稣在他按才干分银子的比喻里证实这点。"主人说:'好!你这又良善又忠心的仆人,你在不多的事上有忠心,我要把许多事派你管理;可以进来享受你主人的快乐。'"(太25:21)

要提防的危险

一个聪明的工头的事奉是为了讨神的喜悦, 而不是讨人的喜悦。

圣经说: "你们作仆人的,要凡事听从你们肉身的主人,不要只在眼前事奉,像是讨人喜欢的,总要存心诚实敬畏主" (西3:22)。我们的建造, "不要只在眼前事奉,像是讨人喜欢的,要像基督的仆人,从心里遵行神的旨意" (弗6:6)。当我们这样做像是给主做时,就有诚信。

一个聪明的工头是以敬畏神的心,而不是害怕人的心事奉。

今天最需要的是对神的敬畏。害怕人的将使你服从人。许多人犯错或犯罪,因为他们害怕人。耶稣说:"...那杀身体以后不能再做什么的,不要怕他们。我要指示你们当怕的是谁,当怕那杀了以后又有权柄丢在地狱里的"(路12:4-7)。我们不应该害怕人,因为人的权柄是有限的。人只能破坏身体,而不是灵魂。人可以使我们离开这个世界,但不能使我们离开天堂。人可以把我们和这个世界分开,但不能把我们和永生分开。害怕人的没有道德诚信。

为什么要敬畏神?

全经教导说,"五个麻雀不是卖二分银子吗?但在神面前,一个也不忘记;就是你们的头发,也都被数过了。不要惧怕,你们比许多麻雀还贵重!"(路12:6-7)。麻雀是常见和廉价的。如果神会记念他们,他必会眷顾你。对神来说你比许多麻雀还贵重!大卫王说,"敬畏耶和华是智慧的开端"(诗篇111:10)。

2 有上帝的护理。 圣经说,"你们这小信的人哪!野地里的草今天还在,明天就丢在炉里,神还给它

说: '吃什么?喝什么?穿什么?'

这样的妆饰, 何况你们呢! 所以, 不要忧虑



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Pastor Ho Hoi San

was the Roman Tam of Malaysia in the eighties. - The Transformed Singer

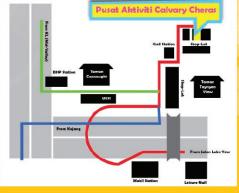
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(太6: 30-31)。

神是全能的。

圣经说, "在人是不能,在神却不然, 因为神凡事都能" (可10:27)。

我们的苦楚,有极重无比永远的荣耀。 当你决不妥协时,别人会不高兴,这往 往导致苦楚。但是要受到鼓励。圣经说, 我们这至暂至轻的苦楚, 要为我们成就极重 无比永远的荣耀"(林后4:17)。

神的恩典是够用的

当保罗对加在他"肉体上的一根刺"向 神呼求时,神应许他。神说,"我的恩典够 你用的, 因为我的能力是在人的软弱上显得 完全" (林后12:9)。

在约书亚的生命快走到尽头时, 他召集以色 列人在一起, 讲述了神怎样的将他们从埃 及, 在摩西的领导下带领他们经过旷野和在 应许之地祝福他们并使他们兴旺。约书亚警 告以色列人, 在昌盛繁荣的土地上, 他们的 邻舍会诱使他们过像异教徒一般的生活。他 告诫他们"要敬畏耶和华,诚心实意地事奉 他"。他还劝勉他们要除掉所有其他的神, 只单单"事奉耶和华"(书24:14)。

你会以卓越和诚信的心事奉主呢, 或是会 跟随你的邻舍去拜偶像?我们是建造者。让 我们在主耶稣基督的根基上建造。 ◆

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

九月份 (中文聚会 与中文布道会联合)

申请浸礼及会籍 浸礼及会籍课程

日期: 8-9-12 (六) 时间: 下午一点半

浸礼聚会

日期: 9-9-12 (日) 时间: 上午十点半 地点:加略山教会(大堂) 120 12

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Damansara Heights

SUNDAY 8.00AM/ 10.30AM

Damansara Heights

SUNDAY 5.00 PM

Cheras

SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Damansara Perdana

SUNDAY 10.30 AM

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Holy Communion



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam Associate Pastor Peter Ong Associate Pastor Richard Yun

Associate Pastor Richard Yun

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Associate Pastor Timothy Ong



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

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Associate Pastor David Seah Associate Pastor Richard Yun Associate Pastor Timothy Ong Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

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Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

Associate Pastor David Seah Associate Pastor David Seah

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Associate Pastor Richard Yun

Associate Pastor Raymond Yong Associate Pastor Steven Kum Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Connect Meeting 28 September 2012 Friday, 7.30pm

Update on the CCC

Refreshments served after the meeting

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship SUNDAY, 12.30PM Combined with Bahasa Malaysia Praise Concert

Chinese
Fellowship
SUNDAY, 5PM
Combined with Chinese
Evangelistic Event at PACC

Water Baptism and Membership Class

8 September 2012 Saturday, 1.30pm

Water Baptism Service

9 September 2012 Sunday, 10.30am

NEXT WATER BAPTISM

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CALVARY LIFE GROUP CONFERENCE (CLGC) 2012

"Empowered To Transform!"

7th September, Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm Calvary Church Damansara Heights All Are Welcome! 8th September, Saturday 8.00am – 1.00pm Calvary Church Damansara Heights By Invitation — LG Leaders, Hosts & Potential Leaders



Speaker: Rev. Ong Sek Leang, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God Malaysia

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Up Close and Personal with Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

8th September, Saturday

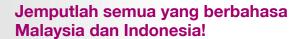


"Kaulah Segalanya Bagiku!" Sebuah Konsert Pujian

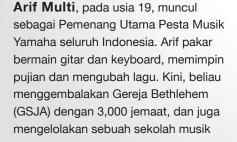
"You are my all in all"
A Praise Concert

29 Sept 2012, Sabtu 5.00pm 30 Sept 2012, Ahad 2.00pm

Gereja Calvary Damansara Heights, Kuala Lumpur



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dengan ratusan pelajar. Pelayanan musik dan khotbahnya, baik di dalam dan di luar negara, sering mendemonstrasikan kasih Tuhan yang menjamah ramai jiwa. Musik beliau sentiasa mendapat sambutan hangat, dari yang muda ataupun yang berusia. Beliau telah berumahtangga dan dikaruniakan dua orang puteri.







CARNIVAL PRAISE REPORTS

Carvary Carnival 2012 was certainly a
Carnival to remember for many reasons.

It lived up to its billing to be bigger and better. Calvarites involved in one way or another experienced God's abounding love, goodness and faithfulness. Tangible results of the Carnival are significant, and its spiritual impact lasts for eternity!

Peggy Low blessed with an overseas company incentive trip!

I was busy giving my time and effort coordinating and organizing the Carnival. I did not fully concentrate on my business. Yet I was blessed with an incentive trip to Taiwan which I enjoyed tremendously.

I am encouraged by God rewarding me with the trip! +





How much did the Calvary Carnival 2012 raise for the building of the Calvary Convention Centre?

A net amount of **RM607,000.00**! Praise the Lord!

Through Calvary Carnivals 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2012, a total net amount of RM 2million was raised for the construction of the CCC.

All Glory Be To God

W.L.Tan praises and thanks God for opportunity to serve in Carnival

After many years of being a Sunday Christian, my first involvement in Church ministry was to serve in the Calvary Carnival in 2008. In the same year, I passed my final paper in my professional examinations after a few attempts.

I served again in the next Carnival, the following year, in 2009. In the same year, the Lord blessed me with a new job which comes with a good pay increment.

In the 2012 Carnival, I hope to be more actively involved but because of work commitment, only managed to help in a stall. The following Tuesday after the Carnival, I received a job promotion!

Praise and thank God for providing opportunities to serve in Calvary Carnivals. They are open doors for God to bless me. With the blessings received, I am much encouraged to continue to give more towards the Calvary Convention Centre building project!

Jeannie Low experienced the reality and empowerment of the Lord!

The weeks leading up to the Calvary Carnival was a trying and tiring period for me. I had to juggle between my work and the final preparations for the carnival!

Despite the challenges, God provided me with supportive team members to help in the Publicity committee. For instance, all the stage performers, both Calvarites and non-Calvarites were willing and happy to be involved, despite their busy schedules. Praise God for the fun we had and the many new friendships forged as a result of our participation.

As I availed myself to serve, the Lord showed His favour, wisdom and goodness in ways beyond what I could have ever imagined! He gave me great favour in my current work and various projects I am now involved in.

The Lord encouraged me to say "Yes" to serve in the Carnival Committee through this Scripture, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

I am so glad I said "Yes" to serve in the Carnival Committee. The truth and reality of this Scripture rings through and through in my heart. It is a privilege to serve the Lord. Thank you Lord!



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