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## Senior Pastor's Message

March 2024

With warmest greetings to each of you in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the month of March 2024, we will need to apply diligence to press on. Sure, God equips us with His power, but for our part, we must apply diligence. In 2 Peter 1:3, Peter wrote that God's **'divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness'** (NIV). That is, we are equipped with the power of God when we first believed. Do you understand and truly believe that statement by Peter applies to your life right now? When our daily lives are infused with God's divine power, our relationship with the Lord increases in godliness.

Peter further wrote in 2 Peter 1:4 that **'through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires'** (NIV). These are sure guarantees given by God. His very nature, His very character is at stake in these words. The same verse is written beautifully in The Contemporary English Version as such: **'God made great and marvelous promises, so that His nature would become part of us. Then we could escape our evil desires and the corrupt influences of this world.'** We are surrounded by evil and corruption. We cannot escape from such pervasive corruption unless we have armoured ourselves in the truth of God.

Peter next focuses on what we must supply to achieve the goal of a godly life, to build inner fortitude. He said, **'for this very reason, make every effort ...'** (2 Peter 1:5, NIV). The Greek term for **'make every effort'** (diligence) used here means to make haste, to be eager. God equips us with power, but for our part we must apply diligence. Diligence serves as a catalyst to effect God's power to bring change. That is, diligence transforms theory into reality.

I want to talk to us about applying diligence to four godly habits of a disciple. I would like to spend more time on the first, Time with God's Word and on the fourth, Giving.

### 1. Time with God's Word

John 8:31-32

**<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"** (NKJV).

**There are two common drives that emerge when people meet Jesus:**

- We are driven to GET CLOSE TO HIM.
- We are driven to GET BUSY FOR HIM.

When we first come to Christ, we pursue intimacy and communion with God. Over time, the focus shifts to building the breadth of our life, that is, the skills and competencies and thereby we neglect to cultivate the depth of our life.

In the narratives on Martha and Mary from Luke 10:38-42, we see the life dynamics of

both of them. Martha sought approval for who she is and what she does on her terms and it offers her no power. She performs from a driven spirit. Mary, on the other hand, sought a relationship with Christ and it offers her unlimited power. She serves from a response to grace.

Martha wants to impress Jesus and she attempts to perform for Him. Mary determines she must first be served by Jesus before she attempts to serve Him. Be a Mary-Martha, not a Martha-Mary!

**Questions:** Evaluate the foundation upon which your life is built. Is your drivenness in life, work, leadership and ministry motivated by guilt? Is it a response to grace? Who and where is the source of your power?

**Define where your problem lies:** Is your life, work, leadership and ministry a performance or a service? What is the difference?

### **Performance**

Works done out of human OBLIGATION, contrived from human strength in order to gain the approval of someone.

### **Service**

They are done out of an experience of GRACE. It is a loving response to a new identity in order to say thank you to God.

- a. Our life, work, leadership and ministry must move from PERFORMANCE to SERVICE.
- b. We must pursue COMMUNION before COMPETENCE.

- c. We cannot be GRACE-GIVERS until we are GRACE-RECEIVERS.

### **Our Prescription: How do we return to a “grace-filled lifestyle”?**

- a. Our “Mary” experience should precede our “Martha” experience.
- b. Our competence should come from our communion with God.
- c. We must find a balanced rhythm of being and doing.
- d. We must believe and embrace the following “grace” foundations:
  - God’s grace is MINE for free because it is based on Jesus’ performance, not on my performance (Eph 2:8).
  - God does not love me and SAVE me for what I can do for Him.
  - God’s grace accepts me JUST AS I AM, then ENABLES me to live above my own ability.
  - The only requirement for receiving grace is HUMILITY (James 4:6).
  - Ministry is greater under grace because GRATITUDE not GUILT, is the motivation.

God’s Word is the fuel for a consistent lifestyle. The Word of God and prayer are powerful change agent to deal with our hearts.

Questions: Do you want to take delight in God’s Word? Do you make time in your busy schedules to read and study God’s Word? Who is God to us? Is He merely an object of worship? Are you in a love relationship with Him?

## 2. Prayer

Prayer has been grossly neglected in our Christian life. We impart knowledge and we develop ministry skills. But the cultivation of a consecrated piety through a deep prayer life is often sorely overlooked in disciple-making. We are producing disciples who are exceedingly busy in ministry but weak in prayer.

Spurgeon: Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.

John 15:7-8

**If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it ... in this way you become My disciples** (GNB).

## 3. Fellowship

John 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> **“And so I am giving a new commandment to you now—love each other just as much as I love you. <sup>35</sup> Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are My disciples”** (TLB).

## 4. Giving

Luke 14:33

**So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not [carefully consider the cost and then for My sake] give up all his own possessions** (AMP).

Tithing is simply the indication that this is true in our lives. If you are not willing to give 10% of what you have, how will you be willing to give 'ALL'?

Deut 14:23 (TLB)

... the purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. If you really believe that all you have is the blessing and provision from God, then tithing IS NOT about you giving 10% to God, but acknowledging that God allows you to use 90% of His money.

Our stewardship is constantly being tested by the Lord. Stewardship is our ability to manage the things God has entrusted to us. God's pattern of testing has never changed: our faithfulness will be tested by the way we handle the pre-designated 'token of stewardship.'

For example, Adam's stewardship was tested: he could eat the fruits of all trees except from one particular tree (The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the token of Adam's stewardship).

Joseph's stewardship was also tested: he had the freedom to do everything except to touch Potiphar's wife! (That was the token of his stewardship).

God's pre-designated test of our stewardship: The tithe (Mal 3:8-10). The tithe is the token of a Christian's stewardship. Some Christians would disagree that the paying of tithes is Old Testament legalism.

The fact is that the tithe was not given in response to the Mosaic Law (Lev 27:30-33). Tithe-giving was already the norm for those who were faithful in their stewardship, long before the laws were instituted (Gen 14:18-20). Because Abraham was found faithful in his

stewardship, God gave wealth into his hands (Gen 24:1).

Because Jacob was found faithful in his stewardship, God gave wealth into his hands (Gen 28:20-22; Gen 33:11).

So the tithe has nothing to do with the law. The tithe has to do with our stewardship-token before the Lord.

In Malachi 3:10, we can see four things here:

- a. Our tithe must go to the place we are fed – the ‘storehouse’
- b. God tells us to put Him to the test (the only time permitted)
- c. Our tithe opens the windows of heaven
- d. God will rebuke Satan and break the curse of poverty on our behalf

Therefore, tithing is not a biblical option, it is A COMMAND.

With the LORD helping us, may we add diligence to practise the four godly habits as Christ’s disciples in March 2024 and onward. Living as Christ’s disciples is NOT an optional extra, but the NORMAL Christian commitment which Jesus expects from all His followers. A true disciple realizes and accepts that Jesus rightly deserves to be the Lord of his/her whole life (John 13:13).

Theme for 2024 : **A Year of Revival Breakthrough** (CBC 50th Anniversary)

Key Verses:

Habakkuk 3:2 Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.  
Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

Joel 2:28-29 And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

MARCH									
Date	Remark	Sermon Title	Scripture Passage	SEA Park 9am	Subang 10am	Puchong 10am	Kota D'sara 9am	KK 10am	Kinrara 11am
3	Holy Communion	Authority - A call to respond to authority in a God-honoring way.	Selected Scriptures	Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Pr Leon Lim	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Deacon Laric Cheong	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim
10		Kingdom Priority & Mentality – A message on how to flow with the vision of CBC	Mark 16:15-20	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Deacon Marcus Tan	Elder Chan Chew Meng	Pr Lim Soon Hock	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Pr Ivan Mohan
17		Thanksgiving – A call to a life of faithfulness and perseverance.	1 Thess 5:16-18, Heb 12:28 & other selected scriptures	Elder Tan Beng Teong	Bro Soo Mun Keong	Pr Koe Choon Huan	Pr Malcolm Atkinson	Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Pr Ivan Mohan
24		Holiness – A call to becoming a holy people.	1 Peter 1:15-16	Pr Gordon Shum	Sn Pastor Reynold Lim	Dr Eddie Phun	Pr Guy Rozario	Sis Patricia Toh	Pr Ivan Mohan
31	EASTER	Be Confident of the Resurrection.	1 Cor 15:3-4, 12-23	Deacon Danny Lee	Elder Phua Cheng Khan	Elder Dr Ong See Lian	Pr Yong Zhen Kheng	Pr Emeritus Richard Toh	Elder Tan Beng Teong



## We are a Cell Church which is / 我们是细胞小组教会，以下述为重

- Bible - based
- Christ - centered
- Spirit - filled
- Family - focused
- Mission - involved
- 圣经为根基
- 基督为中心
- 被圣灵充满
- 家庭为焦点
- 投身于宣教

## Our Vision / 教会异象

A passionate community of Christ's disciples committed to the Greatest Commandment fulfilling the Great Commission.

建立一个热切委身於大诫命以完成大使命的基督门徒群体。

## English Celebrations

SEA Park	9.00am ( Sunday )
Subang	10.00am ( Sunday )
Puchong	10.00am ( Sunday )
Kota Damansara	9.00am ( Sunday )
Kota Kemuning	10.00am ( Sunday )
Sibu	7.00pm ( Saturday )

### 英文堂会

东南亚花园	早上 9时	( 星期日 )
首邦	早上10时	( 星期日 )
蒲种	早上10时	( 星期日 )
哥打白沙罗	早上 9时	( 星期日 )
甘文宁镇	早上10时	( 星期日 )
诗巫	下午 7时	( 星期六 )

## Tamil Celebrations

Kinrara	11.00am ( Sunday )
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### 淡米尔堂会

金銮镇	早上11时 ( 星期日 )
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## Chinese Celebrations

SEA Park, Mandarin	11.30am ( Sunday )
SEA Park, Cantonese	9.00am ( Sunday )
Puchong, Mandarin	10.00am ( Sunday )
Kota Damansara, Mandarin	11.30am ( Sunday )
Jenjarom, Mandarin	10.00am ( Sunday )
Jenjarom, Hokkien	11.30am ( Sunday )

### 中文堂会

东南亚花园	华语堂	早上 11时30分	( 星期日 )
东南亚花园	粤语堂	早上 9时	( 星期日 )
蒲种	华语堂	早上 10时	( 星期日 )
哥打白沙罗	华语堂	早上 11时30分	( 星期日 )
仁嘉隆	华语堂	早上 10时	( 星期日 )
仁嘉隆	福建堂	早上 11时30分	( 星期日 )

## TOUCH Community Centre 关爱社区中心

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## Our Core Values / 我们的核心价值观

- Loving God wholeheartedly
- Loving people practically
- Living a Spirit - empowered life
- 全心爱神
- 实际爱人
- 活出大有圣灵能力的生命

## CBC Local Churches 各堂会地址

**SEA Park** (English, Mandarin, Cantonese) / 东南亚花园 (英, 中, 粵)  
107 & 109 Jalan SS2/6, 47300 Petaling Jaya.

**Subang** (English) / 首邦 (英)  
1 & 3 Jalan USJ 3C/3, 47600 Subang Jaya.

**Puchong** (English) / 蒲种 (英)  
20 Jalan PPU 3A, Pusat Teknologi Sinar Puchong,  
47150 Puchong.

**Puchong** (Mandarin) / 蒲种 (中)  
4F-04 IOI Business Park, No. 1, Persiaran Puchong Jaya  
Selatan, Bandar Puchong Jaya, 47100 Puchong.

**Kota Damansara** (English, Mandarin) / 哥打白沙罗 (英, 中)  
26 & 28 Jalan PJU 5/16, Dataran Sunway, 47810  
Kota Damansara.

**Kota Kemuning** (English) / 甘文宁镇 (英)  
2-1C Jalan Anggerik Vanilla Q31/Q, Seksyen 31,  
Kota Kemuning, 40460 Shah Alam.

**Kinrara** (Tamil) / 金銮镇 (淡)  
25-1 Jalan DU2/1, Bandar Kinrara 6, Puchong, 47180  
Puchong.

**Jenjarom** (Mandarin) / 仁嘉隆 (中)  
11A Jalan Bacang 17, Taman Seri Jarom, 42600 Jenjarom.

**Sibu, Sarawak** (English) / 沙撈越诗巫 (英)  
**Covenant CBC** / 圣约牧邻浸信教会  
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