

8 Let Us Become True Parents, True Teachers, and True Owners!

– Three Great Subject Partners

True Parents' Words

God is the eternal True Parent, eternal True Teacher and eternal True Owner. To become a child of God, we first have to become a true parent like God. We have to go the way of a true teacher like God, and then the way of a true owner like God. This is the three-great-subject-partners principle. God is the ultimate exemplar. [CSG 1.2.1:26]

God is our True Parent and, at the same time, our True Teacher and True Owner. What kind of teacher is He? He is one who teaches us while caring for us, over and over again. What kind of owner is He? He does not try to possess everything and make it His. Rather, He gives us everything, even Himself. He tells us, "You will become the owner." If we were to sum this up in one sentence, that sentence would be: "I will give birth to you, raise you and make you an owner." In short, God gives us birth, nurtures us and establishes us as owners. So, it begins with God. Having created us, God's intention was to nurture us and elevate us to a position higher than His own, as children who would love on His behalf. As the Owner of the cosmos, His intention was to make us owners. [CSG 1.2.1:28]

God is the eternal True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner who always gives true love. All people are God's children, so, like God, they too have to go the way of the true parent, true teacher and true owner. Through these relationships these paths will lead to the completion of the ideal of love, the love that lives for the good of others. The right path of the law of heaven leads to self-realization through an altruistic life of true love. Through the harmony of the vertical parent-child relationship with the horizontal left-and-right husband-wife relationship and the horizontal front-and-back sibling relationship, the ideal family based on true love is realized. The completed family can be expanded to the completed nation, world and cosmos through the same principle and formula. The worldwide foundation that True Parents have achieved in the areas of education, media, art, and relief work comes through the investment of true love following the same formula to realize the ideal world. Ideally, true love education on how to realize the character of a true parent, true teacher and true owner should start in the family. [CBG 4.3.1:5]

Sharing Thoughts

In a small town in Massachusetts, there was a 14-year-old boy named William. He was a troubled boy with a very bad reputation. Even the school had forsaken him. He was also a bad influence on other students, and the school faculty was gravely concerned. Then one day, a new teacher came to William's school. After hearing about William, the new teacher wanted to see if he could help him. Many of the fellow teachers discouraged him. They said that his efforts would be in vain. However, the new teacher carefully observed William and analyzed his character and nature. He continued to show kindness and understanding to William, who had been branded by others to surely walk the path of delinquency. The teacher showed William the true meaning of love. He taught him to distinguish right from wrong. He gave him true courage and a sense of self-worth. He sowed his seeds with tears.

After some time, these seeds began to sprout and take root. William started to do away with his old habits. He studied all night. He was accepted by a college and graduated at the top of his class. William pursued the study of law. In the end, he became an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. William later became the governor of the state of New York, and even became the secretary of state. He was forsaken during his early years, but his life was completely changed by the efforts of a single teacher who saw the image of Heavenly Parent within him.

Heavenly Parent created human beings to realize His love. Love originates from the heart of living for the sake of others, not from a selfish heart. To love someone is to hope that that person becomes a better person. What is the highest position that is attainable by a human being who has inherited the love of Heavenly Parent? It is the position of true parents.

We can attain this position of true parents, who can be the ancestors and lords of love of future generations and all things in the universe, through uniting with and practicing the love of Heavenly Parent. Anyone in this position of true parents can inherit everything from Heavenly Parent. The parents in this position also raise their children from Heavenly Parent's perspective.

As they grow, children imitate everything that their parents do. They learn from what their parents say, what they do, and their parents' habits and character. Every moment such children spend with their parents who have attained the position of true parents will be educational. These children will grow up and become the true teachers who will lead the world with Heavenly Parent's love and truth. Everyone's first and best teachers are their parents.

Once they have attained the position of true parent and true teacher, they will want to protect nature, to live in harmony with their environment. When we say we become true owners, it means that we take great care of nature and invest a lot of love in this world. It means that we gain dominion over all created things in the universe while being united in heart with Heavenly Parent. That is why our ultimate objective should be to resemble Heavenly Parent, who is our True Parent, and become true parents, true teachers, and true owners. Essentially, it is to "give birth to and nurture our children and raise them to become owners."

Like this, we human beings have to experience the love of Heavenly Parent and become true parents, true teachers, and true owners during our lifetime. Moreover, we should guide our offspring on the path of becoming true parents, true teachers, and true owners. This world truly will become the original, ideal world envisioned by Heavenly Parent when His love continues to expand through the relationships of true parent and true child, true teacher and true student, and true owner and true object partner.

*** Points for contemplation**

- 1) What kind of person is a true teacher? A true teacher is more than someone who merely hands out knowledge. He is someone whose words and actions are united, who teaches while practicing and practices while teaching. Let us silently reflect on the characteristics that a true teacher should have.
- 2) Let us silently reflect on Heavenly Parent's heart to "give birth to and nurture our children and raise them to become owners." Let us experience Heavenly Parent's hopes and desires contained in that heart.