

Living for the Sake of Others

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The principle of "Living for the Sake of Others" is very popular in our faith community. It is the central tenet of our life of faith. True Parents once told us that this is even the boundary line of heaven & hell. Not only human beings need this but even God lives according to this principle because the concept of eternity is based on this ideal.

Another importance is, only those who live for others can become the counterpart of the center, and stand in the position of a central figure and owner. Living according to this principle makes us a good person of great value by which all religions will affirm and agree about.

True Father's words: *All beings must exist for the sake of other beings in order to maintain their place in this universe, as governed by the laws of Heaven. An egocentric and self-centered way of life will bring about evil, while a life of living for the greater good will bring prosperity. All things can be brought into peace & harmony by living for greater goodness. This opens all doors to individuals, families, tribes, races, nations, the world and heaven. Only the people who lived for the sake of others with a spirit of sacrifice remain as somebody and will be remembered as saints, great men and women, patriots and children of filial piety. (2004.09.16)*

Living for the sake of others is actually true love in action that destroys barriers and boundaries in all forms of relationships. The opposite of living for the sake of others is **SELFISHNESS** which the Divine Principle defines as **the root of evil and the basic characteristics of Satan**.

Living for the sake of others is practically "NO IDEA of SELF", the idea of Me My Mine I is not permissible. I remember one quote from True Father that I always used in my lecture: the difference between true love and false is only one strand of hair which is called **expectation of something in return** that is already connected to "MYSELF".

There are many ways to show how generous, kind, diligent or whatever great characteristics are fitted to our works however, LIVING for OTHERS requires an **investment of love and sacrifice of oneself** of which the absence of **these** will nullify the true essence of this principle

One best issue of living for others is **FORGIVENESS**. It's difficult to ignore the pain and suffering we have experienced and felt after being hurt, betrayed, abandoned, maltreated, etc by others. It's hard. YES! However, let's look at God, Jesus and True Father & True Mother's lifestyles. How many times they were placed in such miserable situations and carried in their hearts the unbearable pains just for the sake of LOVE. Yes, because THEY love us so much that they can forget themselves, their pains, their sufferings and their investment in our growing years. Because they possessed that **Parental Heart** that surpasses the idea of self just for the sake of the children, they can give away everything they have even their lives for our sake and their own family. That is the highest expression of love and living for others.

Once we stood in parental position possessing that parental heart we can solve all problems in relationship. I perfectly understood this and been trying my best to apply this in leadership mission and all sorts of relationship with people in & out of our community. However it's not that easy. To reach that level of heart requires a lot of painful experiences and had been converted into victories of love.

In my previous article I wrote about **Choong Hyo (loyalty & filial piety)** as the most important qualification to inherit God's love and the most important condition to enter the heavenly kingdom. Filial piety is giving up my desire, my wishes, and my life for the sake of my parents. **Both parental heart & filial heart can best be practiced thru a life of living for the sake of others.**

In these four years of Hope before welcoming 2020 True Parents gave us another expression of love thru this **Grace Period of Forgiveness and New Start!** This is done and made possible out of True Mother's greatest love and concern for us with her hope that we can be living in peace and happiness as we approach the end of times.

I would like to conclude this article by words from **True Father's words on October 20 1973:**

*Our first step in becoming the true sons and daughters of God is to clearly comprehend God's view of good and evil. We are not concerned with a man-made definition. The eternal standard of good and evil is defined by God. The sharp definition of good and evil existed at the time of His creation, long before evil ever came into being in the Garden of Eden. God is eternal, His law is eternal, and His **definition** is eternal and unchanging despite the passage of time. God invested all of Himself in His creation. He did not reserve even an ounce of energy. Creation was His total labor, His total effort of giving all of Himself. When God put His entire heart and soul into the creation of His object, He was investing 100 percent of Himself. Therefore, God began existing for the sake of His son and daughter. He exists to love, He exists to give. God is the totally unselfish existence for the sake of His children and the entire creation.*

I like this definition of True Love spoken by Father: Give & give and forget what you have given. Forgive and forget even the pains and scars. Sacrifice and forget even the sweat & blood. Invest and invest more and forget what you have invested. These are best expressions of LIVING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.*****