

# Single-Parent Household

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## *A Personal Reflection*

Whether we have lived in one or not, many of us are familiar with the reality of single-parent household. By definition, a single-parent household is a household in which there is only one parent. This may be a result of death of one of the parents or spouses. It may also be a result of a divorce.

Life is not easy for a parent who is the head of a single-parent household. Regardless of whether the single parent is a man or a woman, this person will feel incomplete and, at times, inadequate, insufficient, and overstressed, especially when confronted with situations for which the single parent feels that the other gender partner would have been better suited to handle. I bet you are wondering, “I thought Christian usually writes about providential issues. What does this have to do with the providence?”

I’m glad you asked.

Recently, Ye Jin Nim made rounds through different local church communities in the New York area. She shared her PhD thesis and solicited a feedback from all of us, her dear brothers and sisters. In her thesis, titled *Gender Balanced Divine Heart Principle*, she posited that there have existed two aspects of God—Heavenly Father, referred to in this article as Father God, and Heavenly Mother, referred to in this article as Mother God. However due to the Fall, Mother God was weakened (my interpretation). This means that from the time Lucifer stole Eve from God, the providence of restoration has been led by a single parent—Father God. In a sense, the universe is a humongous single-parent household led by Father God who has been wearing two hats, or should I say two hearts, that of a father and, to a lesser extent, that of a mother. By heart, I mean sensibility.

We all know that fathers are usually stricter than mothers for they are, in general, more rules oriented whereas mothers are more lenient and embracing for they are, in general, more love oriented. This does not mean that fathers are unable to express love, neither does it mean that mothers are

unable to enforce rules. It only means that each gender naturally channels one better than the other. Also, it means that in a two-parent household, children receive most of the rules from their father while they receive most of the love and embrace from their mother. In other words, there is, generally, more balance between rules (or principles) and love in a two-parent household. I am not implying here that two-parent households don't have issues of discipline or lack of love. Neither am I implying that there is confusion between principles and love, or lack thereof, in single-parent households.

The point here is that in a single-parent household, the single parent also wears two hats/hearts—that of a father and, to a lesser extent, that of a mother if a man, or that of a mother and, to a lesser extent, that of a father if a woman. This means that a woman who was very gentle while her husband was around might become about twice more focused then before, twice busier than before, and probably operate at a speed about twice faster than before. At least in a manner of speaking. Which means that progressively, children will see their mother transform from a woman who used to be patient with almost anyone and everything turn so focused to the point as if she could no longer take a joke. They will see a mother who used to rush them out of the house in the morning for school with kisses and long hugs, doing so with a quick kiss and short hugs, when they are lucky enough to get a hug. Does this mean that their mother loves them less than she did before? Nope! Does this mean that their mother no longer wants to be around them? Nope! It only means that there is a lot of work to be done in less time. This is because, with the physical absence of the other parent, the burden has accumulated on one person and, in a sense, the time to accomplish the parental task has been halved.

Think about it. How has God been recorded in history? Think about what the Bible says about God in the Old Testament.

The Bible portrays God to be more about principles (or rules) and less about love in the Old Testament era. He was not even referred to as a Parent. He was referred to as “The Lord”. And He led the providence with an iron-fist style of leadership. This is because the Old Testament was the era of an absentee providential mother. It was an era during which Father God was

leading the providence of restoration with a heavily broken heart due to having lost Mother God through the Fall.

In the New Testament era, on the foundation of dedication and sacrifices of some of the women of the Old Testament era, Father God found some hope of reclaiming Mother God—Eve. With that hope, Father God regained some of the recognition as a Father. But still, humanity continued to look at God as more of a Ruler than a Father.

In the Completed Testament era, however, reclaiming Eve was no longer a hope. It became a reality. As the restored Eve rose progressively to prominence, so did the identity and reality of Heavenly Parent—Father God and Mother God. On the victorious foundation of the True Parents, the providence of restoration has migrated from the era of a universal single-parent household to the era of a universal two-parent household. However, the reality remains that humanity still needs to catch up to this new paradigm.

Today, there is no need to remind us that the Unification Movement has the responsibility to restore the whole of history under the tutelage of the True Parents. The True Parents have re-established God's parenthood. Through the teachings of the True Parents, God is no longer viewed as a tyrannical deity sitting in His throne so far away, far removed from the reality of human beings. Instead, He is understood to be a Parent who feels the pain of all human beings—His children. Not only that, but through the teachings of the True Parents and the victorious foundation they have established, God has been restored to His original position of Heavenly Parent with the understanding of there being a Father God and a Mother God. How wonderful is that? In other words, Father God is no longer lonely. Neither is Mother God still lost.

At the eve of the providence of the substantiation of Heaven through the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, True Father decided to embark on the journey of substantially restructuring the spiritual world by dwelling in the spiritual world. This means that the Unification Movement became a single-parent household. What did we say happens when a parent becomes a single parent? Would it be any different with True Mother? If it was not different with Father God, why would it be different with True Mother?

Just like it was with Father God throughout the history of restoration, True Mother is a parent who is on a mission. When she looks at the providence, she knows that there is a lot of work to be done. As pertaining to the providential work to be done in the physical world, everything falls on her—A single mother in this universal household. This is because, with the physical absence of True Father, the burden has accumulated on True Mother and, in a sense, the time to accomplish the universal parental task in the physical realm has been halved. This is why True Mother has become so serious to the point where some people start to fear her and question her motivation and the difference they see in her without realizing that she is a single mother carrying the burden of the universe on her shoulders with a strong desire to strengthen, expand, and seal the legacy of the True Parents.

Just like with any single parent, True Mother now wears two hats/hearts—that of a True Woman and, to a lesser extent, that of a True Man. She represents both herself and True Father in the physical world. She quickly became the manifestation of two in one at a different level. She has harmoniously incarnated the essence and sensibility of True Father along with her own. We are living in a new era folks!

Just like with True Mother, True Father is also a single parent in the spiritual world. Until True Mother enters the spiritual world, True Father has to wear two hats/hearts—that of a True Man and, to a lesser extent, that of a True Woman. He has to represent both himself and True Mother in the spiritual world. He had quickly become the manifestation of two in one. He has harmoniously incarnated the essence and sensibility of True Mother along with his own.

The good news in all this is that True Father and True Mother were not broken apart. In other words, nothing severed their relationship. They are still connected by the bond of Holy Matrimony that made them one flesh with true love even though they are in two different realms. This means that because of their existing bond, it is easy for True Mother to channel True Father here in the physical realm just as it is for True Father to channel True Mother in the spiritual realm. In short, True Mother is True Father's direct representative here on earth. By the same token, True Father is True Mother's direct representative in heaven.

So, why are we surprised when True Mother acts or gives directives as if she were True Father? Imagine a single-parent household where the children say to their mother, “Why are you telling us what to do as if you were our father? You are not our father!” What do you think would happen? (I will let you answer that.)

Once again, the Unification Movement is in the position to fulfill the universal history of restoration. Up to the time when True Father went to the spiritual world, the providence was led by men. This is because the providence was in majority led by Father God without Mother God. Historically, the transition that would have created the heavenly balance of gender power was supposed to be achieved at the time of Jesus. However, it wasn't. It has instead been fulfilled in the era of the True Parents.

We are in the era of substantially manifesting the restoration of the heavenly balance of gender power between Father God and Mother God represented by True Father and True Mother, respectively. For those of us who are physically alive, we have the opportunity to do so under the leadership of True Mother who is standing as the sole providential leader here on earth while True Father is occupying a similar position in the spiritual world. In other words, Mother God is leading the earthly providence through True Mother. This, I personally believe is True Father's strategy in order to weaken the devil and expedite the substantiation of God's Kingdom on earth as well as in heaven. This is restoration at a different level folks!

Let's unite with our True Parents and bring victory for our Heavenly Parent here on earth as well as in heaven.

Let's be proud of our providential single-parent household led by our True Mother for it is restoring universal gender balance in a way that nobody else would understand but those who genuinely love the True Parents.

Would you like to be part of a unified single-parent household or a broken family?

Think about it.

Thank you for reading.