

How my daughter taught the Divine Principle to her teacher and her school

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Last year at the Junghwa Culture Festival, the church chose my daughter, who is in her final year before high school, to represent our district during the Divine Principle Chart Lecture Contest and to participate in the Central Japan contest, which took place last November. [The festival is held each year in Japan. Young students give Divine Principle lectures, conduct talent shows, and do other activities.]

At church, one of the sisters in charge of the middle school and high school students suggested to my daughter, "How about giving a Divine Principle lecture?" In the beginning, she took the task lightly, but as she continued to practice, she began to get better. She became the district representative and then the sector representative.

Nevertheless, in the Central Japan Tournament, she did not make it into the top three. My daughter saw one of her friends, who likewise had not made it into the top three, crying. My daughter had not had experienced the same level of disappointment. She began to reflect and remembered the faces of the other brothers and sisters who had cried after failing to pass the preliminary rounds. She recognized that compared to her friends she had lacked the proper motivation. After reorienting her internal attitude, she asked her homeroom teacher at school to listen to her lecture.

My daughter had told me before that there was no one in her school that knew the Divine Principle. The school environment could not be considered good and she hoped to change the environment in her school only a little bit. She always had a strong heart about testifying about True Parents. She would say, "I want to convey True Parents' teachings and testify about them." In her first year of middle school, when she entered Jr. STF, she began to grow well internally and externally. Especially in this, her final year, of middle school, she began to practice True Parents' teachings by living for others' sake in her school. She became class president and a leader in school events, striving to be a model to other students. Due to all of that, she had spent much time talking with her homeroom teacher and they had become close. On that foundation, her teacher agreed to listen to her lecture.

My daughter confidentially gave the Divine Principle chart lecture to her teacher and in the end revealed True Parents. Her passionate delivery of the lecture surprised her teacher, who had only seen her quiet side at school. She told my daughter she had never seen this side of her before and expressed her admiration. Her teacher said it was refreshing to see her speaking with such conviction. After my daughter gave that lecture, I also joined in and spoke with the teacher. The teacher said she was glad to see another facet of my daughter's personality and that the lecture was good too.

Seeing my daughter's desire to testify about True Parents and then putting it into practice, I began to reflect on my own actions and my not being able to testify about True Parents easily. This motivated me to do more. I will work hard so that I can testify about True Parents to many people and not fall behind my daughter.