Witnessing with 'The Heart of Thinking for the Sake of Others'

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Witnessing is done with love, interest and dedication

The following words were spoken by Dae Mo Nim to the attending members of the 1236th Chung Pyung Special 2-day Workshop. She spoke about witnessing and said that it is done by the heart of thinking for the sake of the others, love, interest and never ending dedication. (Edited: Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center)

Annyeonghaseyo. Thank you for coming to attend the workshop. Today, I would like to talk to you about witnessing. Through the words and principle of True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, we have to understand, 'Why do we have to witness?'.

Hardship of Chung Pyung Works

After looking at the process of the Providence of Restoration by the Heavenly Parent and the establishment of the foundation of faith and foundation of substance by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for the salvation of the world, I felt, 'The Chung Pyung Works must be done' and never rested for one day and did my best.

I received a guideline from the Heavenly Parent, 'Do all with fact, without falseness, love, dedication and sacrifice and do it diligently.' The Chung Pyung Works did its best to fulfill those words and offered devotion and effort to fulfill its responsibility.

The Heavenly Parent created this world for joy and happiness. However, after the fall of humankind, the Heavenly Parent worked really hard to clear the evil and Satan to create the world of original creation.

The Providence of Restoration can only attain victory through true love and fulfill its responsibility.

If you center your self on fallen nature then you will fail. The fallen nature belongs to Satan.

Witnessing to Family by Love of protecting mistakes

The words that I really want to convey to you is 'Let's witness to our family'. The family must become one and do its best to achieve a true family. That is why the husband should give unconditional love and absolute love for his wife and the since the wife is the object of beauty she should use sweet words and actions for her husband.

You have to understand the truth really well for the other and even if they have done a mistake you have to protect them with love.

This is the couple that you must become. Then you should also nurture and educate your children with never ending love and interest. Sometimes it is difficult but you should try and establish a friend-like relationship with your spouse. If you are able to serve the Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind centering on the principle then you are able to create a true family.

Have to listen to the members' situation

Then the next step is to 'witness members'. Aren't there some members around you who stopped coming to the church because of personal reasons or troubles that they had in the past?

You should be in a position of helping them so that they could come to church but if you rush and force them then that will not establish a good give and receive action but have sympathy. Don't use so many words but listen to their situation and try to understand them with love. Listening is actually very important than saying. You have to have a habit of listening.

Witnessing to Tribe must be done with love, interest and thinking for the sake of others

You have to think dearly for your tribe members. You may go astray from your relatives due to busy schedule but you still have to have the heart of 'Must meet my relative at least once a year'.

You have to have many occasions of either sending letters or calling them to see how they are. You have to visit them on their birthdays and go back and forth and never forget any ceremonial occasions within the family.

Despite her busy schedule, Hoon Mo Nim will call or send an e-mail, 'How are you lately? How are you living your life now? I am sorry that I cannot visit you this time'. If you have relatives facing difficulty then tell them to come to Chung Pyung to attend a 40-day workshop and help them so that they could regain their health. Then, eventually, through reading the principle and attending Hoon Dok Haes they are able to have the heart, 'Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are truly here'.

If you have a warm interest and love to your relatives and interact with them with the 'heart of thinking for the sake of others' then they will definitely be witnessing.

Dedication and Heart of Thinking for the other is the Key for successful Witnessing

There is a saying in Korea, 'Neighbors are closer than the closest relative'. However, nowadays most people do not know who lives around them. We all have to always have interest for our neighbors.

If you bump into your neighbor outside your home then you should be the one who will say 'hello' with joy. It might be difficult at first but you should greet very often and maintain a heart of 'I must do volunteer work for my neighbors'. If you see your neighbor carrying heavy then you should help them and be the first one to clean the neighborhood. If you keep that heart then your neighbors will eventually open their hearts to you.

Hoon Mo Nim who won first prize for witnessing

When Hoon Mo Nim was 16 years old she won first prize for witnessing. I would like to share with you how she came to win that prize.

At that time she was living in Jeong-ro region, Seoul, and most of the citizens of Seoul used briquette in their daily lives. After using this briquette then the remains would be thrown into the streets. Usually a garbage truck will come around and throw away the briquette remains. However, when she was young she would wake around 3-4 o'clock in the morning and go around the neighborhood moving the briquette remains to a place where the garbage truck could easily throw away the remains. She would put around 6-7 briquette remains in a box that she brought and put it on her head and moved all of the remains in her neighborhood.

Then later the people in the neighborhood came to realize that it was a young student who was cleaning the streets and was very surprised and asked her why was she doing this? She said that she remembers replying, 'This is the heart of God'. At that time most of the elderly in that area were witnessed to the church.

Hoon Mo Nim's missionary work

There was a time where Hoon Mo Nim did missionary work after she entered the church. At the time she did this the society was so poor that even wheat rice was very expensive. It was around 1975 and there were 12 people in her group. However, only 4 out of the group could make money to buy daily supplies.

However, Hoon Mo Nim would go to farmers and help them and would receive vegetables that she helped thinning out as a fee for her work. Do you know how busy it is for farmers to work in their prime season? The farmers are really happy when people help them.

She would also go to their homes and clean. She would clean every single room with detergent and do their laundry. So when the farmers returned from a very tiring day's work to see their homes beautiful and tidy they feel extremely well. Do you think that these farmers could be witnessed or not? It is said that they would. She remembers that she had an article written in 'Tongil Sagyea' for winning the first prize for witnessing.

Devoting for the Return of Home Country Activity

After her missionary and from 1977 to the time she arrived at Chung Pyung, Hoon Mo Nim would always first prepare for her husband's ceremonial occasion and ancestor memorial service. First she would go to the market and offered devotion in preparing for the food. At the time of birthdays for her husband's elderly kin she would go to their homes and cook seaweed soup (Traditional ceremonial food) and showed how a proper daughter-in-law would be to others.

Even though she can't visit them often now they would reply, 'No, it's okay Hoon Mo Nim. It is okay even if you cannot visit'. They understand her situation so she is so grateful for their considerate hearts.

She would often visit on days for parents and give her greetings. If you walk around the area Nandaemun, Seoul, Korea, you are able to buy low price and good quality t-shirts and the elderly gets really happy when she gives it to them. Naturally, the activity of returning to the home country is accomplished through this activity.

The truth is, not many wives like to visit their husband's home. However, that cannot be the way. You have to put effort to maintain a good relationship with your husband's family.

Witnessing is everyday and never ending

Witnessing does not start a random day but something that we must do everyday like we breathe oxygen to survive. Witnessing is part of the History of the Providence of Restoration for the Will of True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and the Heavenly Parent to return to its Original Creation. It is also a way to give joy back to all humanity.

You have to reach a point where you cannot just look at a person who just walked passed you. When you approach a person with a heart, 'That person is in pain. He has some sort of pain. I have to go to him and help him', then your heart will touch that person's heart and that becomes witnessing. If you just preached only with the words of the principle for several hours to the person that you want to witness that person would not want to see you again. That is why you must first listen to their situation and help them by 'I will pray for you'.

When this sort of heart reaches their heart is the only way for you to witness them. So that is why you cannot just convey the words of the principle.

When they see your lifestyle, actions, interest and love it is then that they will be witnessed.

Don't be members who will only go out witnessing a few times a year but become members who will think about True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind who works really hard for the Providence of Restoration and meet with your families, members, neighbors and relatives everyday with interest and love then you will have Heavenly Blessings of Heavenly Fortune with you.

I ask you to become healthy members who will always fulfill their responsibilities of being sons and daughters of filial piety in front of True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Gamsahamnida.