

The Unselfish Way of Life

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Why does a man feel so nice when he is told that he is a deep person? If he is told: Oh, you are a shallow person, he will be angry. But if he is told that he is a deep person, he feels good. Why? Because God is deep. Therefore, if he is told that he is a deep person, unconsciously it is approval or being told that he is closer to God.

If you are told that you are a beautiful person, not only externally but also internally, then I am sure you feel so nice. Even though you know that you are not that way, if someone says it, then you feel so nice because beauty is the nature of God, the attribute of God. This means you have been told that you have the nature of God; you are close to God.

If someone says that you are a pure person, even though you have lots of trouble, you smile because purity is the nature of God. To be deep, to be beautiful, to be pure, to be high, to be wide, to be wise, to be clever, to love purely -- all these things are the nature of God. If we understand these points, we can understand our essential desire is to be close to God as much as possible, to be one with God, to resemble God. Even if someone is an atheist, his essential desire is to be one with God. No one can deny that everyone is looking for God. Everyone wants to resemble God. This is the essential nature of man.

When our desire is fulfilled, we feel happy. Man can be happy only when he resembles God. To be happy means to be one. God is eternal. If we can resemble God and be one with God, our happiness will be eternal. This is the reason why we need God. Everyone needs God. Not only religionists but doctors, lawyers, farmers, soldiers, diplomats, everyone needs God. Fathers need God, mothers need God, children need God, brothers need God, sisters need God, friends need God, everyone needs God. Everyone must resemble God. Everyone must be one will God. This is the key to true happiness.

Is there anyone who doesn't like to be happy? If someone says, "No, no, no, I don't like to be happy. I'm a terrible man. Everyone dislikes me. I don't like anyone. This is my way of life," he is saying this in order to gain attention, to be loved. When a little boy or little girl is upset, when Mommy doesn't give some cookie and she desires to get it, then she says: "I don't want the cookie. I don't like it."

Everyone is looking for true happiness. But how can you find true happiness? From the beginning of mankind, I am sure Adam and Eve wanted to be happy. A thousand years later, I am sure all mankind was seeking happiness. Everyone tries throughout his whole life, from the cradle to the grave, to be happy. Babies try to be happy by being given milk. Old men try to be happy by being served or loved. Billions of people have tried to find true happiness, but no one has succeeded.

Was it because of lack of effort? No. They tried and tried and tried, shedding tears and sweat from morning till night, and still true happiness has been beyond reach. The more we try, the more true happiness goes somewhere. Why? Not because of lack of effort or lack of shedding tears, but something must have been wrong. We must find this point. Otherwise, mankind cannot find true happiness. Let's see

how he has tried to get happiness.

Fallen man thought that he could gain happiness by receiving. For example, by taking food, he feels happy. "Oh, now I'm full so I'm happy. Thank you." It's very true to some extent. By taking food or creations, we feel happy because it's a blessing from God. The third blessing was to have dominion over creation, so if this blessing isn't accomplished we cannot be happy. This is the reason why we are looking for creations. We are sure that it is a factor of happiness because it comes from God.

Secondly, people evaluate others by their cultural value. He's a musician in a city. He's a state politician. He's a famous doctor. People respect this kind of cultural value, but inside him there might be terrible things. Sometimes he can cover his impurities. At the time of Jesus many elders or teachers had beautiful robes. Because of these beautiful robes, people bowed to them and respected them, but they were the ones who crucified Jesus, who destroyed the destiny of mankind.

People have no eyes to see the true value of man, the true meaning of life, the true way of life. They enjoy being admired, but they are respected by people for taking things, reputations, positions. They think reputations and positions are the standard of the value of man, so they feel so happy when they are given creations, things, reputations, positions, or power.

Is there anything that can last forever among those things? Nothing can last forever. Then if these creations are lost, his happiness will be lost. When his house is destroyed, his happiness will be lost. When his money is lost, his happiness will be lost. If his position is lost, his happiness will be lost. If his reputation is lost, his happiness will be lost. Happiness based on these factors cannot last forever. It cannot be true.

If a person thinks the family is the basis of happiness, then still, if the husband is lost, if the wife is lost, if their children are lost, happiness will disappear. If happiness is based on something that cannot last forever, then the happiness itself will be lost.

We thought we could be happy by receiving these kind of things. We tried to be happy by taking. We thought that by taking and by having we could be happy. So we tried to take everything.

The result of this attitude is this world. By doing this, no one could be happy. This is an historical fact. This truth is bigger than an experiment. Now we can understand that this is not the way of true happiness. By taking, no one can be happy. This is the result of the experiments of mankind throughout history. This is a selfish, self-centered way of life. We tried to take and found no one could be happy. This is not the way of true happiness.

What could be the true way of life? What could be the true way to happiness? The answer will be very simple because our experience must be turned upside down. Instead of receiving first, we must give first. By giving, we will receive afterwards. This is the way to true happiness. It is very simple but very essential.

No one truly experimented with this way of life. Someone must start the unselfish way of life. Otherwise, mankind cannot find true happiness and must remain in hell forever. Unless someone can start the unselfish way of life by giving first, no one can start the kingdom of heaven.

We thought that if we gave something, we would lose that. That's why we don't like to give. It's very true. I love this Bible so much and if I give this Bible to him, I'll lose it. I don't like to lose something I love: This is the essential nature of man. But because man committed sin, someone must pay indemnity. Otherwise there is no restoration. Even though I don't like to give first, if I give this book to him, if I give fruits and apples and oranges, what can I get? I can get invisible gratitude. The gratitude cannot be seen but it does not perish. Then someday if he has some wonderful foods, the first idea that will come to him is that he would like to give that food to me. Eventually I don't lose anything at all.

This is Principle. By giving, I receive. By giving, I can feel the joy of giving, and he will feel the joy of receiving. Then by him giving, he can experience the joy of giving and I can experience the joy of receiving. By giving, we will receive. By serving, we will be served. By giving, we can take. This is the principle of true happiness. We may think that if we give something, we will lose it, but it's not true. For instance, Jesus had a lot of truth, but if he didn't give truth to mankind, then no one would have heard Jesus' truth. By giving truth, Jesus' truth increased. What if Jesus didn't like to give truth: "Oh, this is wonderful truth. I want to keep it for myself." If I am a man of truth, if I have all the truth but don't give this truth, then does this truth increase? But by giving this truth to everyone, my truth will increase.

If there is a man of love, whose heart is filled with love, but he never gives love to anyone, you don't feel that he is a man of love, but you feel that he has no love. He feels that he is a man of love, but he doesn't give any love to anyone, then all of us feel that he has no love. It's strange but he's always regretting that he has no love. But if he gives out all the love he has so that he feels that he has no love left, then how do

you feel? Do you feel that he has no love? You feel he has lots of love.

By giving things, by giving truth, by giving love, we never lose things, truth and love. The more you give, the more you own. The moment you give out, in a sense, you own more than you gave. Then you will be rich in things, truth and love.

Who could be the richest person in this world? He is the one who gave most. He is the one who gives the most precious thing he has for the sake of others. Who do you think is the one who gave the most precious thing he had for the sake of the happiness of mankind? It must be Jesus.

Jesus gave all he had: his things, his sweat, his tears, his blood and his life. His life was more precious than the universe in the eyes of God. Millions of sinners cannot create the kingdom of heaven, but sinless Jesus was the one who could start the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' life must have been more precious than all of fallen mankind. This way of life wasn't just Jesus' way of life; it was God's way of life.

God Himself gave the most precious thing He had to mankind, for the happiness of mankind. God is the one who started the unselfish way of life. This is the reason why Jesus, who was one with God, also lived the unselfish way of life. Jesus gave all he had. He lost everything on the cross. His robes were torn into pieces. He lost his tears, sweat, blood and life. But when everything he had was lost, when he had nothing, this point was the starting point of the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus was the beginning of Christianity.

This is the spirit of Jesus. When he gave everything, when he lost everything, he received eternal life. He was the start of eternal life, and he could give that eternal life to all of mankind who received him.

In this meaning, his original life was given to all mankind. Therefore, Jesus could live in all Christians who received him. Jesus is alive now in this meaning. The value of his life wasn't lost. By giving, he received and he gave this again and mankind received the eternal value of life. This is the reason why no one can forget Jesus. His unselfish way of life made his life precious. By giving the most precious thing he had, even though he lost that, he never lost anything. He received the greatest value of life.

This is the deepest way of life, and it came from God. God is the one who started the unselfish way of life. True happiness comes from resembling God. How can we resemble God? The answer is very simple. We should live God's way of life -- an unselfish way of life.

Also, we must realize that there are subjects and objects. Everyone wants to be subject because everyone wants to be the central person. This is the essential desire of man, because man is as precious as God and has the same nature as God, and God is the center of the universe. This is the reason man wants to be the center of the world. But how do we become the center? The answer is also simple -- by giving. He who gives first will be subject, and he who receives will be the object. In this meaning, since I am giving this talk, I am subject. You are receiving so you are object. If you want to be subject, give first. He who gives the most will be the subject. This is Principle. If we aren't giving anything, no one is qualified to be subject.

This is the way to true happiness. The selfish way of life made us unhappy. Then the unselfish way of life must make us happy. This is God's way of life. By doing this, we can resemble God. This is the way we can gain true, eternal happiness.

We are living in Washington, D.C. What can we give to the people of Washington? Everyone wants to be loved, because love is life. In order to live, we must be given love. In order to be given love, we must be loved. But we can't give love. We are not giving love in many cases. Why? Because love needs the foundation of beauty. If some girl is very beautiful, everyone loves her because beauty is the foundation of love. The reason we can't love each other is very simple. It's because there is no beauty. The impurity of man's nature is the reason we cannot love each other.

The city of Washington is so beautiful -- big trees, green everywhere; it's far more beautiful than New York. But still, can people love each other? Why not? Because even though the trees are beautiful, man isn't beautiful. This is the reason. Impurity is the reason why people can't love each other. Many prostitutes are coming to celebrate the bicentennial celebration. The Capitol is corrupted. Ravens are now cawing over the capitol building,

This impurity must be cleansed. Otherwise, no one can love each other and the kingdom of heaven can't come to the city of Washington, D. C. Who will cleanse the impurity of this city? In order to cleanse something, you must be pure. Otherwise, you cannot cleanse impurity. This is very true. This is the reason God called you. Even though we have lots of impurities, still there must be something good in the eyes of God. He will cleanse us more than before, purify us, and He wants to send us to this city to cleanse its impurity, just like a mop, to cleanse the dirtiness of this world. A mop is responsible for the impurity of the floor, wiping up everything. Even if it is worn out at the end, when purity is there,

everyone can love each other. This is our mission.

Someone who is pure must be sacrificed, in a sense. Otherwise, the impurity of this world cannot be cleansed. Jesus was the purest person in the world. When he was sacrificed on the altar of mankind, all mankind, even Satan, was shocked speechless. This is the reason Satan couldn't claim anything at all afterwards. If a beautiful person is sacrificed, people will be inspired and moved.

Even though we have a lot of difficulties and impurities, as long as God has chosen us, we must purify our insides first with prayer and repentance, then be the mop of this city, sacrificing ourselves, our time to sleep, our time to enjoy our life. By shedding tears, sweat and even blood to make others happy first, by giving all we have first, by serving the city first, by serving the community first, we can receive true happiness. God can give true success in this campaign. By the purification of our insides, by serving the community, with tears and sweat and even our own blood, we can show the true meaning of the spirit of Rev. Moon.

His life was filled with sacrifice. His entire life was torn into pieces to make mankind happy. He showed the true way of life with his body, with his sweat and with his blood. His way of life is God's way of life.. His way of life was Jesus' way of life. We must show who Rev. Moon is by shedding tears and sweat and love. By serving the community, we must show our love. This is the true way of life, the way to true happiness. This is the true way to make this world happy, to make mankind happy, to change the direction of mankind.

We can now change the direction of mankind. Someone must start this way of life. This is the reason we want to start the unselfish way of life.