

Taking Care of Our Families - A reflection on what to do in the first year of Cheon Il Guk

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In the article “Vision 2020: What Am ‘I’ Supposed to Do?” (March 14, 2013), I said that we need to take care of our families during the first year of the fulfillment of the Vision 2020. By this I meant that we should follow the example of True Mother. We ought to cross the ‘T’s and dot the ‘I’s. This means that while our True Mother is focusing on putting the universal providence in proper order of achievement, we need to make sure that we fulfill our providential responsibilities at the family level and transform our families to environments in which God can dwell freely. Hence, “my” family is supposed to be an environment that increasingly becomes free of satanic accusation and intervention. It is supposed to become an environment that progressively reflects the values of true love. An environment that is conducive to helping each individual remove his or her fallen nature and become an individual of Cheon Il Guk, thereby establishing a family of Cheon Il Guk. In simple terms, a family of Cheon Il Guk is a family composed of individuals of Cheon Il Guk.

Although its ideal place is the Cheon Il Guk, a family of Cheon Il Guk can sprout everywhere and anywhere. If it sprouts in a territory that is not a Cheon Il Guk, this family will thus become the seed of Cheon Il Guk in that territory. We ought to understand that even though the Blessing looks like any other marriage, and even though marriage is of this world, the Blessing is not of the world. Hence, Central Blessed Families, families established by blessed couples, are not supposed to be families of this world even though they are established in this world. Just as Jesus said to his contemporaries, “You are of this world; I am not of this world.” (John 8:23 — NIV). We ought to rise to the level of the Messiah and reflect the standard of the Messiah to the point of True Parentship.

Most of us have been taking care of our families. True. But have we been doing it with the mindset of making our families families of Cheon Il Guk? How many of us can say that we have been helping our spouses reach perfection? What have we been focusing on while taking care of our families? Will continuing to take care of our families the same way without the awareness of the moment help us establish families of Cheon Il Guk? Think about it. Are we eliminating our fallen nature or are we, instead, nurturing our fallen nature and in the process limiting our chances of establishing families of Cheon Il Guk?

Jesus said, “If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:46-48 — NIV). What was Jesus teaching through these words?

Jesus was teaching his contemporaries to eliminate their fallen nature. In other words, he was exhorting them to become individuals of Cheon Il Guk. He was giving them the secret recipe of how to resemble God, our Heavenly Parents. We cannot resemble the Heavenly Parents without becoming individuals of Cheon Il Guk. Neither can we become individuals of Cheon Il Guk without eliminating our fallen nature. How do we expect to establish families of Cheon Il Guk if we continue to take care of our families the way it has been done for generations without adding any divine ingredients? Don’t those who do not believe in True Parents do that? Should Blessed Central Families not be different? Should we not add divine ingredients in how we take care of

our spouses, children, and relatives, etc.? Should we not have and grow hearts that love more than only those who love and greet us? This is why True Father taught us to give and forget that we have given. If we do not perfect this teaching in our families first, we should not hope to perfect it beyond our families because that will give Satan grounds upon which to accuse us. Do you want to know why? Because that will make us hypocrites. And we all know very well what Jesus said about hypocrites.

So, let's stop taking our spouses and children for granted. As Jesus said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33 — NIV). Meaning that if we seek to transform our families into families worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven on the foundation of divine righteousness rather than our own corrupt and fallen righteousness, then and only then will we be able to claim the other levels for our Heavenly Parents and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

We need to take care of our families because it serves as the foundation upon which we can fulfill the witnessing providence, the foundation upon which we can connect to the heavenly lineage, and the foundation upon which we can claim heavenly victory in the Era of Cheon Il Guk.

Let's tango.

We can do this.

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