

The reason for keeping True Parents' photograph

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Now, you should go back to your hometowns and restore your families and relatives. You must hold revivals in your hometown. As you hold revivals, you should also all work on the district level. If you want to be a tribal messiah, you should display my photo. Pictures of me should not be just given away for nothing. Frame a few hundred photos and distribute them, saying they are good pictures. Get people's permission to go into their homes and find the best places in the best rooms to hang them up.

Then, spiritually you will be an elder brother to those homeowners. Vertically, you take the father's position, and horizontally, the elder brother's position. So in the position of the vertical father and the horizontal elder brother, you should instruct the householder, saying, "This should be hung here!" In this way, those who give out the pictures will be tribal messiahs.

You should quickly work to hang up pictures in the homes of at least 120 families. Try to put up 120 or more. Placing pictures in those homes can be counted as a local level breakthrough. That is laying a foundation. Through this their ancestors in the spirit world will come every morning early and offer a bow to the picture. Turn on the light after one o'clock, two o'clock, or three o'clock to welcome them.

When your ancestors come, and after they have offered their bows, then after another two hours, at five o'clock, you should offer a bow. The spirits in the spirit world have not been able to attend True Parents. The ones who have gone to the spirit world are in the elder brother's position and the ones here on earth are in the younger brother's position. Since the younger brother has the eldest son's birthright, that is,

since the positions are now reversed, the one in the spirit world comes down and offers a bow. Their bows mean that they will help their descendants to prosper. This is what God does.

From God's position, these ancestors will support the process of bringing blessings to their descendants. That effort must be made. When the spirit world comes to help, would you like your beloved relatives to come and help or would you rather some old man from a neighboring village came? When an old man comes down and helps, you must offer him a portion of what you receive. Thus, now is the time when we should run all night lest someone should come and usurp the results of your effort. When you explain this, everyone will want to have a picture of True Parents.

I have survived through the treacherous chaos of history is that God has protected me! In this world I could have been destroyed without any trace, yet I survived because God protected me! Because God loves me more dearly than any other person in human history, I have achieved the greatest things under the most trying hardships! This makes logical sense.

They will have no doubt that if they honor the photograph as if they were honoring True Parents, their family will be protected. If you explain it, they will have no doubts. I have heard that there have been people who bought pictures even without such an explanation. When asked why they wanted to buy the pictures, they said, "My heart keeps telling me to do it. I feel this picture will expel all my bad fortune and bring good things." So they bought large pictures. Such a time has come. Young people are now carrying my pictures.

A while ago I heard that a photographer from the Soviet Union said that he was carrying a secret treasure in his pocket. When asked what it was, he took out a picture of me from a paper pouch. When asked why he was carrying it, he said that it made him feel peaceful. That is the way it is. Wearing a cross means being a Christian. Carrying True Parents' picture signifies being a son and daughter of True Parents; first the symbol, then the image and then the substance. These people will be protected because they enter the formation-stage realm of formation, growth, and completion. For this reason, the tribal messiah should prepare pictures for them. To break through on the local level means to have people put up True Parents' picture.

If they will only put up True Parents' picture, then they will surely attend workshops. When they attend a workshop and become inspired, you can tell them, "You cannot buy this content even with a huge sum of money, so please make an offering according to how much you think it is worth!" You can use the money to cover the cost of your local activities. Give the photos out to all those who have been to America for education.