

The Path of Shedding Blood, Sweat and Tears VI

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You should be grateful to a person who witnessed and taught you this life path as your spiritual parent, shouldn't you? Jesus looked for the three disciples who would give their lives before him; who understood the suffering of Jesus as their parent and would feel his pains as their own pains. Unless you establish the condition to restore this standard as a spiritual parent, you cannot restore the person whom you witnessed to. What do you think; is it an easy task? Compared to this, raising your child is rather easy. However, in order to raise your spiritual child, you must invest at least three times more efforts than your own child. In order to establish this spiritual standard and foundation, Rev. Moon did not sleep more than two hours a day for at least 7 years. I invested my entire effort, forgetting what to wear or what to eat.

(Address to members in Kouchi Church, Japan, July 10, 1967)

Anyone can be my leader whether he is young or whether he does not understand anything. I bowed and saluted to a three-year-old child. A small child does not have sin. Think of a three-year-old child, his obedient heart toward his parents is much superior to average adults. Imagine a child relying on his parents and embracing them. This image shows pure and genuine feelings. Compared to the attitudes of adults, who weigh various aspects to decide if following is beneficial to them, the obedience of a child is much greater. If God sees pure and genuine obedience and a longing heart for God's realm of love in a child, He would never say, "You are only three years old. How can I take you seriously?"

(The Older Brother is a Representative of Father and the Older Sister is a Representative of Mother, August 9, 1967)

What do you think when you see a person who desires to gain money only for himself, and who enjoys making others lose money? You must give benefit to others. Rev Moon lives his life like this even now. When I return home in the evening nowadays, I experience extreme pains in my eyes because I am exhausted. The more exhausted I am, the more pain I experience. Then, I don't need to wonder, for what purpose I am so tired. As I go forward on the public course, I must not be a minus for Heaven. If you go the path in order to benefit Heaven, even if you say to God, "please do not worry about caring for me," Heaven has to concern about you. In order to live like this, you must know what you need to concern, always. You must place yourself to receive Heaven's sympathy at all times. In the course you pursue and the course you have trod, you should remember the fact that you are going the course of filial sons and daughters and the course of patriots.

(Witnessing at Risk of Your life, March 14, 1971)

Rev. Moon does everything at the risk of his life. Sleeping and speaking - I do everything at the risk of my life. So, I forgot about eating breakfast. You are going the path to Heaven. In the path, it is no problem missing one meal, one bowl of rice. Remember, going this road is more serious than eating a meal.

(The Responsibility of Leaders, September 14, 1971)

If I go to a mountain and I end up deep in the mountains alone, I don't feel any loneliness. I don't feel lonely even if none of you are with me. In the deep mountains, looking at hills and dales from a cave, I am intoxicated by all the enjoyments in the mountains. You will see a wild boar running around. Don't you see it? You see a lot of wild animals living there. Why should a man, the highest animal - smarter than any other wild life - die there of starvation? But, you say, there is nothing to eat? When you use your head, you will find tons of things to eat. Anyone can find an unlimited food supply. Where should you stay? It's easy; just build a hut or some place to sleep.

A swallow makes its own home, its nest, right? If, even a little bird can build its nest, then why can't human beings, the lords of creation, build a place to sleep? It's ridiculous, huh? This is how I think. So, I don't feel helpless. Well, I am saying you don't need to support me there. I am confident. Do you know what I am saying? I studied many subjects. I know a lot of things. I studied these subjects' natures. How about fish? I observed personally every single kind of fish that is native to Korea. The only exceptions are the whales. I went to every river, pond and lake to look for fish. I studied every kind of fresh water fish in Korea. I know them all. I know the characteristics of each type of fish there.

When Rev. Moon went to the mountains in the past, I could not stand it if I did not go to the other side of the mountain and enjoy the scenery there, because I have so much curiosity. No matter how hard it is to climb up the mountain, unless I go to the other side and look at the scenery, I would feel terrible. I can't stand just looking at the side of the mountain that I can see from the ground level. This is my nature. With this strong inquisitiveness, I discovered the world of the Principle. I have to make inquiries when I start looking into anything. If I could not see and investigate even one angle, I would feel I was cheated out of the truth.

(The Responsibility of Leaders, September 14, 1971)

Rev. Moon has been fighting with his own practical accomplishments. You must compete with practical achievements. You must have your own proven record. What makes your proven record? It is not just regular sacrificial work. You must prove yourself, giving 24 hours a day, throughout your life to produce your accomplishments. Only then, will you become the hope for Japan. Moreover, you will be the hope of the world. Do you follow? If you invest yourself like that, you will accomplish your tasks. By inheriting the proven standard that Rev. Moon has established as your own tradition, you must give your efforts for the sake of Japan and Asia. You must give your best at the risk of your life. Let us commit to this lifestyle.

(The Central Point of the World and Our Hope, February 6, 1974)

Rev. Moon only slept an average of two hours a night after he arrived in America. After I sent everyone else to bed at midnight, I stayed up until 3:30 to 4:30 AM to study pressing issues. The time was pressing; I had no time to sleep. I have no time to get tired. I had never slept more [than 2 hours a night] for at least seven years. How many hours do you sleep?

(Single-Mindedness at the Risk of Your Life, Tokyo, Japan, July 8, 1973)