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## Kajeong Maengse

- il. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, bonhyang-dang-eul cha-ja, bon-yeon-ui chang-jo-i-sang-in ji-sang-cheon gukgwa cheon-sang-cheon-guk-eul chang-geon-hal go-seul maengse-ha-na-i-da.
- i. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, haneul-bumo-nim-gwa cham-bumo-nim-eul mo-shi-o cheon-ju dae-pyo-jeok kajeong-i doe-myo, jungshim-jeok kajeong-i doe-yeo, kajeong-e-so-neun hyo-ja, guk-ga-e-so-neun chung-shin, se-gye-e-so-neun seong-in, cheon-ju-eseo-neun seong-ja-ui kajeong-ui do-ri-reul wan-seong-hal go-seul maengseha-na-i-da.
- sam. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, sadae-shim-jeong-gweon-gwa sam-dae-wang-gewon-gwa hwang-jok-kweoneul wan-seong-hal go-seul maengse-ha-na-i-da.
- sa. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, haneul-bumo-nim-ui chang-jo-i-sang-in cheon-ju dae-kajok-eul hyeongsangong-ha-yo ja-yu-wa pyeonghwa-wa tong-il-gwa haengbok-ui segye-reul wan-seong-hal go-seul maengse-ha-na-i-da.
- o. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, maecil-ju-che-jeok cheon-sang-segye-wa dae-sang-jeok jisang-segye-ui tong-i-reul hyang-hae jeon-jin-jeok pal-jeon-eul chok-jin-hwa hal go-seul maengse-hana-i-da.
- yuk. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, haneul-bumo-nim-gwa cham-bumo-nim-ui dae-shin kajeong-eu-ros-seo cheon-un-eul um-jik-i-neun kajeong-i doe-yeo, haneul-ui chuk-bok-eul ju-byeon-e yeon-gyeol-shiki-neun kajeong-eul wan-seong-hal go-seul maengseha-na-i-da.
- chil. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, bonyeon-ui hyeol-tong-gwa yeon-gyeol-doen wi-ha-neun saenghwa-reul tongha-yeo, shimjeong-munhwa segye-reul wan-seong-hal go-seul maengsehana-i-da.
- pal. Cheon-il-guk ju-in u-ri kajeong-eun cham-sarang-eul jungshim-ha-go, cheon-il-huk-shi-dae-reul ma-ji-ha-yeo cheol-dae-shin-ang, cheol-daesarang, cheol-dae-bokchong-eu-ro shin-in-ae il-che-i-sang-eul i-ru-eo ji-sangcheonhuk-kwa cheon-sang-cheon-guk-ui haebang-kwon-gwa seok-banggweon-eul wan-seong-hal go-seul maengse-ha-na-i-da.



# Family Pledge

1. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to seek our original homeland and build the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation, by centering on true love.
2. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to represent and become central to heaven and earth by attending the Heavenly Parent and True Parents; we pledge to perfect the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters in our family, patriots in our nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in heaven and on earth, by centering on true love.
3. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, the Three Great Kingships and the Realm of the Royal Family, by centering on true love.
4. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to build the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is the Heavenly Parent's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on true love.
5. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to strive every day to advance the unification of the spirit world and the physical world as subject and object partners, by centering on true love.
6. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to become a family that moves heavenly fortune by embodying the Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and to perfect a family that conveys Heaven's blessing to our community, by centering on true love.
7. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, through living for the sake of others, to perfect the world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, by centering on true love.
8. Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, having entered the Era of Cheon Il Guk, to achieve the ideal of God and human beings united in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and to perfect the realm of liberation and complete freedom in the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, by centering on true love.



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# Introduction & Welcome Address

Dear participants and parents,

Welcome to this Blessing Workshop! This booklet is intended as an overview of the workshop. It is prepared for those who attend, however it can also benefit others, who could not make it to the workshop. It contains some of the material covered in the lectures as well as speeches for Hoon Dok Hwe reading and other documents related to the Blessing.

The importance of the Blessing cannot be understated: it will be one of the most crucial decisions that you make in your life. The Blessing is also an important responsibility, a responsibility that has become even more important now that we have entered the Cheon-Il-Guk era. The Blessing, originating from our True Parents, connects us in a very intimate way to the True Family. This connection is a great duty and a privilege at the same time. It is important for us to prepare well and to have the right internal attitude, in order to face the challenges the Blessing will put you in.

As Blessed families we have to work together to receive God's guidance and Blessing for our own family. Both the first and second Generation face this task of keeping our Blood lineage relationship to God and our True Parents and creating families in which God's love can freely flow; be expressed and felt.

But the Blessing does not guarantee that you will have a happy and fulfilling partnership from the beginning. This is the responsibility of each individual with their spouse and it requires careful preparation and a lot of effort. In this workshop we also want to talk about how to make a partnership fulfilling.

I hope that this workshop will be a valuable experience for you. I hope that after it you will go home with a better understanding of the meaning of the blessing. I hope you will be able to clarify any questions that you may have. I hope you will gain confidence in the blessing and feel ready to make an eternal commitment to God and your future or present spouse.

Let us together take the responsibility for establishing the families of the Kingdom of Heaven!

Sincerely in True Parents Names,



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# Hoon Dok Hwe Reading



## Benediction Prayer

*Sun Myung Moon, South-Korea, 1986*

Beloved Heavenly Father!

Today, on 12. April 1986, in the Little Angels Auditorium in Seoul, Korea, at the 1st Blessing of Second Generation Blessed Children, please accept the offering of the 36 Blessed Couples gather here. Now is the time when the fate of the couples gathered here is decided. They, as eternal true sons and daughters of You, have pledged in front of Heaven to follow the Will of Heaven with an unchanging attitude. We know that their minds and bodies are not their own. As individual truth bodies connected to Heaven, we know that they are faithfully bound together as husband and wife through Your love.

Those gathered here in this place today have determined in front of our Heavenly Father to become an eternal couple, so please accept these couples



as the glorious families of the Heavenly Nation. Moreover, they know the Will of True Parents, and they know that, after completing the 40 year course in the wilderness, we now stand on a victorious foundation to establish the will of Heaven and to restore Canaan.

At this time here as they form Heavenly families they have understood and re-determined that they have to establish, as members of the Second Generation, the tradition of the Heavenly tribe, the Heavenly people, the Heavenly nation and the Heavenly world. Please allow them to maintain their dignity in front of Heaven and to become couples who cover the deficiency of those who have walked a difficult path and received the Blessing up until now, so that they will not only receive recognition by Heaven as members of the Second Generation, but that they can also, through receiving the love of Heaven, obtain all authority and justice.

As resolving the historical resentment of Heavenly Father and resolving the resentment of the True Parents starts with the establishment of eternal families that can be Your pride, Father, please rule and be the centre of our minds and bodies, please prepare the foundation so that we and our families can be different today than we were yesterday, please allow us to stand as leaders in front of all of humanity, and please allow us to clearly determine to become brave parents in front of Heaven. We earnestly desire that You will lead us and guide us so that we can, step by step, personify the tradition of the Heavenly nation our whole lives, and that You will correct us in the path that we walk on so that we perfect our responsibility to guide mankind.

We earnestly hope and desire that You will unify all the spirits in Heaven and all those reborn on earth, as well as all the saints in Heaven and all their good descendants and connect their road so that they walk as one and move Heavenly fortune.

May Your dignity, authority and glory be with those gathered here today at this ceremony and for whom this benediction prayer is offered, and may Your abundant guidance continuously be with them on the path of life. We earnestly ask You to allow those gathered here to become the fruits of Your hope and desire. We are offering these 36 Blessed Couples, today as they are joined eternally as husband and wife, as the beginning of Second Generation Blessed Families so that they may be the pride of the Unification Movement and the Universe.

Please accept our pledge that we will lead a life which we will not have to be ashamed of when the Eternal You calls us. As we thank You for Your abundant Grace, we pray all of this in the name of the Parents of the 36 Blessed Couples.

Amen!



# How to Gain Spiritual Help

*Sun Myung Moon, 1973*

What attitude do we need to develop in order to move the spirit world? We need to change our concepts. Our attitude is an environment that must be prepared in order to receive spiritual help. We must use God's word and make ourselves channels to receive spiritual power.

Actually, the spirit world wants to be part of everything we have and do. They want to be involved to such a great extent. So whatever we may look at, we must search for the nobility and goodness in it, and treat it as if it were owned directly by God. Then everything becomes like an expensive antique, a God-given treasure. Each object is waiting for your touch, hoping to feel the vibration of God through you. So consider all things holy. Why does a handkerchief owned by a holy man become so valuable? Because of the vibration of the holy man. So you, too, should give all things a holy value. When you touch something, feel that you are giving it glory.

The same holds true for the people we meet and live with. When you see another person, how much do you care for him or her? How do you feel towards that person? You must really love the people you meet, because they are the temples of God. When you touch another person, feel that through your touch, both of you will be blessed.

Each of us has two aspects, mind and body. Our true mind wants to relate our body with heart and give love to it. We should think of our mind as God's mind, because God loves it and that is where He dwells. So look at each man or woman as a holy person. Regard each person's body as sacred and their mind as holy. If you live like this, soon you will hear inside of yourself a small voice, the sound of your mind. Wherever you walk no evil or darkness can remain. Only good spirits can touch you if you create such an atmosphere. If you place yourself in such a position, then spirit world will pour down upon you its abundant blessing and power.

You must attract this power from the spirit world and then bond yourself to it. Make it one with your body, so that even your arms and legs feel special.

When you are in bed, even if it is a sleeping bag, your surroundings will become like a king's palace; your body will be resting in a king's bed. You must name yourself as the dwelling place of God. Then all good spirits will be with you. When you go to bed, lie down with a beautiful mind. Remove all ugliness from it. In the morning when you wake, come before the deep heart





of God, and then, when you go out, you will walk with the power of God.

The spirit world is always around you, listening and attentive. Always be aware that it is within your reach. If you keep thinking this way, then you will be able to control your circumstances. Make yourself a tuning fork, resonating with and vibrating along God's frequency. Resonate with God's unselfishness. If you create this resonance with God, then when you see someone, you will automatically be able to sense what type of person he is. Sometimes you will be able to see your own spirit with your own eyes. Train yourself and discipline yourself to develop this capacity. If you live this way, you will be always able to act in the right way when an emergency arises.

Adam's position is to control the spirit world, not the other way round. With prayer coming from deep within your mind, you can move a man from outside to inside. Become a magnet, a mover of people's spirits; become a spiritual magnet, drawing people with love. Maintain this condition or attitude, and then your prayer will become a reality.

Pray with all your heart, focussing your mind and soul on the object of your prayer, otherwise your mind will become restless and thoughtless. In the life of prayer, you must make the time to pray. Sit down even if it takes eight hours and pray; this time will never be wasted. Then you can go out and work eight hours for God. Therefore, be prayerful now and then go out, you and God together. If you have to give a talk, or speak in public, for instance, the spirit world will help with your preparation. If you go out, the spirit world will lead you. You will discover the feeling of breaking through; you will become selfless, feeling the power of your mind and body pulling together in harmony. So the key word for this kind of life is respect.

*Respect all things as holy things. Respect all men and women as holy. Respect yourself as a holy person. Respect your mind as holy. Respect your body as holy.*

Pay deep respect to all people, no matter what kind of person they may be. As a child, be respectful towards an elderly man. Think over your words three times before uttering them and always have a humble attitude. Always share with others the best thing you have. Empty your wallet to give; then you will deserve the best result. If you do not do good for your fellow man, you will have no sleep; if you have done good, then your mind will rest in peace.

Unpack the dirty elements inside yourself and cleanse them. Open up the baggage of your mind and look what you find there. Don't keep selfish feelings but repent publicly for any selfish feelings you may have had. Practice the



virtue of meekness.

If you push yourself to develop these attitudes, then the spirit world must descend to assist you. The spirit world is using so many channels by which to come down and participate in God's providence; they will choose the best one to use first. When you start to move the spiritual world, all kinds of phenomena start to occur: some very strange, some very wonderful. Don't be manipulated by them. You must be the subject. Don't let yourself be driven by strange phenomena; before this, you may have had to face these challenges all alone, but now you have a clearer understanding.



You already know the secret of tapping power from the spirit world; witness and care for others, pouring out all your heart, soul and mind for them. When I was in prison camp, I would pray, and prisoners would just come to me and stand there. When they were introduced to me through the guidance of spirit world they would cling to me. You, too, can be like me. The problem is that you are often too distant from thinking about the spiritual dimension: holy things, holy mankind, holy temple, and holy mind.

When I was in the worst of situations, lonely and hungry, a revelation would come or an important guest would appear before me. When I needed money, the spirit world would guide someone to me. Spirit world is never far away; they can cooperate with us. We should always feel that we are not doing quite enough, and that we always have to try harder.

Act with the support of the spirit world. If they are behind you, you will never be lonely; you will always have energy and power. Even though you may be penniless, still have no fear. You can be adventurous and bold. On the road of success, the more you walk, the further you yearn to go.

Who knows how long he or she will live? Maybe tomorrow you will die, at a mere 25 or 30 years of age. Do you have some guarantee from God how long you will live? No one has such a guarantee. A wise person thinks like this: "I have only a short time to live. Within this time I must prepare myself for eternity. The way I live in the next two years will be the model for my eternal life." Then explode your sense of love. Love God, and love another person as God. For an entire day, 24 hours pour out your entire energy for someone.

If you love a person like this, even though you may die early, you will have made the highest accomplishment in all eternity. Then when God gives you more time to live, your response will be immense gratitude. Push yourself to live more fully. The person who expects death and then is given life dwells in the fullest gratitude.

Leave behind something that God can praise. Each moment is so precious there is no time for worry or frustration. The person who recognizes that earthly life is short compared to eternity and, therefore, condenses his accomplishments is a wise man indeed. Think about what “label” you wear spiritually on your forehead. Ask yourself how many people, how many clans, how many tribes, how many nations you have loved. Seek to become that master of love. Program your life like that, and you will never be a loser. Plan as if you only had two years to live, and then by the third year, when you are still alive, think of the joy of living! This is “resurrected” living. I still have so much to do: love my wife, love my children, and love all mankind. I must pay indemnity for all mankind; I need to liberate man from sin. I am determined to leave behind tremendous assets.

When you work, you must love that business, love the products you work with, and, of course, love the people. Always give honour to the other people. God created us, but we are also shaping ourselves and restoring our original value. Return a portion of what you earn to God as a tithe. Give one tenth to the local church, (even you can give one tenth to the national level work and one tenth for the worldwide level; three tenths in all).

When you give to others, don’t think that you are giving to them out of your own pocket. Give out as though it were coming from a heavenly treasure. Then the person who is receiving through you is actually receiving from God. The spirit world can then help you, and God will remember everything and return it to you ten times over. Make your company a dwelling of God; don’t just feel like a worker or supervisor. Invest your heart in your work. Determine to make it a business that will serve all people. Then wherever your business goes, it becomes God’s “love extension.” Whatever you are responsible for, give it your heart and soul on a 24-hour basis; feel like you are the parent and it is your baby.

Whatever you do, think that you are carrying it out in partnership with God. Feel that you are the second owner and pour all your love into it. The one who loves something the most is the ultimate owner. When you give love, you will attain infinite value.



# Our Standard of Love & Purity

*Sun Myung Moon, 1981*

When we narrow down "our standard," it becomes "my standard." When we broaden it, it becomes the "world standard." Where do we find our standard—the present, the past, or the future? Do your favourite things change or not? People are changeable, and particularly women! The three qualities of value apply to people as well as to material things, so we can say that a changeable person has no everlasting value or uniqueness. We know that man has the two aspects of mind and body; which changes more? More specifically, does your conscience change more than your physical desires?

When I asked you whether the mind or body was more changeable, you couldn't answer. Is the conscience pursuing good or evil things? The answer will be the same 1,000 years from now. If I ask people from 10,000 years ago, their answer will be the same. That means the conscience has an unchanging quality, and thus we say that the conscience must be the base of value. Now we can say that man's unique value comes from his conscience.

Today's scientific world is confused about what is reality. Religiously and philosophically there is confusion, and we have to clarify this confusion by setting the standard. We need philosophy and religion, but what do "I" need most of all? An active conscience. To determine true reality, we have to restore our consciences to be true ones. Have people in history every lived with true consciences? The common desire of all men has always been to live with true conscience, but how can this be realized?

One important quality in a moral code is filial piety. We value this, but what is it, and why should we exercise it? Filial piety is loyalty to the unchanging value of the family. The son of filial piety pursues the principle of serving his parents and brothers and sisters even if they do not reciprocate. Conscience dictates that this is the right thing to do. But if you do not recognize the value of conscience, you will not recognize the value of filial piety; you have to have some starting point. Conscience values your parents' welfare more than your own.

The Western way of life is pragmatic, so people look for comfortable and convenient things in life. To people who want to go to the disco or enjoy sex, the conscience seems to be an obstacle. When your body eats, it wants delicious food, and prefers to have delicious pleasures always. Why does the conscience put the brake on what the body desires? Habits and customs are hard to change, no matter how logical it is to I change them. Addiction to

drugs and alcohol, which poison the body, are hard to cure, but how can you cure the sex addiction? Have you ever thought about that?

We have to base our lives on a firm foundation of principle; if we don't have that then we have to create one. Without standards or principles, we will see only destruction around us. If no principles bind parents and children or husband and wife, the family will fall apart. The mind wants a principled life, but the body pursues all kinds of addictions. The friction caused by that contradiction is a terrible burden. People feel sorry for a mentally ill person, but once a person's mind or conscience becomes sick, it is even harder to restore. Religion deals with that world.

A grasshopper doesn't plan for the winter, but enjoys the warm weather and thinks he has a sweet life. Spring and summer always come to an end, however. The important point is that we must arrive at a standard of law and principle which is followed by everyone in our homes, society, nation and world. Such a standard should be based in your conscience. That standard should be acceptable to everyone and still be unchanging, eternal and unique. We conclude that the conscience provides such a standard.

What does God have that can fill the conscience? God knows you like diamonds. If God is almighty then would He be satisfied to make a lot of diamonds to fill everyone's conscience bag? Why not? God can make diamonds and gold, but there is something that God cannot control at will: that is true love, which is activated only in a reciprocal relationship with an object. Without an object, love cannot be activated. If you have love, can you show it to me? Man's love is activated only when he finds a partner; when you are sitting by yourself your love is not activated. God has been sitting all by Himself, so can He enjoy His love, slapping His side and laughing? God has been lonely just like you would be. No matter how much potential love God has, by Himself God cannot feel its excitement. Always an object is needed to activate love through give and take.

Even God needs an ideal object. Why did God create the whole universe? For the perfection of His object. God is gigantic, and He needs an equivalent object who can stand side-by-side with Him, so He created man with a conscience as big as God's conscience. When man completely fills his conscience and he starts to laugh, then God can respond, and the whole universe will laugh together with them. That is God's design.

Nothing else except love can fill that conscience, however. Love alone can excite God. In love God is an enormous plus and man is an enormous minus, and when they join a giant spark will flash. How much power would that generate? The entire universe will be jolted by the shock. God and men and



women will all be totally intoxicated and melted by the power of that love. All the creation will be affected, from the one-celled amoebae to insects to the galaxies.

Conscience is OK, but it is centred on what? Life? That is good. On knowledge? That is nice too. On power? But these are not the central things. What is it that everyone likes and can participate in? One substance alone has that universal character-love. When the cornerstone of existence is conscience that is based on true love, or true love that is based on conscience, then everything will be in the right

place. That is the standard. The essentiality of love is always the same, but the components are different from person to person, depending on where love appears. Each individual is a truth body with unique characteristics, but they all share a common essentiality in God. Thus, each individual contains unique love with a common essentiality, like the cells in a body. Each person is a cell of love. Each individual's love has uniqueness which cannot be duplicated by anyone else, yet also it is unchanging and eternal.

If you have true universal love within you then you have become a standard man or woman of the universe. We come to the conclusion that we need the standard of conscience which is true love. With that alone can we digest the world and bring it into our consciences. As long as you have that true love, you can turn in any direction. That world of true love also transcends time and space. With that standard of true love all five senses will cooperate instead of repelling each other, for they do so out of happiness, not duty. All five senses should function in the intoxication of love. Even if you use all kinds of uncomplimentary adjectives in describing someone, as long as you speak from love there is no disharmony between you.

Unless we have the standard of true love and conscience, we have no way to reach the true ideal world; we could not even glimpse that world without it. The Principle explains about the dual of God, how the subject and object create a circuit, and how the energy of that give and take can bring the perfection of creation. Everything has dual aspects of mind and body, and in order to be persons of conscience and true love, we must first unite mind and body. There are only two directions to go in-the heavenly way or the secular way. That means each person is in between heaven and earth. Love is the central factor around which the whole thing will turn. The body should be centred on love and harmonized with all things of creation. Love is the central factor which can harmonize all creation. Thus, when man becomes a

being of love he is the supreme creation of God. Without that love man is no different from an animal or plant.

The centre of the two worlds is the same love and same God, making a gigantic turn together. They are centred upon true love and upon you. Man can ask for nothing more; there is nothing greater or higher. At that point man is totally fulfilled; then your conscience is totally filled and you feel complete satisfaction and happiness. Then you can manoeuvre as a unique, everlasting and unchanging entity in the universe, on your eternal journey. Amen! With this as a standard you have a goal to accomplish, and when you reach that universal goal you will shout out "Amen!" I am introducing you to the taste of true love, so even if the entire world comes against us, nothing can stop you once you taste that love. When you are traveling with the love of God, you can be accepted anywhere, even in Hell. We are front-line soldiers in the fight to restore true love to the world. There are all kinds of commotion when the world sees these flag bearers marching forward, and people accuse me of taking their children or their husbands or wives. People around the world have accused me of being a love thief.

"Our standard" is true love and conscience. "My standard" is also true love and conscience. In order to make it the "world standard" we have to give to the world by serving all mankind - eating, fundraising, witnessing, marrying and having children - everything for the sake of the world. In centring upon this standard, everything - whether family, nation, world or universe - is consummated by following the one goal. This is the beauty of it. This is truly a supreme ideology. Can you find any other preacher teaching this love? I am not just speaking about it, but living it, and you too can become deeper and deeper. It is the law of love that when you pursue this goal, God will definitely intervene in your life. This is our permanent, supreme standard. It will bring permanent, eternal happiness. That is the goal. Have you lived that way?

Totally empty yourself and be filled with this new command. When you listen to the voice of your mind, tears of joy and liberation will overflow. At that moment you will feel that universal love has touched you. Just as you like to touch beautiful flowers or butterflies, when you become lovable the universal love will want to touch you. When you are united with that love, you can give it to all things. When I teach you here at Belvedere, I am always thinking that I speak to you so that you can reach the same goal. My fervent desire in teaching you is for you to become intoxicated in that deep love also. When I am away you feel that Belvedere is empty, but when I walk in, the room feels full. Why is that? It is because I am a messenger of this love. Your privilege is to come and be ignited. It is completely possible.

# Significance of the Blessing

*From Hoon Dok Hwe Series Volume 8: "The Way for a True Child"  
by True Father, February 16th, 1986*

## Section 1. The Way of Parents & Children of the Blessed Families

### 1) *The Significance of the Blessing & the Value of Blessed Families*

What is the Blessed family? The position of the Blessed family is the position of having escaped from the sphere of Satan's accusation. It is the position of having liquidated everything which was wrong or which was mistaken in terms of the blood lineage, centering upon True Father, in order for your families to be restored through indemnity. This position is located in the completion level of the growth stage.

The Fall occurred at the completion level of the growth stage. According to the principle of the three stages of formation, growth and completion, there still remains a seven-year course. In other words, the Fall occurred before the final seven years. When Father chose Mother in 1960 he was standing in the position of the completion level of the growth stage. Since I was standing in this position, I received trials from Satan.

In 1968, seven years after 1960, God's Day was established. What does it mean? It means that fighting against the families in the satanic world was begun centering upon the family standing within the direct dominion of God, since due to the Fall human beings were not able to consummate the completion level of the growth stage within the dominion of the Principle. Centering upon tribes and nations, I have been going the way of national-level indemnity and world-level indemnity.

The Blessing cannot be done before True Parents appear. Do you understand? What the Blessing means is that in order to inherit both heaven and earth, branches of the True Parents were cut off and grafted onto your parents. Therefore, it is not only for your parents to receive salvation. What your parents have to do is to form their tribes and nations, and when the True Parents enter into the era of the nation, they have to offer their tribes. Also, as you grow up and True Parents enter into the worldwide realm, then your families have to share the responsibility for being offered on the national level.

You must be well aware of this point. In other words I gave you the Blessing





so that you may be placed in the position to bear the responsibility and mission which you have to fulfil, even though it is on a level one step lower. What does it mean to receive the Blessing? It means to change completely the blood lineage of the satanic world into the blood lineage of the heavenly world. When you drink the water, you don't know to what the water pipe is connected, but actually you are drinking the water of the heavenly kingdom.

Likewise in the satanic world, you drink the water in the same way, but actually you are drinking the water of Satan. There's a complete difference. Although it seems to be the same, the content is totally different. Do you understand?

Therefore as the content is changed, you are supposed to start on the family foundation in which Father's branch was given. That is the meaning of the Blessing. (June 20, 1984)

You must clearly know the root of the Blessing. You must be clearly aware of what Blessed families are. Born centering on the connection of love and married for the sake of the ideal of love, we have to form our families for the sake of the ideal of love. According to differing archaeological points of view, human history has lasted approximately 150,000 to 1.5 million years. Even in the process of so long a history, no one has been able to find a way of solution. It is as if human beings have been falling for years from the top of a high mountain. Human beings have been falling down endlessly and limitlessly. God has seen that, and feels pity for us poor human beings. He has the embracing heart of parents who embrace their dead children.



God has determined to take responsibility for this sorrow, and God has been enduring this sorrow. You must know how great the suffering heart of God has been.

During this period how many people have become victimized? Those people prayed when looking at a rock, they prayed looking at water, prayed looking at trees, and prayed looking at the sun, and they struggled, saying, "Help us if there is a God." Those people who were not able to understand the existence of God, wandering without knowing the way of the universe based upon the Principle, have become victims. And how many have their been? That sacrifice has been enormous and the mountain of the death of human beings has been accumulated.

Hidden among that sacrifice, among all these rotten things, what remains is only one grain of gold. For the first time within the realm of death that has enslaved four billion human beings, the Unification Church has emerged today. You must be well aware of that.

You must become the driving forces, which can digest that dirty human history as the fertilizer and ignite for the sake of the ideal of a new world. You should ignite or break out for the sake of the ideal of a new world. By break out, I mean you should start explosively. It is a great fact that the Unification Church which has a power and a content can do so. Throughout history there has been no greater event than this. You must clearly know that. (June 20, 1984)

## **2) *The Difference between Blessed Families & Families of this World***

What is the difference between the Blessed families and the families who are not blessed? To say that the Blessed families are God-centered families is ambiguous and not understandable. You must answer that the difference is that Blessed families are families that are centered on God's love, and the families in this world are families centered on the love of the satanic world. What is the love of the satanic world? It is to live only for the sake of oneself and only for the sake of one's family. It is nothing other than that. It is a love that tries to make use of others. It is a love that creates divisions, which makes different sects, different groups.

Then, what is the difference centering upon love? Blessed families must clearly know this. The difference is the blood lineage. Upon whom are you hanging? You resemble the True Parents in terms of love and the blood lineage. Did you know that clearly? When you say, "different," what is different? Our eyes and noses and mouths are the same. What is the difference? The difference is the source or the point of origin. The Blessed families started

through the True Parents. The True Parents started centering upon God. In terms of the standard of unity with God's love, Father is different. There is total difference between these two points.

What is the first difference? God's love is the center of all. The center is not our own family. Centered upon God's love, everything from the family, tribe, nation and world is included. Just say, "To love God with all your mind and all your heart is the first commandment." Then everything will be OK.

Since everything is included within God, you can become the participants of love. If you love you can have the right of participation, can't you? Though a woman doesn't know a man, if they get married and spend four days together, then both man and woman become partners and participants in love. That means they feel, "What I have is yours, and what you have is mine." This is the greatness of love that those who love can join and share.

Then what is the next difference? It is the right of inheritance. When a parent dies I become his or her successor and inherit his or her property. Likewise, if you come to receive God's love then you become able to participate in love in front of God. In other words, you are able to stand in the presence of God. Not only that, you are able to inherit all that God has. Love is amazing. Love alone can do those things; not money, knowledge or power.

When you have learned God's love and you have inherited God's blood lineage, can God curse you? Can He leave you? He cannot. Where do you belong? Do you belong to the satanic world or God's side? What's the difference? In what way are you different? You can say I have a love that God also can love and I stand in the position where I can inherit God's blood lineage and develop it. (April 12, 1986)

### **3) The Way the Second Generation Children Should Go**

Jacob had twelve sons, but do you know who received the most blessing? It was Joseph. He was the eleventh son; and after Joseph, Benjamin. And what were the other brothers doing while Joseph received blessings? They were engaged in satanic activities. The elder brothers hated Joseph. The reason that they hated Joseph was that the twelve represented all the different directions in north, south, east and west. Those divisions started with the families of Cain and Abel. Likewise, even under the circumstances of being opposed by more than ten families and persecuted by them, still you have to overcome these difficulties with a loving heart. Joseph's situation is a lesson as a model course. Joseph's brothers tried to kill him by throwing him into a well, and by selling him into slavery. But Joseph took the view that it was not his brothers that put him into that terrible situation, but the mysterious



will of God.

Thinking in that way Joseph discarded all his dignity, authority and desires, and loved them. On the foundation that Joseph loved his brothers with that condition, it was possible for the Israelites to be revived. You also have to go a way similar to that.

I gave you the Blessing, but I did not mean that you are allowed to live a comfortable life. Do you understand? Even if people oppose the Unification Church and hate us, we should love them as Joseph loved his ten brothers, and save them. In order to do that he embraced them and led them into the sphere of God's love. To stand in the position of bearing that responsibility, in the same position as Joseph, you have to take that responsibility. That is your position as Blessed children. This is the way for Blessed children to follow.

Since you are in the same position as the children who would have been born in the Garden of Eden if there had been no fall, you have to do the same work as the Savior's. Jesus was born as a sinless son but he was not born to live a comfortable or a good life in this world. Jesus' mission was to make this world better; after that, he himself would become able to live a good life. That was Jesus' mission. You have the same mission as he.

Even if God and Father make an environment in which you, the Blessed children, can live a good living, still that environment is not for your sake. You must know it is for the sake of the world. In order for you to inherit the Blessing for the sake of the world, you must love more than twelve horizontal brothers and sisters. You have to stand in the position that is recognized as the Unification Church's and in which they admit that you are the subject of love, saying, "You are the exemplary subject of us all. You are like Joseph, the eleventh son, neither the eldest son, nor the second eldest son nor the seventh nor the eighth, and you can truly inherit our family." All the eleven brothers must become like that. To do that, what kind of life do you have to live? You have to sacrifice without saying anything, and you have to live for the sake of your brothers. Do you understand? You have to stand in the same position as that. (April 12, 1981)

#### **4) Love Among Brothers-Those Who Inherit from Parents**

The families of the Unification Church give birth to many children. Whose family produced the most children? How many? The more brothers and sisters the better. No matter how many children are in the family and no matter how difficult living may be, if you have a loving heart for giving to your eldest sister or your younger brother, then all will be well even if you have to skip a meal.



If only you have a loving heart, then the situation of the family will become better. Do you wear the best clothes and give the bad clothes to your younger sisters or brothers? You should do the opposite. You even have to think in the way opposite to thinking in the satanic world. Blessed children should think differently from those in the satanic world. God is the same. Is it a good thing or a bad thing? Among the brothers and sisters, those who do the most for the sake of other brothers and sisters, for the sake of parents, and for the sake of the whole, will receive the inheritance of the parents. Those who make trouble, who do not listen to their parents, and who do only what they want to do, will become the last.

No matter how difficult the living may be, no matter what a difficult life you lead, still you should be grateful and you should wait, shedding tears in front of heaven, and overcoming a hungry stomach. You should be able to say, “God, please love our nation, and please love our people, and fulfil the wish of our mother.” You should be able to say those things.

The more of those things there are, the more you should put the good things into your back pocket. God is like that. God has thousands of pockets, and God says, “Hey, I will give you this,” and he takes things out from the bottom of his pocket one at a time.

To whom should God give those things, and when? God expects us to be patient. He says, “Be patient until you are twenty-one years old and then you will achieve complete victory over Satan.” If you are able to understand that and to pray from that position, then the best treasure comes out from the pocket of God. But what if, when you are about fifteen years old you say, “God, I cannot endure. I have waited for fifteen years and nothing has been given.” Then all the efforts you have made for the past ten years will have been in vain.

What is the most valuable thing? It is to be able to endure suffering and difficulties from the days of your youth and to pray. That is the most valuable thing. The sons and daughters who suffer many things and make the most efforts will receive all the inheritance from their father and mother. No matter how ugly their face may be, no matter how short their height, no matter how lacking in knowledge they may be, it is these children who become the inheritors of the property of the family. Do you understand? Do you think this is right or not? (April 12, 1981)

### **5) *Correct Attitude at the Time of Giving Advice to Parents***

Do you know that your father and mother are giving their loyalty for the sake of the Will? You all know that. Therefore, if sometimes your father or



your mother is not loyal to the Will of God, you have to give advice to them. “Father and Mother, why are you like that? I think the way of the Will is this, and heavenly will is that, so why are you behaving this way? You should do like this. How come you are fighting and quarrelling almost everyday?” You should give them advice in this way. That is a good thing. If your father or mother makes a mistake, it will be terrible.

You should share the common responsibility with your parents. When you go home, in the case that your parents are wrong on some issue, then even if you are young you must still do something. You should approach with the right attitude and say, “Father and mother, I think this is what is right and what is wrong. What do you think? Is it the right thing or not?” If they agree that you are right, you should say, “Then please don’t fight.”

You have to protect your family in that way. A long time ago when Adam and Eve were teenagers they could not protect the Garden of Eden, so today you who are the teenagers of the Unification Church, should protect what your parents cannot protect; by fulfilling your responsibility, you can prevent the fall. You have to know that. Do you understand what I mean?

Then your father and mother will say, “Well, you are right.” By saying so they will be fearful of you and will hesitate in front of you. Then they will cease to do that kind of thing. Do you understand what I mean? Please guide your parents well by giving them your advice. Then your father and mother will give birth to wonderful younger brothers and sisters and form a wonderful true family.

### **6) The Pride of the Second Generation is the True Parents**

What can you be proud of? Let me ask you a question. When you yourself love God, what can you be proud of? Have you ever loved God or not? What is your pride? Do you have the capability to love your father and mother who are blessed? Those who cannot trust their parents, answer me. What is it that you are proud of? Being Second Generation? Second generation of what? You have nothing to be proud of in front of Satan. Then, how can you who have nothing to be proud of in front of Satan, receive Blessing in front of heaven? What is it that you can be proud of in front of Satan? Is it money? Is it your face? Is it your physical body? No. What is it? Answer me. What is it that you can be proud of in front of Satan? Those that can answer me raise your hands.

Do you think there is anything within your parents you can be proud of or not? Why? Centering upon what? You say you have nothing to be proud of.

What is it you can be proud of in front of Satan? It is simple. It is that



you love God. Does Satan love God? When Satan comes to love God then everything is finished. Next, you love the True Parents. Do you love your True Parents?

The only thing you can be proud of in front of Satan is loving God and the True Parents. This is the pride that Satan can never have, to love True Parents who are the center of this world. The same thing can be said of my family, my tribe. In my family it is my pride in front of my father and mother. Have you ever thought of that? What you can be proud of from the beginning to the end is only the True Parents. In the place where the True Parents are denied, you return instantly to the satanic rhythm. Do you understand what I mean?

What is it that we can be proud of in front of Satan? It is that we can insist: "We remain loyal and die for the True Parents whom you can never attend, whom you can never have. That is our pride. We are fundamentally different from you who sacrifice others for your own sake." Are your father and mother like that? Are they the same as Father? What is your pride? The True Parents. What is next? Love. You can be proud of yourselves in front of Satan by having True Parents. There is nothing else.

What Satan regrets is that True Parents have appeared on this planet Earth, but what God rejoices in is the same fact that True Parents have appeared in the world. The world of the true family has come, and the true tribe and nation and world have come into existence. And now the Unification family has come to the stage where we can lead the world. We start not with the unified nation but with the family centered upon love. (February 19, 1986)



# True Love and True Marriage

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Now is the time for you, as you enter the time after the coming of Heaven, to practice Heaven's truth in your family and nation in order to prepare for your eternal life. It is time to leave behind the struggle, conflict and confrontation of the age before the coming of Heaven. We can stand on the foundation of the True Parents, who are the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and establish the substantial Kingdom of Heaven. This realm of complementary partnership, harmony and unity, is what we call Cheon Il Guk.

From this perspective, I would like to take this opportunity to speak on the topic, "True Love and True Marriage." I will share one aspect of the principle of true love that I have been teaching throughout my life and that you now are to put into practice.

## **What is True Love?**

What is true love? It does not refer to the selfish love that is strewn about in the secular world. It is not the counterfeit love given one moment and abandoned the next. It is not self-indulgent, profligate love driven by fleshly desire. Such false love assails and violates the conscience driving nails into the original mind.

True love on the other hand is the source of peace and spiritual order. Its nature is to honor and preserve the public tranquility. It is humanity's shared inheritance that serves the common benefit of all people. It symbolizes God's intention and power, for it is rooted in God.

True love is mysterious. The more it is given, the more plentiful it is and the greater joy it brings. True love possesses power great enough to transform the motivation, process and outcome of human life. We were created to be born in true love, raised in true love, and pass to the next world in true love. That is the reason true love has the greatest and highest value.

Through true love we can be together eternally, see each other eternally, converse with and feel each other eternally and have nothing but affection for each other. It is one love and yet all people can enjoy it together. If we consider its detail, it is extremely small; if we consider its grandeur, it is extremely huge. Immersed in true love, the mere wink of an eye can be





sufficient to bring forth a joy so great as to shake heaven and earth; a single smile can make one feel superhuman power. That power is strong enough to change one's life. If you think you can see it, you cannot; if you think you cannot see it, you can. It is full of mystery.

What color is true love? Do you suppose that at night it is black, and in daylight it is white? The central colors of true love are harmony and unity; surrounding them are peace and happiness. An atomic weapon has no power other than to destroy life. It is not a symbol of creation, but of judgment and ruin. True love, by contrast, has the power of resurrection that can bring one who has died back to life. So the power to bind the world together and bring unity does not reside in the military mindset that lies behind nuclear weapons, but in true love. Each nation has its cultural background and political boundary, and true love is the only power capable of transcending these. The difficult problems humanity faces can be solved only through the perfection of true love. Ladies and gentlemen, you must seek after true love. You must make true love your own. You must witness the perfection of true love within your own life. Where can you go to find true love?

If we first examine the manner in which true love exists, we see that it has a multidirectional character moving simultaneously north, south, east and west, and that it exists and functions in a way that transcends race, culture, religion and national boundaries. True love acts prior to life, for it is the origin of life. True love is complete in its original form and needs no development or revolution. True love is the most natural thing, possessing the highest sincerity. True love functions at a speed greater than anything in the world.

We can receive the seeds of true love only by receiving the true Holy Blessing from the horizontal True Parents. They come as substantiations of God, the vertical True Parent, and thereby engraft us into God's lineage. There is no way to find true love in the Fallen world of falsehood. It is absolutely impossible. We cannot find the lineage of goodness in the human-centered world that resulted from the Fall. Only by being engrafted onto the lineage of goodness through the True Parents can you find a way to overcome the struggle between your mind and body. Taking this further, it is the only way to resolve the problems of human conflict, of religious, racial and national boundaries, and of democracy versus communism. It also opens the way to peace in the Middle East and unification on the Korean Peninsula, the two most dangerous areas of conflict in today's world. This is the reason that the change of blood lineage is an important and serious matter.

The Blessing of Marriage is a once-in-a-lifetime event on which the life of humanity depends. This is the precise reason that the Blessing for Registration



in Cheon Il Guk for "The Revolution of True Heart, True Liberation and Complete Freedom," which all of us dedicated to Heaven in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on August 20, was the greatest and most precious grace and blessing in your entire life. You have now received the Holy Blessing from the True Parents, who have been crowned as World King of Peace. You have inherited the true lineage and you have received the seed of true love. Please never forget that you are to spend the remainder of your life on earth nurturing this seed so that it will blossom and bear fruit.

### ***What Is True Marriage?***

Ladies and gentlemen, why do we marry? In a word, it is so that we may resemble God's image. As One Entity who exists with dual characteristics, God is a unified being in which opposites dwell in union. Because men and women are projections of God's divine characteristics, their destiny is to form a union as one body, become as one seed, and return to oneness with God's original character.

Let us give highest praise to the sanctity of marriage. Married life is the way for a man and a woman to love. Whom do we resemble when we become one through married life? Our goal is to resemble God. It is only when a man and a woman become one that they truly resemble God, who created them in His image. It is then, and only then, that God resides in them. A man symbolizes heaven and a woman symbolizes earth. So it is necessary for a man and woman to come together in harmony to bring about peace. The phrase, "the union of virtue in heaven and earth," refers to a state in which a husband and wife have accomplished perfect unity centering on Heaven's true love.

When a husband and wife embrace each other in true love, it is the equivalent of the universe becoming one body. This is the original image of creation brought into substantial reality in the context of God's ideal.

Another reason we marry is so that we can be trained to love the world and all its people. The marriage ceremony vows speak of the substantiation of love and, at the same time, the endowment of the authority to create and the authority to exercise dominion. So the purpose of marriage is to bring into oneness the realm of heart of one man, representing the world, and one woman, representing the world, so that they may perfect the love between a man and a woman.

When a couple has accomplished the perfection of love and the perfection of their hearts, it can be said that they have accomplished the family ideal. If you die on this foundation, you are certain to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.



Why is marriage important? It is because it is the path by which we seek true love. It is because it is the path for creating life. It is because it is the path on which the lineage of a man and woman are co-mingled. Through marriage, history is made, and on that foundation, nations are born and the ideal world can begin.

When we marry, we must do so with the conviction that we do this not for ourselves but for our partner. It is wrong for a person to try to gain a spouse on the basis of their high social standing, wealth or beauty. Once we realize that human beings are born to live for the sake of others, we understand that marriage, too, is for the sake of our spouse. Our view of marriage must be that if our spouse has deficiencies, we will give him or her even more love than we would if he or she were the most beautiful person in the world.

Having been born as human beings, we must be determined to love our partner as we love God, love our partner in the same way that we would love humankind, and love our partner more than we love any other person in the world. Otherwise, we cannot be restored to the Kingdom of Heaven as a husband and wife. If a man cannot love a woman truly, how can he expect to be able to love God or humankind?

Marriage is a ceremony by which we open the gates and enter the palace of happiness. This is why marriage is a major occasion of moral significance. Because love exists and functions transcendent of time and space, it is the most important dimension of human life, and marriage is the ceremony in which this love is brought forth and confirmed.

Respected guests, this evening I have conveyed to you one aspect of Heaven's teaching regarding true love and true marriage. Whether you participated as a newlywed couple or as an existing couple, you have now been granted Heaven's command to walk the path of a true husband and wife with Heaven's seal. By your bond with the True Parents, you have received the seed of true love, so I ask that you become true husbands and wives who produce true fruit through a true married life. Become true parents. Build true families. Establish true nations. Heavenly fortune will help you.

In closing, I sincerely ask that you lead lives in which, by practicing true love, you do everything you can to prepare for your eternal life.

Thank you.



# Extracts from Peace Message 10

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To commemorate this significant day and renew our resolve, I would like to convey Heaven's words on the subject of "The Family Rooted in Absolute Sexual Ethics, which Is the Model for God's Absoluteness, Peace and Ideal, and the Global Kingdom," which is a summary of the message from Heaven that I have given to the 6.5 billion people of the world over the past year. It is to remind you once again of your role and mission from the viewpoint of God's providence, and of the importance of the age in which you are living.

## ***God's Purpose of Creation***

Respected leaders from around the world, what do you think is God's ultimate purpose for creating human beings? It is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family look like? When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. Then what was the quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love? Simply put, it was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance of God as their Father and form a model family embodying God's ideal of peace. They were to have followed the path of living as one family with God, experiencing joy eternally.

God created Adam and Eve and installed them as the first ancestors of humankind to form the model family and establish the ideal of peace. He committed Himself completely to raising them as His son and daughter who were to be encapsulations of the entire cosmos, mediators between the spiritual and physical worlds, and lords of creation, and who would be joined with Him through true love, true life and true lineage.

## ***Absolute Sexual Morality and Conjugal Love***

Ladies and gentlemen, it was necessary for Adam and Eve to establish a model ideal family of peace. God, the absolute being, created human beings as His children in order to instill in them absolute values on the basis of an absolute standard. Thus, human beings must follow the way of that absolute standard in keeping with the demands of the heavenly path. This means we must follow our destined life course in order to attend God, the absolute being, as our Parent. In other words, for people to perfect themselves in

resemblance of God and obtain the stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the absolute being, they must follow the path based on the absolute standard God has determined. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual purity.

The first stage is maintaining absolute sexual purity prior to getting married. After we are born, we go through a process of growth. We pass through infancy and childhood in a very safe and secure environment embraced in our parents' love and protection. We then enter the time of adolescence, which signals the start of a new and dynamic life as we forge relationships on a totally new level with those around us, as well as with all things of creation. This is the moment when we begin to travel the path to becoming an absolute human being—internally, through the perfection of our character, and externally, by reaching adulthood.

Yet, at this time there is an absolute requirement that people must fulfill, no matter who they are. This is the requirement of maintaining their purity, which is the model of absolute sexual morality for human beings. God gave it to His children as their destined responsibility and duty, to be carried out in order to fulfill the ideal of creation. This heavenly path is thus the way toward perfecting the model of absoluteness in conjugal love.

What was the single word, the one and only commandment God gave to Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, upon their creation? It was the commandment and blessing to maintain an absolute standard of sexual purity until God's approval of their marriage. We find the basis for this in the Bible passage that indicates that Adam and Eve would surely die on the day they ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. If they had refrained from eating and observed Heaven's commandment, they would have perfected their character and, as co-creators, stood with God, the Creator, as His equals. Furthermore, they would have taken dominion over the creation and become the lords of the universe enjoying eternal and ideal happiness.

It was God's blessing that He told them to preserve their purity so that they could wed as His true children through His Marriage Blessing, become true husband and wife, become true parents and give birth to true children. This knowledge deepens our understanding of this commandment. It is connected with the principle of absoluteness in conjugal love, which is a principle of God's creation. The profound truth within God's commandment has lain hidden throughout history: human beings must inherit and live by a model absolute sexual purity that is intrinsic to God's ideal for creation. This is so that they might perfect their individuality as God's children and establish themselves as lords of creation.



Second is the model of absoluteness in the love of husband and wife. More precious than life itself, this is the heavenly law of absolute fidelity. Husband and wife are eternal partners given to each other by Heaven. Through having children, they become the co-creators of true love, true life and true lineage, and the origin of that which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. This is because it is a heavenly principle that one person cannot give birth to a child by him- or herself, even in a thousand years.

How can people who preserve their purity before marriage, and whom God binds together in a pure marriage as husband and wife, deviate from the way of Heaven and go astray, following a wrong path? We human beings are different from animals; if they understand God's purpose in creating them as His children, they will realize that the wrong path is one of unimaginable betrayal and defiance of the Creator; it is a path of self-destruction along which they dig their own graves. Resulting from the human Fall, this path falls outside the realm of the ideal of creation.

Ladies and gentlemen, the absoluteness of conjugal love is the greatest blessing that Heaven has bestowed on humankind. Without adhering to the principle of absolute sexual purity, the path to the perfection of one's character and spiritual maturity is closed. Furthermore, without securing the foundation of absolute sexual morality within a true family of perfected individuals, it is impossible for God to manifest with dignity as the incarnate God of character.

In order for God, the absolute being, to have direct dominion over our lives and to live and share joy with us, we who were created as His object partners and children must assume the form of a perfected family based on the standard of absolute sexual ethics, as God intended. Only within the boundaries of a family upholding absolute sexual morality is it possible to create relationships based on an ideal model of sexual ethics for life as it should originally have existed. This life includes the three-generational realm of grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren. Please understand clearly that God's eternal life and a person's eternal life are possible only on this foundation.

Therefore, if Adam and Eve had achieved individual perfection—the perfection of character—by upholding the principles of absolute sexual purity, in accordance with God's will, and then entered into conjugal relations through His Blessing, they would have attained complete oneness with Him. God would have dwelt within their union. Their children also would have been linked to this holy order of love, enjoying a direct relationship with God as their parent. In other words, the marriage of the perfected Adam and Eve based on absolute purity in conjugal love, would have been God's own

marriage. God is forever God, but at the same time Adam and Eve were to have become His incarnations. They would have become God's body. God would have settled inside their minds and hearts to become the True Parent of humankind in both the spiritual and physical worlds, on the foundation of absoluteness in conjugal love.

### ***The Importance of Lineage***

Do you know what has pained God's heart the most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage, and with that, God lost the basis of human brotherhood and even His ownership over the creation. God's lineage is more precious than life itself. Without it, the fruits of true life and true love never matured. They became instead the fruits of Satan, lacking any relationship with God. From them descended the 6.5 billion people now inhabiting the earth.

Ladies and gentlemen, lineage is more important than life and more precious than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three—love, life and lineage—lineage is the fruit. God's lineage contains the seed of true love. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life.

Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, that is, people of ideal character, and to create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation. The kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world is established in this way through relationships based on absolute sexual morality.

Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough. This is because the parent-child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the only way through which His lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever. You must be clear on this point.

However, it is false love, false life and false lineage that have infested the earth. God's love, life and lineage fell into the hands of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love. Heaven and earth were suffocated and transformed into hell. The world became a wretched place, far from God's presence. Yet humanity to this day lives in ignorance of this. People are deluded into believing that the lineage of the enemy is the lifeline upon which the world depends. This is the wretched truth about humanity descended from the Fall. That is why we refer to this world as hell on earth. God views humanity's tragic situation with a heart full of pain.

Furthermore, when, due to the Fall, Satan gained control of the realm of lineage, he also usurped the right of the elder son and the right of ownership. Who can comprehend the sorrowful, painful heart of God? God is like a father who worked and sweated his entire life to accumulate assets for his children, only to have a thief steal everything overnight. God lost His lineage, lost His children, and was forced to hand over the ownership of the nations and world to Satan.

My life, the life of Reverend Moon, whose task it is to complete the mission of the True Parents, has been one of sorrow, marked by inexpressible suffering and persecution.



The third Adam, the True Parent, must indemnify and completely reverse all the failures of the first and second Adams. He has the task to complete not only the mission of the Savior, Messiah, and Lord at his second coming, but also the missions of all those major figures on whom religions are based. With similarities to the process of God's creation of the universe, his life has constituted the great work of the re-creation of humanity, where not even the smallest error is permitted. It has been a lonely course that cannot be fully comprehended by anyone.

It has been a course that took him down thorny paths through the wilderness—paths that he had to follow while utterly alone. Not even God could acknowledge him. Hovering many times between life and death, even vomiting blood, his life has been one of establishing a model of sexual morality, the life of a phoenix that had to rise again to remain true to his



promise to God.

Though he was innocent, Reverend Moon has had to endure unjust imprisonment six times: for working in the underground independence movement when he was studying in Japan in his early days; for propagating the will of God in Pyongyang, which was under communist rule immediately after Korea's independence; during the Syngman Rhee administration after Korea had been reborn as a free nation; and, furthermore, even in the United States, which proudly presents itself to the world as a model of democracy. Who on earth can understand the life of Reverend Moon—a life that has been one of perfecting a model of sexual morality? His has been a life of misery; by biting his tongue he has endured for the sake of comforting God, and for the salvation of the fallen people of the world who are suffering in the realm of death. Even now, if someone were to look into my heart and speak one word of sympathy, I would burst into tears and my tears would flow like a waterfall.

There is only one way to recover the realm of lineage, the right of the elder son and the right of ownership. This is the path to win the natural subjugation of Satan, to have Satan surrender voluntarily. What is the secret to accomplish this? It can only be accomplished by the power of true love, when we love our enemies more than we love our own children.

### **True Love**

Then what is true love? Its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, as with a devoted son who finds his greatest satisfaction in dedicating his mind and body to helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually rejoicing in each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen people have created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of God's true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute precondition for entering the kingdom of heaven.

## **The Spirit World Really Exists**

Ladies and gentlemen, each person has a mind and body, and a spirit self that is more elevated than the mind. God resides in the world in which we live with our physical bodies and also in the spirit world, to which our spirits are destined to pass on. Therefore, only when we have become completely one with God in true love are we complete. Such a perfected person might be a small individual but would represent all of history and all potential future relationships, and so could be said to possess infinite value. Once we are aware of this universal value, we realize that our lives should be led by and carried out in service to our minds for the sake of perfecting a standard of absolute sexual morality.

That is why your conscience knows and perceives not only every action you have performed but also every thought you have entertained. Your conscience is aware of these things before your teachers, parents or even God are. Hence, if you were to live in absolute obedience to the commands of your conscience, which is your teacher for eternity, you would be absolutely guaranteed to have eternal life. Such is the way of God's creation.

When viewing the structure of a human being from a different angle, we can recognize that God created us as beings with dual characteristics. He created our physical bodies as miniatures of the corporeal, tangible world and our spiritual bodies as representatives of and lords of the incorporeal world. Accordingly, His intention was that we would live for one hundred years or so in the physical world and, once the physical body ceases to function, pass on naturally and automatically into the incorporeal, spirit world. In this way, though it cannot be perceived by the eyes in our physical bodies, the spirit world is the automatic and inevitable extension of our lives on earth, humanity's eternal, original homeland, created by God.

The spirit world does actually exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right to choose; it is not a world we can go to if we please or refuse to go to if we would rather not. Just as God is eternal and unchanging, the spirit world He created is also eternal and unchanging. Just as we live in the physical world in our physical bodies and form all sorts of relationships with the existing world, in the spirit world we are destined to go on living in our spiritual bodies, forming and maintaining close relationships with all phenomena of the spirit world.



# The Selection of the Spouse

## *Part 1 from The Process of the Blessing by True Father*

### **1. WHO DETERMINES THE SPOUSE?**

From the viewpoint of the Principle of Creation, God and the parents created the spouse. Therefore, in following the law of recreation, it is essential that God and father and mother, not ourselves, select the spouse. It is our covenant, following heavenly law, to accept that our husband or wife will emerge from there. Therefore, in the Unification Church, following the Principle, God and then Father are supposed to select your spouse.

This is the theory of the ideal of creation, and, following this standard, centering on this ideal, your Blessing will be under God's protection. In this way, Father, as the True Parent and representing your parents, can proceed correctly with your Blessing. This is Unification Church's view of marriage.

There absolutely should not be anyone who arbitrarily chooses a spouse as he or she pleases. The Lord of the Second Advent is the only person who has inherited from God the authority to determine the spouse. Therefore, when the person who has the authority to decide the ideal spouse appears, the more a person is close to his original mind, the more he will be led unconsciously and heartistically to accept that person's choice when he stands in front of him.

When receiving the Blessing, if anyone has a person to whom he wishes to be matched, and thinks in his mind, "I would like to be matched with this one," he is insulting God. That is to repeat the same action as Adam and Eve falling in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve fell at the top of the growth stage, they did not know with certainty that they were to become each other's spouses. They were not sure. Without knowing, they unwittingly brought about that result through Satan's temptation. You must move away from that road.

If this is true, can anyone go to the Blessing knowing his own spouse? Can he go forth having already decided beforehand his own spouse? Heaven is supposed to decide the spouse and the parents are supposed to decide. God, who is Adam's father, is supposed to decide. Seen from this viewpoint, the traditional Korean marriage ceremony corresponds to the law of heaven. In that tradition, you absolutely cannot marry without the consent of the parents. This is absolute.



This marriage is not being done for the benefit of the Unification Church's Reverend Moon. It is being done for the benefit of each other. It is absolutely not being done for the benefit of myself but for the benefit of those whom I face and join in marriage. It is being done for the benefit of all people.

In this matching event, which happens only once in a lifetime, what kind of relationship should each person make with God? This is the important question. This issue is between you and heaven. If you are a man, it is an issue between man and heaven, and if you are a woman, it is an issue between woman and heaven. Moreover, in the Unification Church, it is an issue of how to make relationship with Father. Between Father and a man, it is an issue between that one man and Father. Also in the case of a woman, the relationship between Father and the woman is a serious matter of personal concern.

Without solving that problem, you will not be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Why? Because the Fall was caused by Adam and Eve's deciding matters by themselves. That was the cause of what became everlasting sorrow and regret. If that was the basis of the Fall, then in order to indemnify this, you must solve the problem of your relationship with Father. But until now the solution has not come about. That is why we are giving our pledge in this place. Standing obedient to the will of God, a question and answer process occurs. After the question and answer ceremony and the Blessing, you must work hard.

The place of Blessing is the most precious place. The time of Blessing comes about only once in a lifetime and its results last through eternity. In that most precious place, you must decide to go over this barrier with the most precious person by absolutely following the True Parents. Then heaven will come down in this place. In this way you must become the most valuable, substantial being who was molded by heaven and stands before heaven. To decide the most noble substance by oneself is to go against the Principle. You must know that because this was not done well, the sorrow of heaven has persisted even until now. For us, who are in the position to go forward by indemnifying this, how we come to find this precious position is the most serious issue. Until now, the blessed couples have been vague about this concept.

## **2. DO NOT DECIDE YOUR PARTNER BY YOURSELF**

You must not choose your partner on your own. Especially do not try to discover who he or she is by prayer. A person who does that will come to no good end. Once Father blessed two persons who had decided through prayer,



and he established an indemnity condition for them. But things did not turn out well. I cannot tell you who they are; only Father knows. Their fate was according to the Principle. Even if Father forgives them and they go on to fulfill their indemnity condition by themselves, it will not be good for them in the end. Inevitably, within three generations of their descendants, similar phenomena will occur. Indeed, the Unification Church is a fearful place.

When you face Father and look at him, you might think he isn't much, but he is a fearsome person. Those who have given Father a hard time all were destroyed. That is why when I work for the sake of God's will, I myself am very serious. I do not decide something in an irresponsible way. Before making a decision, I consult Heaven and set every standard according to the Principle, and then I announce the policy. When I know that something is heaven's will, I do not care what the world thinks about it.

Once, when Father was just about to match one sister, another person who was standing right beside Father said to her, "That person is like this and like that." Father said, "Then who is the person you recommend?" And he introduced a person whom he preferred to the sister. The person he recommended was a person for whom he had a liking in his mind, and he had the desire to offer a very good husband for this sister for whom he cared. Is this not understandable? Those who are mothers here, when you look at your daughters and their prospective sons-in-law, you whisper to each other about having a son-in-law that you like. In that incident, the woman listened to that bystander's advice and married the person he had recommended, rejecting Father's words. But the result of that marriage was not good.

Father once gave the Blessing to about ten couples who really liked each

other and wanted to marry each other. Of those, 80% ended in failure. I will never do that again. Perhaps in the future, I will give numbers to everyone and will match by numbers. At that time you have only two choices: you can get blessed, or you can refuse. I will have to match by numbers in order to marry tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of couples. At that time Father's antennae will be different antennae. At that moment Father will not be of this world. Father will use emergency tactics. Father will use emergency tactics that he has been using until now to defeat Satan. For that amazing event to happen, a lot of preparation, prayer and devotion will have been poured in. It will take less than ten minutes to decide the partners for 20 couples. But in order to decide the partners, there will be careful and meticulous consideration. It will not be haphazard.

You who are being blessed at this time should follow Father's will. Previously, of those who married based on their own preferences, some of them suffered separation through the death of their spouse. At the matching time, even when Father refused their request, they kept wanting to be married, saying that they liked each other. When Father said, "Is it OK even if you die?" they still wanted to be married together. So I blessed them saying, "Go ahead. Do as you will." Sure enough, many of them ended with that fate.

None of you should take a stance centering on yourselves. If there is a compass in you, that compass should always point to God. You are to turn your compass all the way to where it points to God. When you turn the compass to point to yourselves, there will be harmful side effects. How great are those side effects? Those whose compasses are turned to center on the self will, after a while, reach a condition where they might die. If you look at them after about three weeks, their eyes will stick to the insides of their sockets. When you look at this alternative, you must find your partner centering on God.

Those who discuss amongst themselves and come to Father for the approval of their marriage are only trying to use Father as a sacrifice for the acceptance of their marriage. When they say, "We like each other, so please marry us," Father will never bless them. Why? They are acting not only according to the habit of conventional society, but according to the will of Satan. Then centering on whose mind should the matching be done? The issue is whether it is to be done by following your own minds or Reverend Moon's mind.

Marriage is not supposed to take place haphazardly. It is not to be done between persons who meet in the street while coming and going. If two people marry just because they feel attracted to one another, some disaster could happen just as they get married. Then we would realize that there was something mysterious about their fate. It was because they did not fit well

with each other. A pine tree must be grafted to a pine tree. There are types that fit correctly. When you realize this, you must deal with the Blessing this time with new and better attitudes. Absolutely do not stand in a place where you want to pass through the Blessing in a position that centers on yourselves. You should know that the Blessing is not for yourselves; it is for the nation and even for the world. Moreover, you must take to heart that the Blessing is for the sake of your descendants.

You should not approach the moment when your partner is chosen with a heart of happiness but with a heart of infinite suffering. From when you start, until the end, you must watch your heart very carefully. This time is the most important period in your life. It corresponds to the six thousand years of providential history.

In order to pass through this gate, how sad was Jesus? How many times did he pass through pain and anguish? Over how many critical moments of death did he go? In order to come to the new road of life, you must receive that degree of agony and suffering in the worst environment. This place is the place that closes the door of suffering, closes the door of sorrow, and closes the door of death. Therefore, you must go over this after feeling the worst suffering, the worst sorrow and the worst death. Through this, the road of rebirth can be opened, and you will resurrect from worry, from suffering, from sorrow and from death. This is how you are to receive the partner.

You must come to your decision based upon the standard of number three positions. That decision cannot be made for you by Father or by God. The only one who can decide it is yourself.

Originally, man was created for woman, and woman was created for man. But fallen man must go through the position of a servant, an adopted son and a son, before advancing to the position of husband or wife and then to the position of true parents. Therefore, I will make each one of the blessed couples suffer until he or she feels like they want to die. Man is born alone, goes to marry alone, and dies alone. The parent only introduces, and the decision has to be reached by himself or herself alone. Among you there are probably many who will go away without making effort. Those people should reflect on themselves in contemplation.

### **3. HOW DO YOU MEET YOUR IDEAL PARTNER?**

Your ideal partner is the person who will be your companion on the road to the ideal world. Who is your ideal partner? Your ideal partner is a person who receives God's love in great quantity. The one who can stand closer than



you to the formula course is your ideal mate. Then who is that person who can be close to the formula course? It is the person who is close to realizing the hope of every historical period. It is the person who is close to realizing the hope of the past and who is close to becoming the center desired by the present day society. Moreover, if there is a starting point in the future, it is the person who is close to that starting point. You should value that kind of person.

The foundation to have the ideal spouse is to marry as a couple in a place Satan cannot invade. That is, the ideal spouse is married as a couple by the will of God on the foundation which has indemnified the vertical history horizontally. Therefore, the ideal of marriage has to be centered on God. If it does not surpass the standard existing at the time before Adam and Eve's fall, a new ideology cannot start. You are not standing in a position where each of you has fought and became a person whom Satan cannot penetrate, but you are in a position where you are believing in and following this ideology. Therefore, your Blessing will come to nothing unless a heartistic foundation and a substantial foundation are laid continuously.

The term "ideal spouse" is very good, is it not? Until now, you have thought that an ideal spouse is like this or like that. No matter how good your partner is, you will not find his or her value unless you have within you the quality to do so. Where is your capacity to discover whether or not your spouse is excellent? Without you yourself being the best, you cannot find the very essence of your spouse's excellence. The ideal spouse comes later. The self has to be thought of first. How to perfect yourself is the most important thing. The ideal spouse means putting the will of the spouse first, but the perfect, ideal family cannot come about unless it first is decided that you can become the perfect subject or the perfect object.

What is the priority for an unmarried man and woman? The problem is whether or not I myself am perfect. Before thinking about your ideal spouse, first you must become a filial son or daughter and have a relationship with the parents who will testify that you are a filial son or daughter. You must become perfect in that sense. After that is accomplished, the ideal spouse can be sought after and loved.

The reason the Unification Church until now does not give the members the Blessing right away, but makes them do fundraising instead, is in order to make them aspire for the parents' vertical love. The reason we tell you not to worry about fiancés is because once you fulfill the vertical love, the fiancé appears automatically.

Without establishing the vertical love, you should not think to meet your fiancé or love him. There must be many people here who have already been



matched. Among you, those who can say that you have perfected vertical love, raise your hands. If there is such a person, I will allow that engaged couple to live together and I will bless them in marriage prior to others. Because it is unprincipled for a person who has not fulfilled the vertical love to marry, Father has been waiting.

The person who, in his or her lifetime, loves the world, God and humankind with love greater than the love between man and woman, and only after accomplishing that comes to love his spouse, is an ideal person.

Who is the best companion a human being can have? Jesus, who came down to this earth, tried to find a family where he could realize perfect love. The best companion is the family where true love is practiced. In order to find that, a person has to go through the course of offering in this world. He has to go through the course of offering based on his body. He must reject the love of Satan's world and indemnify the love of the heavenly world. He must, from himself, transcend matter, transcend the desire to be centered on the body, transcend lust, and deny every realistic and sensual element. He must go through such a course.

What is good fortune? Living well or eating well is not good fortune. Meeting a partner well is good fortune. Paving the way of a husband and wife by following the relationships of heaven and earth and following the law of the natural relationships of human beings is the greatest of blessings. There is no greater blessing. No matter how popular and prestigious he is and how famous his family is, if a person does not meet the right wife, then he will be miserable.

No matter how good an academic background or how handsome an appearance he has, he will not be happy if he marries a bad wife. In the same way, no matter how famous or of good standing a woman is, if she gets a bad husband, the result is the same. Therefore what is the greatest of all good fortunes? Meeting your partner well. That is the greatest blessing. By meeting your mate well, you will have good children. Isn't that right?

#### **4. IT IS INEVITABLE THAT YOUR PARTNER IS SOMEWHERE**

When Adam appeared as God's ideal creation, did he compare this person or that person whom he might pick? Adam could not do that, because God made Eve for him. Whether Eve was beautiful or ugly, he was to love her absolutely. No matter how big or small, she was the sole, unique being for Adam. Therefore it is the Principle that they love each other absolutely. When they feel the taste of love, those details are no problem.



True love fills and over-fills what is imperfect. You might think that Adam was handsome and Eve was beautiful, but you cannot know that. Whether a man is handsome or ugly cannot be a real problem. These days there are women who shun mirrors because they think they are so ugly, but this is totally unnecessary. I have talked about finding the ideal partner for a lifetime. You might think that at the matching time I will consider, “Ah! Is this the one, or is that the one?”

But what is ideal is absolutely only one. It is the same as in the Garden of Eden where there was only one man and one woman. Should the person who is supposed to become the True Parent look at this woman and that woman, with his eyes always staring? Lightning does not strike by looking at where it is to strike. When plus and minus become close, it will always strike. At the moment the minus appears, they will become one. You also must become like that, centering on the love of God.

Is there anywhere in the whole world where, if there is only one woman and if ten males are born, they would say that nine of them should die? Do people worry about that? When a girl is born crying, does she look around asking, “Where is my man?” When a man is born, does he straightaway look for a maiden? It’s not right. This is because the mate is inevitably somewhere. There is no need to worry about that. If there is a man, there is a woman. If there is a female, a male will be born.

People of the world desire that their partners be greater than themselves. But this is an impossible way of thinking in the course of the providence of restoration. Expecting my partner to be greater and better than “I” is not right. Because there was the fall, expecting the partner to appear in the fallen world as a person greater than “I” is wrong. If you desire your partner to be a good person, you should manifest that by investing more effort than your partner.



# Promises that must never be broken

*From 'As a Peace Loving Global Citizen'*

During our matching and marriage ceremonies, I ask the brides and grooms to make promises to each other that must never be broken. First, a husband and wife must always trust and love each other. Second, they must not cause any pain to the heart of their partner. Third, they must educate their children and grandchildren to maintain sexual purity. Fourth, all members of their family must help and encourage each other so that they become a true ideal family. Chastity before marriage and fidelity in marriage are of utmost importance. This is what I teach so people can live to their highest potential as human beings, creating and maintaining healthy families.

Marriage is more than a simple coming together of a man and woman. It is a precious ceremony of commitment to carry on God's work of creation. Marriage is the path by which a man and woman become as one, create new life, and establish true love. Through marriage, a new future is created: Societies are formed; nations are built. God's world of peace is realized with married families at the center. It is in the family that God's Kingdom of Heaven is brought about.

So husbands and wives must be centers of peace. Not only must there be love between the husband and wife, but the couple must also be able to bring harmony to their extended families. It is not enough that the husband and wife live well together in love. All the relatives must love each other as well. I tell brides and grooms to have many children. To bear many children and raise them is God's blessing. It is unthinkable that human beings apply their own standard of judgment and arbitrarily abort precious lives given to them by God. All life born into this world embodies God's will. All life is noble and precious, so it must be cared for and protected.

Naturally, a married husband and wife must maintain mutual trust and nurture their love. The promise I emphasize the most to people preparing to marry is "teach your children to maintain sexual purity."

This is an obvious promise, but it has become difficult to keep in today's society. The worse the world becomes, however, the more important it is to strictly keep the promise of sexual purity. The perfection of human beings and peace in the world come about through the family. The purpose of religion is for everyone to become people of goodness who can then bring about an ideal world of peace. No matter how much politicians may put their heads together, they will not bring about peace. Formidable military power will not

bring peace. The starting point for bringing about peace is the family.

When I first arrived in America in 1971, the wind of promiscuous free sex was blowing across the country, and the entire society was in the midst of confusion. Young people who had received wonderful educations were being destroyed one by one. Sexual immorality was so bad that it was becoming the norm. Sexually transmitted diseases were beginning to skyrocket.

The seriousness of the problem was compounded by politicians, academics, and clergy. They knew about this problem, but most of them ignored it. They tried to look away from the ugly reality because they themselves had not maintained sexual purity. People who are not sexually pure themselves cannot force their children to be so. The degradation of sexual morality among adults destroys families and leads to the ruin of children. Immorality and licentiousness in the personal lives of adults ultimately destroy the lives of their children. The reason today's society does not have a level of happiness to match its level of material affluence is that families are being destroyed. To save families, adults must first live proper lives. Then, it is possible to raise children in sexual purity.

The mother is the fortress that protects the family. No matter how much society may change, the family can stand as a healthy and peaceful family only if the mother has the heart to sacrifice and serve. It is in such a family that beautiful children can grow. In educating our children, what the children see and learn in the family is most important. A crab that walks sideways cannot tell its offspring to walk straight ahead. The parents must show a good example. True children come from true families. Truth is always very simple.

The most difficult aspect of family life is raising children properly. We give birth to them in love and raise them in love, but they don't necessarily grow up the way their parents desire. What's worse, today's materialistic civilization is destroying the innocent minds of young people. Young people who should be growing up to become responsible adults capable of extraordinary things are being lost to drugs. Drug-induced states make people lose touch with their own spirit. Young people who have lost their spirits eventually can only fall into crime and sexual immorality. During adolescence, children think everything should be centred only on themselves, and so there is the tendency to rebel against things the parents may say. If the parent does not respond with understanding, there is the possibility that the child may go to self-centred extremes.

On the other hand, a child in adolescence can be deeply moved by anything that seems to connect with his heart. Perhaps on an autumn day, the child will see a persimmon fall from a tree that has lost all its leaves. The child cannot

explain it, but somehow it connects with his heart and he will smile and experience happiness. This is a sign that God's original character is dwelling in his heart. But if children are caught up in the emotions of love during adolescence, their perceptions can be clouded and their power of judgment diminished. When an adolescent boy and girl meet and start talking with each other, they can feel flushed and there may be a change in their heart rate. If their minds are not brought into harmony with God's standard in that moment, they will surely be moved in the direction of self-centredness. They lose the means with which to control their bodies.

During adolescence, our cells open wide all the doors of love in both the physical body and the spirit. The desires of our mind and the desires of our body are meant to become one and function together. When we acquire the nose of love, we start to love smells that we used to hate. When we acquire the mouth of love, we start to love tastes that we used to hate. We want to listen all night to the stories of love. We want to keep touching the person we love. Adolescents start to think they can be happy simply by entering into a love relationship. However, the doors of love are designed by God and are to open only when the time is right. Children must understand that they need to wait for the right time. Parents must teach these things to their adolescent children very carefully. Love is a process by which we grow to resemble God. Despite what the world may tell us, it is not something to be enjoyed anytime we please.

During adolescence, a child may want to try really hard to copy the activity in a thrilling movie. People ask, "What's wrong with that?" It is wrong because irresponsible actions lead to destruction. When children mature and acquire wisdom and knowledge, they can control their social and environmental experiences and are truly free to do so, but not during adolescence.

Why do we say, "Do not give a knife to a child"? It is because the child would wave it around. The child might understand how to cut with a knife, but he cuts without control. The child might even cut his mother's fingers. Because children do not yet fully understand consequences, we do not give them knives.

The combination of parents not teaching their children the value of purity and children rebelling against their parents leads to broken families. Because of this, societies are being broken. Because of this, nations are being destroyed. Because of this, humanity is being destroyed.

# Leaving Behind a Legacy of Love

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A true life is a life in which we abandon our private desires and live for the public good. This is a truth taught by all major religious leaders past and present, East and West, whether it be Jesus, Buddha, or the Prophet Mohammed. It is a truth that is so widely known that, sadly, it seems to have been devalued. The passage of time or changes in the world cannot diminish the value of this truth. This is because the essence of human life never changes, even in the midst of rapid change all around the world.

The teacher with whom we have the closest relationship is our heart. Our heart is more precious to us than our closest friends and even more precious than our parents. So, as we live our lives, we need periodically to ask our hearts, "Am I living a good life now?" Anyone can hear his heart speaking to him. If he comes to the realization that his heart is his master, he "polishes" his heart and maintains a close relationship with his heart throughout his life. If a person hears the sound of his heart tearfully sobbing, then he needs to stop immediately whatever he is doing. Anything that makes the heart suffer will ruin him. Anything that makes the heart sad will eventually make the person fall into sadness.

For a person to polish his heart to the point that it becomes as clear as crystal, he absolutely must spend time in direct conversation with his heart in an environment where he is away from the world and alone with his heart. It may be a time of intense loneliness, but the moment that we become close to our hearts is the time of prayer and meditation. It is a time when we can take ownership over our hearts. When we isolate ourselves from the noise around us and allow our thoughts to settle, we can see into the deepest parts of our hearts. It will take a lot of time and effort to go all the way down to where the heart has settled. It will not happen in a day.

Just as love is not for our own sake, so happiness and peace are not for ourselves. Just as love can never exist without a partner, happiness and peace cannot exist without a partner. All these can exist only in the context of a relationship with a partner. Nothing can be accomplished if we love alone. We cannot be happy alone or speak of peace alone. Since a partner is what enables us to have happiness and peace, the partner is more important than we are.

Today people can expect to live about eighty years. Eighty years of joy,



anger, sorrow, happiness, and all the other emotions mixed together may seem like a long time. But if we take away the private time that a person spends sleeping, working, and eating, and then the time we spend talking, laughing, and having fun with family members and friends, attending weddings and funerals, and time spent lying sick in bed, only about seven years will remain. A person may live eighty years but only spend about seven years living for the public good. Life is like a rubber band. The same seven years, given to two different people, can either be spent as seven years or as seventy. Time, by itself, is empty. We need to put things in it. The same is true about a person's life. Everyone wants to live his life with a comfortable place to sleep and good things to eat. Eating and sleeping, however, are simply ways of letting time slip by. In the moment that a person has lived out his life and his body is laid to rest in the ground, all wealth and glory become nothing more than a bubble and disappear at once. Only the seven years that he lived for the public good will remain and be remembered by posterity. Those seven years are the trace that is left in the world of a life that lasted eighty years.

We do not come into this world, or depart from it, of our own accord or desire. We have no ability to make choices when it comes to our fate. We are born, though we did not choose to be born. We live, though we did not choose to live. We have no authority over these aspects of our lives, so how can we boast that we are somehow better than others? We cannot be born by our own wish, possess things that will forever be our own, or avoid death. So any boasting on our part would only be pathetic. Even if we rise to a position higher than others, the honour is only temporary. Even if we gather more possessions than others, we must leave them all behind at the gates of death. Money, honour, and knowledge all flow away from us in time, and all disappear with the passing years. No matter how noble and great a person might be, his is nothing more than a pitiable life that will end the moment he loses hold of his lifeline. Human beings have always struggled to understand who we are and why we must live. We must realize that, just as we were not born of our own accord, so also we are not meant to live our lives for our own sakes.

So the answer to the question of how we should live our lives is simple. We were born of love, so we must live by traveling the path of love. Our lives were created by receiving the boundless love of our parents, so we must live our entire lives giving that love. In the course of our lives, this is the only value we can choose on our own. The success or failure of our lives depends on how much love we are able to pack into those eighty years that are given



to us.

What are the things we must accomplish before we cross over the boundary line of death?

The most important is not to commit sin and live a life that is without shadows. There is much religious and philosophical debate over what constitutes sin, but what is clear is that we should not engage in acts that give pause to our conscience. When we do things that give us a guilty conscience, it always leaves a shadow in our heart. The next most important thing is to resolve to do significantly more work than others have done. All of our lives are limited, whether that limit is sixty years, seventy years, or some other time period. Depending on how we use that time, we can live a life that is two or three times more abundant than others. If you cut your time into segments and then live each segment in a meaningful way, your life will be truly precious. Live your life with an attitude of devotion and diligence, telling yourself, for example, that you will plant two or three trees in the time it takes others to plant one. Do not live for yourself. You must live not for yourself but for others; not for your family but for your neighbours; not for your own country but for the world. All sin in the world comes about when the individual is put first. Individual desires and ambitions harm a person's neighbours and ruin the society at large.

Everything in the world will eventually pass. The parents we love, the husband or wife we love, and the children we love will all pass away. All that remains with us at the end of our lives is death. When a person dies, only his legacy remains. Please consider for a moment what you can do to show that you lived a life of value. The possessions and social position you have accumulated during your life will pass away from you. Once you cross the river of death, such things will have no meaning. Because we were born in love and lived our lives in love, love is also the only thing that remains with us when we are in our graves. We receive our lives in love, live by sharing love, and return into the midst of love. It is important that we live our lives in a way that we can leave a legacy of love behind us.





# Becoming the second Reverend Moon

*Sun Myung Moon*

Three hundred years ago, the Pilgrim Fathers journeyed to America and begun a new nation. We are in a situation parallel to that of the Pilgrim Fathers. Somebody has to do it; there is no question. And that mission is upon you. You are the ones who must ignite the new spiritual revolution, become the second Pilgrim fathers. For that reason, we are here to re-determine ourselves.

The Pilgrim Fathers were ready to give up their lives for the cause. After they landed in this “New World,” they fought many varieties of opposition. Being the minority, the Pilgrim Fathers were terribly oppressed. However, in those times of battle and difficulty, God was always their ally and friend. They said: ‘GOD IS OUR ALLY, OUR POWER; IN GOD WE TRUST’. That was their only power, so they had the courage to go on. Also, when the Pilgrim Fathers crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower, they faced a desperate 57-day ordeal. During that time, their only hope was God, nothing else. The captain of the Mayflower prayed a tearful prayer at the ship’s wheel, because there was no other hope but God. And after they landed, they had to face other desperate situations. Again, they trusted that God would protect them.

But now, we know the lessons of history, so we understand what is happening today. And we have the model of Father, so our position is infinitely stronger than that of our predecessors. If we now can stand up and make a commitment to God in the same way as those brave persons, then we become invincible.

In what way do you make your recommitment? There are only two options: one is, I want to accomplish the goal, but I want to save my own skin and life first. The other way is: I commit my life, my way of life and every ounce of energy, sweat and blood to achieve this goal. I am ready to serve and sacrifice in order to succeed. We must realize that those Pilgrim Fathers made their pledge to God. We have this heritage, this tradition and today we have the same mission. Therefore, we should make the same pledge. Which is your pledge: the one in which your own salvation comes first, or the one where the first thing is committing every ounce of your energy to the goal?

Remember that you made this pledge in front of God and the True Parents. That will be your source of power, your powerhouse. You can draw from it all the energy you need in your journey and life. Join your hands, and look at your ten fingers. Pledge that you will not make your hand, your fingers, your

body, your legs or your mind a betrayer. You will never become a betrayer to these “pledge hands.” Thank you all!

### *“I will never betray my pledge”*

When I made this same pledge to God, I was only a teenager; not even my parents knew about my determination. Neither friend, nor relative knew my intention. I made the same pledge to God that you did this morning. Unto my life, and every drop of sweat and tears and blood, I shall uphold this pledge. And also I declared that through my entire life I would fight as a front line soldier and confront Satan. I pledged: As long as my life lasts, I will not betray that pledge.

After beginning my mission, I suffered a great deal. Many times I was imprisoned. However, I never betrayed my pledge. Rather, I was grateful, and always thankful. I always accepted joy and pleasure and left the consequences up to God. I was determined to do my absolute best according to my pledge, so that God’s will would be done. That was my attitude.

I have always thought that had I been all by myself with no mission, I could have been killed many times. Who allowed me to survive? God. God wanted my mission to go on, that’s the only reason I was protected. And that’s why I am infinitely grateful to God. Today, I feel exactly the same way. I am not moving even one iota against His will. I know that the mission of God will survive, no matter what. There is always a way to achieve God’s will. Though I may suffer, I welcome the suffering and am grateful for it. My position is not one of weakness. It is a front-line battle all the time, a confrontation with Satan. When Satan tried to choke me to death I said: “Go ahead. You think you can choke me to death? Impossible! Go ahead and try!” Satan marshalled all his power to try to finish this movement off and end my life, but I said: “Satan, I am just beginning! I am just starting, taking off slowly!”

Internally, the most important victory of this time is that the worldwide Unification Church will be united like a rock. Solid unity will be formed by this. For that reason, I tremble not one bit, and feel neither fear nor worry.

### *God Will Never Lose*

When I initiated the movement in Korea many years ago, there was strong opposition and satanic attack. At night, sometimes I felt Satan coming and physically choking me. But God will never lose. For that reason, you should not fear. Instead, become champions, commanders, persons of faith! The only thing burning in your heart must be: “I know Father’s determination. I know Father’s power, passion, enthusiasm and his commitment and absolute



dedication. I want to inherit this tradition.”

Burn with passion to be a leader of the world. You must say: “By next year, we will achieve this much. By the following year, we go this far. We shall achieve our goal.” Your pledge that you made today was your pledge as an individual. But now a new pledge will come forth, namely, that you will be not just an individual but a second Rev. Sun Myung Moon. You will take the role of Rev. Sun Myung Moon the second. Each one of you should feel today that you are the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Junior. That means that if Rev. Moon for some reason left for a while, that would not bother you, because there would be hundreds of thousands of ‘Rev. Moons.’ Can you make that second pledge to Heavenly Father?

The momentum we have created is a historical and universal event. So, your way of life from tomorrow will be like this: Whenever you are facing difficulties, important decisions, or critical moments, don’t even think about yourself and say, “What shall I do?” There is no such question. You’ll think, “What would Father do? Since I am a second Rev. Moon, whatever he would do, I will do.”

### **1) *Dominion over Myself***

When I initiated this movement, I had three principled goals in my life. The first was in the form of a prayer: In order that I can have a dominion of love over the universe, please, God, give me the power for the dominion over myself. Usually when the worst moments have come, my body tried to escape, taking the easy way. Whenever I was following a path of crucifixion, my body would say: “I don’t want to go there.” But I always said: “No, you stay there. I have dominion over you.”

I also strove for dominion over my eyes. The eyes always want to see something pleasant. But I told them: “Eyes, you are going to see reality now!” The mouth is always trying to eat good things. So, I would say: “Stop, mouth! I have dominion over you now.” Ears always want to hear good words, so I would say, “No, you are going to hear reality.” The body always tries to feel comfortable; there is always sexual urge and sexual sensation. But I would say: “No, you’ve got a job to do.” Therefore, my position was always that unless I could control myself, dominion over the universe would be impossible. Until I had total control over myself, I wouldn’t even walk in front of a theatre or a bar. Also, I didn’t want to be praised by people, because I felt that would make me arrogant. The worst of all to overcome was sleep. Hunger is second, and third is the sexual urge. Those three physical desires are the worst of all to overcome. But I persevered without compromise, and I attacked the problem as a way of life.

Perhaps you think I was born a saint and always had a different character, and that all these problems were not problems to me at all. But that is not true. I am a super-sensitive person. Therefore, I am very sensitive to all these desires, and needed extra energy to overcome them. I always told myself: unless I can have complete dominion over myself, I can not even think of having dominion over the world, the universe or spirit world. Adam and Eve fell simply because they lost dominion of themselves. I am sure you've heard this before but you never heard such an in-depth explanation. My hand, where does it go? My foot, where does it go? My thinking, where does it turn? I devoted every ounce of my flesh, body and emotion to the will of God, so that I would become one thousand percent the instrument of God, with nothing else on my mind but how to do the will of God. That's how I disciplined myself, and I succeeded. You are in the same position as I was some time ago. You must achieve what I have achieved in gaining dominion over myself.

When I tried to quell sexual desire, Satan was always attacking me with incredible temptations. Satan's chief base is SELF. Evil is not up in the sky, in the world or in wealth, but it is always you, and has your mind as an initial base. Unless you shut down this situation, this initial base, it's not thinkable that you can achieve any heavenly realm. Today you made a pledge, but the application of your pledge starts from right here, yourself.

## **2) *Become the Second Self of God and Jesus***

You haven't known about the second goal of my life, because I have never spoken about it clearly. The goal was that I would become the "second self" of God and Jesus, so that everything I would do would be done not just as the Rev. Moon, but as God and Jesus would do it. "I am representing God and Jesus." This echoed in what you pledged to me earlier saying: "Yes, I am a 'second self' of Rev. Moon."

Concerning failures and disappointment, an average person would look angrily upon the situation. But I don't look at it in that fashion. I look at it from the viewpoint of God. I ask myself, what would God say? What would Jesus say? Jesus forgave his enemies on the cross. Beyond Jesus there was God who inspired Jesus to do so. In the same way God inspires me to forgive my enemies and I don't do it reluctantly.

When Jesus forgave his enemies in his time, at every moment he realized that God and the entire spirit world were following him. Today, the situation is exactly the same: when I move, the entire spirit world and power of God follow. When I think in that fashion, inevitably God is on our side, along with the entire spirit world and Jesus. I am the "second self" of God and Jesus

and you are my “second selves.” For you this is very real: You are the “second selves” of God, Jesus and True Parents. Therefore, when you have a difficulty, you should pray to God and True Parents with the heart of a “second self.”

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he faced a very serious moment and prayed a very serious prayer. Likewise, when I confront such a serious moment, I have such a serious prayer, always knowing who I am and who I represent. I’ll never forget that position. Even though sometimes you might get lost spiritually and not know clearly whom you represent, just have courage and plunge to the place of death, giving up your life. Then an entire horizon of the new world, the new universe, will be opened up for you. When you do that to that degree, a miracle always occurs. You know how to behave now.

### **3) Love, Wisdom and Faith**

My third goal and principle was to witness and love others. I prayed for three things for my life: the love of Jesus, the wisdom of Solomon and the faith of Paul and beyond. I wanted to have infinite trust, infinite faith to come to the point where there would be no more to believe, to even ask: “God, if there is something doubtful in your heart, give it to me, and I will believe it for you. Also, if you have some worry, let me take it from you.”

Heavenly Father finally brought me to a love greater than Jesus’, a wisdom greater than Solomon’s and a faith greater than Paul’s. For that reason, any faithless person who comes to me loves me and wants to be close to me, because my heart is one of love and trust. I look at all women as God’s younger sisters, at all young men as God’s younger brothers. My attitude toward them is love and trust. Therefore, they are bound to love me.

These are my three principled goals of life and prayer. The reason I talked to you about them is that from today you are meant to become second Rev. Moons and inherit my way of life. These goals can be realistically applied to daily life. They can be applied every minute of the day. When you deal with the day, you are challenged to love more than Jesus, to exercise wisdom every minute and to manifest your faith. When you have infinite faith and attack a problem, there is no problem. You simply say, “God, you are my subject; I am your object; I am your second self.”

Now you know clearly the source of my power, from which I get such endless energy, will power, commitment and determination. This is the source: the way of principled life, experienced in these three principles. Those who have already made up their minds to become second Rev. Moons, inheriting his tradition of life according to principles one, two and three, say Amen!



# Strengthen the Power of your Conscience

*Sun Myung Moon*

The message I want to convey to you today is: strengthen the power of your conscience to possess the true love of God.

To possess the true love of God is not a selfish act at all, but rather a very unselfish one. The reason is that the true love of God is, by nature, unselfish and sacrificial. When God created the world, He in His act of creation completely invested and sacrificed Himself out of true love, hoping that Adam and Eve, His objects of true love, would also assume the same sacrificial nature of true love to build His joyful kingdom. Unfortunately, this hope of God was completely shattered by the fall of the first human ancestors who acted selfishly. But even after the fall, God continued tirelessly and sacrificially to pour out His heart of love towards fallen humanity, hoping that someday the whole of humanity would come back to him to restore the true love relationship.

In order to inherit and possess this true love of God, you have to strengthen the power of your conscience, overcoming your physical desire. Unfortunately, after the fall of man, a fierce battle within the individual between the conscience and the physical body started. This battle within the individual seems to be even fiercer than major wars in human history such as World War I and World War II. For whereas those historical wars usually ended within a few years, the individual war between the conscience and the physical body seems to be unending, not only within the entire life of a person, but also for generation after generation. The fall of man allowed the physical body to become the instrument of Satan's selfish desire. As a result of this, the physical body has always tried to fulfill its selfish desire, entirely against the direction of the conscience, which is the dwelling place of God. Therefore, whatever little conscience the individual has had, has always been completely dominated by the physical body as a result of the fall. Thus, coming from these individuals there have always been families, tribes, nations and the world under the domination of Satan.

But today, I really want to encourage you to strengthen your conscience, fiercely challenging your physical desire. You know that you still have a conscience, even after the fall in the Garden of Eden. You know that some force within your mind is still urging you to live for the sake of others, practicing true love. That force is your conscience. Just develop and strengthen it. This may not be an easy task, at least in the beginning. But remember the

situation of God: throughout history God has always been investing and sacrificing Himself for the sake of the salvation of miserable humanity. So, if you stubbornly challenge your physical desire in order to develop your conscience, then God will definitely be with you to offer you His help.

Be bold and courageous in developing your conscience. Sacrifice yourself and live for the sake of others. If you carefully study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything that you have to do. In that regard, the conscience within yourself is the greatest teacher of all. The conscience as God's dwelling place is greater than all of your teachers. It is even greater than your own parents, once you develop and strengthen it.

When you have gained total control over the body, totally liberating the conscience within yourself, the ambition of the conscience will be completely satisfied. That is because the conscience reaches the highest possible position in the entire cosmos - the domain of God's true love. If you reach that domain, you will inherit and possess not only the true love of God, but also His true life and true lineage, thus being able to multiply God-centred children, families, tribes, nations and the God-centred world to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

You are all expected to join this final battle to defeat the force of Satan's selfish desire. But before winning this battle, equip yourselves with the unbreakable power of the conscience to possess the true love of God.

Even though the human conscience is of noble character, at the same time different men and women have different types of conscience and cannot unite them. For that reason, the Almighty created the element of love as a catalyst, to enable them to become one. Love brings them together like glue. So therefore the conscience's ultimate direction and ultimate goal has to be love. Conscience is driving man toward love as its ultimate goal. The love Father is speaking about is the most powerful and at the same time the most inspiring. For that reason it can step over, create a bridge all over the area.

No gap can be created by love; love fills everything, every hole. Therefore, by stepping on that love staircase you can go all the way up to the highest possible realm, which is greater than any emperor or king, greater than any power. Love creates incredible virtues; toward the parents, love creates filial piety. Among the brothers, love creates brotherhood. Nothing else can bridge all of these things into one harmonious line except love. Love is unique and is the only thing that has the power to bridge from the level of pious son all the way to the saint.

We came to the conclusion therefore that the root of conscience is the

Almighty God and that the conscience's goal is love. Love will create all kinds of harmony, all kinds of beauty, all kinds of goodness and all kinds of happiness. Love is so flexible that it can turn and bring the front and rear into one, left and right into one, up and down into one; it's almost like Disneyland. There is so much turning, riding, going in all kinds of directions with everybody riding in and enjoying the many different kinds of rides. Conscience and love are like that. A roller coaster goes up to the top of the hill and then starts to go down, with everybody screaming and screaming together. Even old Grandpa and Grandma will scream also and at the same time, they laugh and smile with everyone. The feeling is one, harmonious. In that kind of situation, an old grandma holds her young grandson, or even a strange young man, or holds onto someone else's wife; they are just absolutely so flexible. On a roller coaster everyone is united, it doesn't matter who that person is, in that particular place you kiss and nobody will blame you. (laughter) White one kiss black one, black one kiss white one, white one kiss yellow one, yellow kiss red one, it doesn't make any difference, go ahead. Everything good!

As a human being you have a master whom you often do not recognize, which is your conscience. The conscience has planted within us the idea of God, who is the original root. I was really surprised when I discovered this. The result of everything I was looking for, the hidden home within me, was my own conscience. I said to myself, "I cannot hold God responsible for anything. I have to hold myself responsible to follow my conscience and fulfil my mission. Therefore, there is no situation in which I can ask someone else to take responsibility. I must take responsibility myself." This is the view I take.

Your conscience or higher mind is your second God. God is your first God, in the plus position to your mind. Your mind, in the minus position to God, is your second God. You need to understand this. Again, the mind is your second God. That second God, the mind, is always with you. It relates to you from deep in your conscience, from within the depths of love, life and lineage. It is ever cleansing and removing anything impure, resolving your inner problems and guiding you to a higher place in life. Thus, your conscience is your second God. It is your centre, from which arises a powerful force that governs you all the time.





## Quotes from True Father on the Blessing



“...God’s ideal of creation was to begin with True Parents. However, due to the Fall, the lineage was changed. It became precisely the opposite of what was intended ... The concepts, ideas and relationships you have, which came about after the Fall, have no connection to the True Parents, who are unrelated to the Fall. Therefore, you need to cleanly cut off from all these fallen things, as if they were your enemies” (491-144, 2005.03.18)

“We must uproot our self-centred and individualistic mind-set and the behaviour that stems from it. This is the root of fallen nature and the cause of evil ... Self-centredness is directly contrary to the spirit of true love’s system of absolute values. Instead of sacrificing and living for the sake of others, selfcentred people call for others to sacrifice for them ... Self-centredness causes people to be more concerned with their own interests than with the well being of others ... Satan planted this poison mushroom in the human heart” [PHG, p1101 “Determining the Owner of True Love”]

“Without following the principle of sexual purity, the path to the perfection of one’s character and spiritual maturity is closed. Furthermore, without living according to sexual morality within a family, it is impossible for God to live happily in that family.”

“...for people to resemble God and become people of character who can be called sons and daughters of God, they must follow the path based on the absolute standard God has determined. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual purity.”

“The origin of creation reveals the logic of love for the sake of others. It is great to invest for the sake of an object partner. This is where the life philosophy of “living for the sake of others” originates. Love should take us on a voyage to the ideal ... Unless one takes the path of total investment, one cannot reach the destination of true love. This is possible only when you invest yourself totally and live completely for the sake of others” (173-213, 1988.02.18)

“The teacher with whom we have the closest relationship is our heart. Our heart is more precious to us than our closest friends and even more precious than our parents. So, as we live our lives, we need periodically to ask our hearts, “Am I living a good life now?” Anyone can hear his heart speaking to him. If he comes to the realization that his heart is his master, he “polishes” his heart and maintains a close relationship with his heart throughout his life. If a person hears the sound of his heart tearfully sobbing, then he needs to stop immediately whatever he is doing. Anything that makes the heart suffer will ruin him. Anything that makes the heart sad will eventually make the person fall into sadness.

For a person to polish his heart to the point that it becomes as clear as crystal, he absolutely must spend time in direct conversation with his heart in an environment where he is away from the world and alone with his heart. It will be a time of intense loneliness, but the moment that we become close to our hearts is the time of prayer and meditation.

It is a time when we can take ownership over our hearts. When we isolate ourselves from the noise around us and allow our thoughts to settle, we can see into the deepest parts of our hearts. It will take a lot of time and effort to go all the way down to where the heart has settled. It will not happen in a day.”

# Internal Guidance



## On Faith

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These are difficult times, times of risk and uncertainty. Don't think I am being naïve if I say: these are the times when we need faith. Not blind faith or naïve optimism, but the kind of faith that says, we are not helpless and we are not alone.

Faith is not certainty; it is the courage to live with uncertainty. Faith does not mean seeing the world as you would like it to be; it means seeing the world exactly as it is, yet never giving up the hope that we can make it better by the way we live – by acts of graciousness and kindness, and by forgiveness and generosity of spirit.

Our faith does not mean “believing six impossible things before breakfast”. So what then is faith?

Faith is the knowledge that we are here for a reason, and that in our journey through life God is with us, lifting us when we fall, forgiving us when we fail, believing in us more than we believe in ourselves. This is not wishful thinking. It is a fact. But it is not a simple fact. Just as we have to train ourselves to listen to great music or appreciate great art, so we have to train ourselves to sense the presence of God in our lives. That training comes in two forms. Firstly, through studying the word, and secondly, through practicing. Through studying and reading, we learn what God asks of us. Then we have to practice doing God's will. That is how we open ourselves to God. Faith allows us to take risks and face the future without fear.

Sometimes we think that matters of the spirit are insubstantial compared to the battles of the real world. But it's the other way round. Faith defeats fear, and gives us the confidence to survive every loss and begin again. Don't believe that faith is a small thing. It isn't. So, whatever else you do in the coming year, practise your faith and renew it daily. Your parents kept faith alive. And faith kept your parents alive.

But what do you do if, God forbid, you find yourself in the midst of crisis? You lose your job. You miss the promotion or scholarship you were expecting. A matching doesn't work out. You find yourself with a medical condition that

requires a major change of lifestyle. You make a bad investment decision that costs you dearly. You find an important relationship in your life under stress. How do you survive the trauma and the pain?

There's one biblical passage that's deeply helpful. It's the famous story in Genesis in which, at night, Jacob wrestles with an unknown, unnamed angel. It says: "Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak". And it was this passage that gave the Jewish people their name, Israel, meaning, "One who struggles with God and with man and prevails". The key phrase is when Jacob says to the stranger, "I will not let you go until you bless me". And it is in this line, where God revealed a transformative truth, which is this: within every crisis lies the possibility of blessing. Events that at the time were the most painful, are also those that in hindsight we see most made us grow.

Crisis forces us to make difficult but necessary decisions. It makes us ask, "Who am I and what really matters to me?" It plunges us from the surface to the depths, where we discover strengths we didn't know we had, and a clarity of purpose we had lacked. And so that is what you too, have to do: to say to every crisis, "I will not let you go until you bless me".

The struggle isn't easy. Though Jacob was undefeated, he "limped". Battles can leave scars. Yet God is with us even when He seems to be against us. For if we refuse to let go of Him, He refuses to let go of us, giving us the strength to survive and emerge stronger, wiser, blessed.

The oldest question in religion is: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" But there are two ways of asking this question. The first is, "Why has God done this to me?" Never ask this question.

There is another way of asking the question, which is this: "Given that this has happened, what does God want me to learn from it? How is He challenging me to grow? How is He calling on me to respond?" Asking it this way involves looking forward, not back. "Why did God do this?" is the wrong question. The right one is: "How shall I live my life differently because this has happened?"

That is how to deal with crisis. Wrestle with it, refusing to let it go until it blesses you, until you emerge stronger, better or wiser than you were before. That's what faith is about – becoming people that never accept defeat. Taking on, enduring and overcoming challenges can help us become such people of faith.



# Ideals & Ethical Wills

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks – edited by Yebuny Hanna*

“Teach us to number our days”, says the Psalm, “that we may get a heart of wisdom”. What we know we can lose, we learn to cherish. That’s why Abraham had to come almost to the point of losing his child, so that Jews would love and cherish children. Those lessons were so deep – burned into our collective unconscious – that they’ve lasted for thousands of years. We are the people who more than any other see God in life – this life, down here on earth. Many other religions didn’t do this. They thought that God was to be found in life-after-death, or in a monastic retreat, or in mystical ecstasy. For them, God was somewhere else. For us, God is in the here-and-now. To find God you don’t need to climb mountains, cross oceans or travel to a fabled land. God is in the breath we breathe, the acts we do, the prayers we say, the love we give. God, vaster than the universe, is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

Our faith is a sustained discipline in not taking life for granted. The financial crash should have taught us something. You can invest in the stock exchange, but the market can crash. You can invest in a house but prices can fall. You can follow secular trends but they can deceive and disappoint and leave you counting the cost. The best investment is in a life well lived, a life of meaning and principle and purpose, if possible framed by a happy marriage, a warm and embracing family, and a strong and supportive community. Our faith helps us find these things. It sanctifies and raises our families and homes. It gives us values to share with our children. As a way of life, it’s been tested for longer than any other. As a source of wisdom, it is unparalleled in its depth and breadth. The Principle gives us roots to keep us grounded and wings to help us fly. It trains us in healthful habits of the heart.

Throughout history, the pendulum has swung between two kinds of society: cultures that distrust pleasure, and cultures that worship pleasure. We do something better than either: we sanctify pleasure, taking our most physical drives and dedicating them to God. There are many faiths throughout the world, but none that has led a tiny people, so profoundly, to find joy in life. And yes, life can be hard and full of the possibility of loss, pain, disappointment and grief. But the solution is not to avoid taking risks. The solution is to invest into the things that give us strength in those times: the love of family and friends, the support of a community, the habit of prayer that allows us to lean on God, and the faith that God has faith in us, forgiving our faults and

giving us the strength, after every failure, to begin again. Indeed, more than anything, our faith places love at the heart of spiritual life: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your might. Love your neighbour. Love the stranger. And that is our greatest strength. We don't ask for wealth or fame, stardom or success. We don't pray to be saved from trials and tribulations. We just ask for life. That is what living our faith tradition is: a life of love and a love of life.

And connected to this, is an old Jewish custom in which parents write their children "ethical wills". It's based on the idea that the most important legacy we can give our children is not money or possessions, but spiritual ideals.

I truly believe that. Give your children too much money or material gifts and you will spoil them. They will grow up unhappy and unfulfilled, and in the long run they won't thank you. It will damage them and your relationship with them. Tradition was right. The best things any of us can give our children are values to live by, ideals to aspire to, an identity so that they know who they are, and a religious and moral heritage to guide them through the wilderness of time.

Children grow to fill the space we create for them, and if it's big, they will walk tall. Ideals are big; material possessions are small. Ideals are what make life meaningful. People may envy others for what they earn or own, but they admire others for what they are and what principles they live by – and it's always better to be admired than to be envied.

Too many people have made the same mistake. Their marriages fail or they have a breakdown in the relationship with their children and they ask, "What did I do wrong? I gave them everything". True, but not true. They gave them everything except what mattered: time, attention, selfless respect, and genuine, ethically demanding, spiritually challenging values. It is ideals that will bring happiness to you, to your marriage and to your children.



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# Matching & Blessing related documents



## Process of the Matching

### **Parents Matching**

Second Generation candidates should be matched by their parents. Currently there is no planned matching by True Parents. However, it is possible that True Parents may announce a matching again; in that case a separate memo will be sent out with detailed instructions.

### **Matching Website**

Matching applicants and their families may choose to use the International Matching Website to assist them in their search for a spouse. Please note that this not a mandatory part of the matching process but is an optional tool intended to assist families in their search. You can find the International Matching Website here: [www.bcmatching.org](http://www.bcmatching.org) or [www.bfmatch.org](http://www.bfmatch.org)

The candidate is able register on the website and create a personal profile. (Please refer to the matching website for further detailed instructions). After the candidate has been approved, the parents will receive a password and will be able to view the profiles of other candidates. Please remember that signing up for the matching website is a separate process and does not replace the official Blessing Application process.

### **Before starting with the matching**

Before starting with the Matching Process the Candidate and Parents should contact the national BFED Leader. First the candidate has to conduct the Interview and Confession and the parents should seek a talk with BFED leader how to start the matching process.

### **Matching Process**

Once the candidate has given their consent to their parents to begin the matching process, the parents can start to look for a match for their child. Parents are welcome to use tahe available tools, such as the matching website or the parents convocations that are organised by Blessed Family Departments around the world. Alternatively, they are free to find a match



for their child in any other way God guides them. It is strongly advised that parents first communicate with the parents of potential matches, rather than approaching the match him/herself.

### **Confirmation of Matching**

As soon as parents have found a possible candidate for their child and the parents of both applicants agree, as well as the applicants themselves, they must notify their Second Generation Blessing Department (Please use the Matching Report Form; available here). The regional Second Generation Blessing Department in turn, will present the application to the respective Continental Directors, who will report the matching to True Parents. This last step will officially confirm the couple as ready to be Blessed. Please do not make the match official until all parties (both candidates and their parents) are completely sure and willing to commit to the matching.

### **Blessing**

Only officially confirmed couples will be eligible to participate in the Blessing officiated by True Parents.

## **Second Generation Blessing Applicants**

We encourage all those applying for the Blessing to take time to reflect on the meaning of the Blessing and to prepare seriously for it. True Parents have established the Cheon-Il-Guk standard for receiving the Blessing. All Second Generation should prepare, and be guided towards the Blessing, according to this standard.

Blessing candidates must be pure. Any mistakes in the sexual area should be resolved prior to the matching and blessing.

Blessing candidates should be willing to cross cultural, national and racial boundaries.

Blessing candidates must be committed to keeping the Blessing for eternity – to love his/her spouse and build a God-centered family together.

They must be willing to lead a life of public service after the Blessing.

They must be at least 18 years old. (Candidates for CIG matching must be 20 years old).

They must have received approval by the Second Generation Blessing Department to go to the Blessing (for further details on qualifications and

application procedure see below).

As mentioned above, it is important that we prepare well internally for the Blessing. Please contact a Blessed Family Department (BFD) Leader to conduct the Blessing interview. If you need to resolve any issues in the area of purity, please consult them and be open to be guided in your spiritual path, to set the right conditions to be able to participate in the matching and Blessing process.

Here is a brief explanation of the matching procedure for Second Generation Blessing candidates. This applies to all Second Generation Blessing Candidates.

### *Qualifications*

All Second Generation applicants must fulfill all points below (both section a and b) to be qualified to apply for the matching and blessing.

#### **a) Documents to be submitted**

New Application Form (Version: 09.2016)

2 full size photographs & 1 optional family picture

details of Matching & Blessing picture – [click here](#)

Health Certificate (including AIDS Test) details

Individual interview / confession

Please note: The candidate must be 17 years old at the time of application

Here you can download All on [www.bfedeu.org/forms-2g/](http://www.bfedeu.org/forms-2g/)

An absolute condition for participation in the Blessing is that purity has been kept by the applicant. Participants will need to demonstrate their faith in Heavenly Father and True Parents. For this purpose, a BFD representative or the Second Generation Blessing Department needs to interview the applicant. This interview form must be filled out by a BFD representative and submitted to the Second Generation Blessing Department together with the other documents.

#### **Blessing Fee**

The Blessing fee is considered one of the conditions for receiving the Blessing and is the same as for First Generation Blessing participants. For Western Europe the fee is 1400 USD. This fee must be paid before the Blessing.



## **b) Educational qualifications for becoming second generation blessing candidates**

In depth understanding of Divine Principle (21 day workshop suggested, please check with your Second Generation Department for other qualifying programs)

Participation in a Blessing workshop

Completion of a 7 day fast

Formal Application

A formal application must be made by submitting all of the materials mentioned above to your regional Second Generation Department. All European Second Generation applicants should send their formal application to the European Second Generation Blessing Department. (Please note that an application to the matching website is not a substitute for the formal application to your regional Second Generation Blessing Department).

## **Suggested Questions for Learning About a Matching Candidate**

*(taken from European Matching Handbook)*

Here are some recommended questions for candidates and their parents to think about and use when communicating with other families and considering a potential match.

First, parents can use some of these in their initial communication with other parents. They might also use some of these questions later in the exploration process when interviewing the other candidate directly. Once parents recommend a match to their children, some of these can also be helpful as candidates learn about each other, and discuss their potential relationship and matching .



- What is your relationship with God like and when do you feel closest to God?
- How much Divine Principle Education have you had?
- Which part of the Principle grabs you the most?
- What church activities have you been involved in?
- How do you view the roles of husband and wife in the family?
- How do you envision your future family connecting to and participating in the church community and activities?
- What kind of community and environment would you like your future family to live in?
- Where would you like to live while you raise a family?
- How big a family would you like to have? When do you think you would want to start having children?
- Do you have any health concerns?
- Is there any reason to think having children could be a problem?
- Have there been any health concerns in your family history that are hereditary? Examples of these would be epilepsy or sickle cell anemia.
- Have there been mental health concerns in your family history? For example, bi-polar condition or attempted suicide.
- Have you ever seen a mental health professional, been diagnosed or taken medication for any mental health problem, psychological or emotional condition, learning or developmental disability?
- Ask questions about how the candidate was raised. Ask about grandparents and great-grandparents. These are precious questions about the possible joining of two lineages.
- How were you disciplined as a child? How would you like to discipline your children?
- How do you manage your anger? Have you ever had a violent outburst?
- What is your level of purity? Are you qualified to go to TP Matching? Have you ever dated or kissed? Have you ever given your heart to another person?
- Have you ever experienced any addictive behavior? (Alcohol, Drugs,

Gambling, Pornography) Is there any family history of addiction?

- Do you have any “Deal Breakers” (issues that make it impossible for you to consider a match with someone)? Examples of these could be language, location, race, purity level, education, vices, etc
- What are your passions and goals?
- What is your career path and what are your plans to support a family?
- What are your interests and aspirations?
- Do you have any debts, such as college loans?
- Love is a verb. It is something you do, not just a feeling. After you commit to someone at the time of the matching, what will you do to win their heart and care for them?
- Unity and love between a husband and wife is not easy- men and women are so different. What are some things you would do to continuously grow and develop a healthy friendship and marriage? How did your parents handle finances? How do you see it working in your marriage?
- How do you see you and your future spouse solving disagreements? How was conflict and difficulty managed in your own family growing up?
- If you were to find yourself struggling in your marriage, who would you to for help?
- What educational activities or supportive friendships might you choose to participate in as a couple?



# Matching & Blessing related Forms



## Unification Church Europe

European Second Generation Blessing Department

[www.bfedeu.org](http://www.bfedeu.org)

[www.esgd.org](http://www.esgd.org)

[blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org)

January 2017

### European Second Generation Application Form

Please fill in the application form digitally, ensuring that all fields are completed. Please return the completed form to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org). Please be assured that the contents of this form will remain confidential and will not be passed on to third parties without your consent.

#### Personal Information

Date:

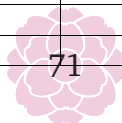
First Name	Family Name	Country of Residency

Gender M/ F	Date of Birth dd/mm/ yy	Height (cm)	Weight (Kg)	Blood type

Address	
Mobile Phone Number	
Email Address	
Nationality	
Native Language	
Foreign Language	Little/ Daily/ Fluent
Hobbies	
Church Activities	
Local Church (City)	
Name of your Pastor	
Pastor's Email Address	
Pastor's Phone Number	

#### Qualifications

Qualifications	Dates
Blessing Preparation Workshop	
21 Day Workshop	



7 Day Fast	
Interview and Confession	
Who conducted the interview	
HIV Test	

## Recent Education

Please list your highest qualifications and any studies you are currently involved in.

School / Major	Year Entered	Year Graduated	Qualification

## Current Occupation

Details (Occupation/ Company)	Year Started	Year Finished

## Previous Blessing

Have you been previously blessed? (Y/N)	
If yes, name and nationality of your former spouse	
If yes, date of your previous blessing?	
If yes, end date of your previous blessing?	

## Health Statement

I declare to be in good physical and mental health. Any health issues (including minor disorders) are listed below.

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## Final Declaration

I confirm that I have completed all parts of this form myself, and that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to the declaration above (Y/ N)	Date (dd/mm/yy)	Your name (type or upload your digital signature here)





## Family Introduction

	Father	Mother
Name		
Family Name		
Nationality		
Date of Birth		
Blessing Year		
Occupation		
Phone Number		
Email		
Address		
Siblings	Name	Date of Birth
Parents Church Activities		

# Second Generation Blessing Interview Form

**Name of Candidate:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Gender:**

## Sexual Purity

Do you pledge in front of Heavenly Parent and True Parents that you have kept your sexual purity?

## Matching

Do you understand and accept the meaning and value of the matching? Are you willing to accept the person whom Heavenly Parent has painstakingly prepared for you, whomever he/she may be?

## Blessing

Understanding and confirmation of the Blessing Vows.

1. Do you, as mature man and woman who are to consummate the ideal of creation of God, pledge to become an eternal husband and wife?
2. Do you pledge to raise your children to live up to the Will of God, and educate them to become responsible leaders in front of the church, all humankind, and Almighty God?
3. Do you pledge that, centering upon True Parents, you will inherit the tradition of life for the sake of others, and pass this proud tradition down to the future generations and to humankind?
4. Do you pledge that, centering upon the ideal of creation, you will love the people of the world as God and True Parents do, and ultimately consummate the true family which is the building block of

the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven?  
 The commitment and responsibility that the wedding vows signify can be divided into three stages. First, we must keep our commitment in front of God. The second responsibility is the horizontal responsibility toward our own spouse. The third responsibility is toward our own sons and daughters, and descendants.

Do you understand the significance of and accept the Blessing Vows?

### Confession and interview

Have you done a confession?  Place:

Date:  Who conducted the confession?

Have you done an interview?  Place:

Date:  Who conducted the interview?

### Recommendation by Blessed Family Department leader

The interview has been completed and a full confession has been obtained from the candidate. The candidate is above the age of 18. As a BFD leader I hereby endorse with my signature the application of the Candidate above.

Name of the BFD leader

Date:

Signature of the BFD leader:

Please fill in the application form digitally, then print it out to request a signature from a Blessed Family Department leader. After the printed form is signed by a BFD leader, please scan it and return by email to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org)



## Second Generation Matching Report

Date and Place of the Matching Ceremony (Day/Month/Year)		Male side		Female side	
Candidate	First Name	Last Name	Candidate	First Name	Last Name
Father	Date of Birth (Day/ Month/ Year)	Last Name	Father	Date of Birth (Day/ Month/ Year)	Last Name
Mother	First Name	Last Name	Mother	First Name	Last Name
Country of Residency	Country of Residency		Country of Residency		
Parents Phone	Parents Phone		Parents Phone		
Parents Email	Parents Email		Parents Email		
Candidates Email	Candidates Email		Candidates Email		
<b>Health Declaration</b>					



I declare that I am in good physical and mental health.

Any health problems (including minor disorders) have been disclosed to the family of my future spouse.

### Confirmation

1. We understand the formal requirements for attending the Blessing and will complete these in good time.
2. We have completed our confession before Heavenly Father and we have fully disclosed all relevant information to our future spouse.
3. We understand the meaning and value of the Blessing and we are responsible for our decision.

### Our Promise

Trusting in Heaven's guidance and the recommendation and approval of our parents, we freely and gratefully accept that we are chosen for each other and are hereby engaged to be married. Together we promise before God and True Parents that we will prepare for and attend the Blessing Ceremony as the heaven-ordained beginning to our life together as an eternal Blessed couple. We promise to prepare our hearts and maintain a clear relationship of Brother and Sister towards each other until then. On this day we make the solemn commitment sincerely and wholeheartedly before Heaven and Earth.

#### Male side

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Date:

#### Female side

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Date:

Signature of the Candidate's Father

Date:

Signature of the Candidate's Father

Date:

Signature of the Candidate's Mother

Signature of the Candidate's Mother

# FAQ

## Blessing Application

### ***Where should my application be sent?***

Please email all parts of your blessing application to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org). All required forms can be filled out digitally, printed and signed (where necessary) and then scanned and emailed to the above email address.

### ***Where can I find the application forms?***

All Forms can be found at <https://bfedeu.org/forms-2g/>.

All forms should be filled out digitally and emailed to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org). Where a signature is required, please fill the form in digitally, and then print and sign the form, before scanning and emailing it to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org)

### ***Is there an expiration date on the Application Files?***

Generally we recommend that all parts of the Blessing Application are completed within the last 2 years. In particular, the blessing workshop and interview should not be more than 2 years old.

### ***With whom can I do my confession and interview?***

The Interview and confession should be conducted before starting a Matching Process and should be done by an official BFED representative or a member of the ESGD blessing staff.

### ***What is the difference between an Applicant and a Candidate?***

An applicant is someone who is in the process of applying for the Matching or Blessing. A candidate is someone who has completed the full Blessing Application and has submitted it to our office.

### ***I have concerns and questions about the Blessing. Who can I talk to about it?***

You are always welcome to contact the European Second Generation Blessing staff:

Mr. Geros Kunkel: [geros@esgd.org](mailto:geros@esgd.org)

Mrs. Orlande Schenk: [orlande@esgd.org](mailto:orlande@esgd.org).

Alternatively, you may wish to contact your local BFED representative.



## Matching

### ***How do I prepare myself for the matching?***

Two important steps in the matching preparation process are:

1. Attendance of a Blessing Workshop. Details of upcoming Blessing Workshops can be found on the BFED ([www.bfedeu.org](http://www.bfedeu.org)) or ESGD website ([www.esgd.org](http://www.esgd.org))
2. Completion of the Blessing Application. All forms can be found on [www.bfedeu.org](http://www.bfedeu.org).
3. Start by doing the Interview and confession before (should be done before a matching process)

### ***What do I do after I am matched?***

Please complete the Matching Report Form and email it to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org). We also recommend that both families meet (if possible) and conduct a small ceremony to celebrate the matching.

### ***What is a PMC (Parents Matching Convocation)?***

The PMC is a workshop that is designed for Parents to receive education and support regarding the Matching. It also provides a platform for parents to share with, and connect to, other parents.

### ***I don't want to put myself on the website, is there another way to get matched?***

The [bcmatching](#) or [bfmatch](#) website is not a mandatory part of the blessing or matching process. It is simply a tool intended to support parents in the matching process.

The PMC is a good way to meet other parents who are looking to match their children. The Matching Supporter Team are also in contact with many families who are looking for a match.



## **Blessing**

### ***Where do I register for the Blessing?***

Registration for the Blessing must be done through the Second Generation Blessing Department at [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org).

### ***Do I need to attend the Blessing in person in Korea?***

All Second Generation should attend the Blessing personally in Korea and receive the Blessing directly from True Parents.

### ***When will the next Blessing be?***

The next Blessing will most likely be in autumn.

### ***What do I need to do in order to attend the next Blessing?***

All Forms must be sent to [blessing@esgd.org](mailto:blessing@esgd.org). Only qualified candidates who have completed the blessing application in time and receive approval from the European Second Generation Blessing Department will be able to attend the Blessing. If you are not sure or have any questions regarding your personal situation, please email Geros [geros@esgd.org](mailto:geros@esgd.org) or Orlande [orlande@esgd.org](mailto:orlande@esgd.org) personally.

## **Website Bcmatching**

### ***How do I get a login to bcmatching?***

Please visit the website [www.bcmatching.org](http://www.bcmatching.org) and create an ID and password for yourself.

### ***How do we get the parents' password?***

Your child's profile on [bcmatching.org](http://bcmatching.org) must be complete. This means that all fields must be filled out, all the questions answered in the 'blessing information' section and at least one personal picture must be included.

### ***What do I do if I am in contact with someone?***

Please change your profile setting to "not available" or "close" your account.

### ***Why is the parents' password not working?***

The most likely reasons are that your profile is still on "close" or you misspelled the password. From time to time the password gets changed, in



this case please contact our European webmaster at [webmaster@esgd.org](mailto:webmaster@esgd.org)

### ***What is the meaning of “open/ close” and “not available”?***

You have the option to change your account settings to “close” or “not available”.

In the “close” setting, the profile can not be seen by any other candidates and you can no longer search for other candidates.

In the “not available” setting, the profile will be shown as pink to other candidates, indicating that your son or daughter is currently not available, but you can still search for other candidates.

### ***Whom do I contact if I have a problem with my Child’s profile?***

Please contact our webmaster: [webmaster@esgd.org](mailto:webmaster@esgd.org)

## **Website Bfmatch**

### ***How do I get a login to bfmatch.org?***

#### ***Applicant Login***

The applicant needs to go to <http://www.bfmatch.org> and create a profile. After the registration you need to fill out all the fields and upload a picture. When the account is complete the applicant is approved. Now the parents need to register.

#### ***Parents Login***

Parents need to register themselves on the website as “Parents”, when the child’s profile is complete the parents will be approved and can look for other candidates.

### ***How does the Website bfmatch work?***

there are several tutorials for parents and children on the site. We recommend to watch them before starting to look for other candidates.

### ***Whom do I contact if I have a problem with a matching website?***

Please contact our webmaster: [webmaster@esgd.org](mailto:webmaster@esgd.org)



# Contact Info & Links

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Online Blessing Application: [www.blessingapplication.eu](http://www.blessingapplication.eu)

2018 Blessing Registration: please use link in official memo (May 30, 2018)

## International Matching websites:

Old Matching website: [www.bcmatching.org](http://www.bcmatching.org)

(Please note that it will be disabled when new site is fully working)

New Matching website: [www.bfmatch.org](http://www.bfmatch.org)

Please note that this will require a new registration from the applicants.

## ESGD

(European Second Generation Department) [www.esgdmedia.org](http://www.esgdmedia.org)

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