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Highest Praise

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A MONTH OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

VESSELS OF WINE

Thus we have reached the end of 2017. The year folds up and a new one arrives. This year saw us indulge in Worship, Prayer, Meditation, Introspection, Listening to God's Voice, Separation, Preparation, and Waiting Upon the Lord.

And in this closing phase God wants us to set our eyes on the riches of His Spirit.

A lot of us have careers. We have learned skills and gained expertise to improve our productivity. And it's not just adults; children too, enroll at school clubs and for summer camps to sharpen their minds and learn new hobbies. There are those among us who make plans to acquire new skillsets when we see a bunch of holidays coming along. In short, we aim to do things that would lead to intellectual growth. What if such enthusiasm was directed toward Spiritual Growth?

Whenever we think of improving ourselves in our Christian Walk, our thinking and aspirations are limited to purity alone. We want to be pure in the eyes of God. While this is very much required, what we often tend to overlook is Spiritual Growth.

We all have our talents – gifts intrinsic to our personalities that God has assigned to us – whether they be literary, musical, artistic or oratory. We ought to be wise stewards of them, show competency and channel it for God's glory. But beyond these, there is another class of gifts that come from God Himself.

There are two kinds of values that will be endowed on a believer: Fruits, and Gifts. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit, are what the believer is expected to bear while being in constant communion with God, while the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are riches that shall be granted to those who seek to have them.

In 1 Corinthians, the chapters 12 and 14 talk about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Gifts range from speaking tongues (talking directly with God) to Wisdom and Discernment. It is interesting that Paul introduces the Gifts and then takes a moment aside to talk about Love, and then continues on about the Gifts. It shows how Love powers everything, and is of greatest value in the Believer's life.

Worship Timings

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SUNDAYS

English Services

8.00 am to 10.00 am

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Sunday school

10.00 am to 11.00 am

SATURDAYS

Soar 180 and Bible Study

6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

MONDAYS

Cottage Meetings

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

FASTING PRAYERS

1st Thursday

07.30 pm to 09.00 pm

1st Friday

09.30 pm to 12.00 am

LIFE GROUPS

Various Areas

7:30-9:00 pm

For schedule, contact

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And the possibilities are endless! We have heard Servants of God speaking from the Word, and it is astounding to watch them analyze a certain portion of scripture and unravel it to bring out a deeply touching message.

Another example is music. The songs I've learned after coming to this Church are numerous, with me learning a new song every Sunday. There are songs that light the wick of hope in your heart. Some songs are outright humbling. Some are based on the promising assurance of God. And many of them are beyond rich: they're thick, creamy and frothing... and nothing short of wonderful!

It's not just the music and arrangements; it's the words and phrases employed. The writers have spared no expense at articulating how they feel or perceive God. They have been generous at using qualifiers to describe His Grace, His Mercy, His Love – virtues made whole and unlimited, by Him.

How are the Servants of God and Songwriters able to do this? By the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit drives you to go beyond yourself and do wonders, all to the glory of God. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is like wine, and will be given abundantly to those who seek it. It also gets better day by day: the more you seek, the more the Holy Spirit will make you grow. God has always done this. An illustration was the wedding at Cana; Jesus provided the better wine later. The work of the Holy Spirit is truly amazing to behold.

Do not be upset that this is being revealed when 2017 is over. Be glad that there is all of 2018, and much more, for Spiritual Growth. Pray to God, starting today for this.

Do note, however, that if we want to be Vessels into which wine will be poured, then we are expected to be clean and flawless.

To each will be given as per his or her needs. To each will be given as he or she wants. The wine shall flow abundantly. It is up to you, today, to drink from His Table...

Thank you all for being kind readers of our newsletter. It has been nothing short of an encouragement for us. Suggestions are always welcome.

Pray For

His Guidance in the Year
2018

By His Grace...

We held an 8 hour Praise and Worship Session named Living in Flame.

We indulged in a Week of Prayer, Fasting & Learning about the Holy Spirit.

Baptism Service was held this month. It was a Blessing.

We heartily welcome all who were added to the Body of Christ!

The Kid's Talents Day was held on November 4th. It was wonderful to see the little ones display their talents...

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