

## Week 2 Day 1-2

- **Verse(s)**

- John 21:15 - Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.

- **Excerpt**

- All the brothers and sisters need to pick up such a burden... No one can appoint us to this service. We must all go to the Lord, the Head of the Body, have a thorough dealing with Him, and pick up a burden. There are many categories of burdens. According to my observation, many needs are lying waste, and many useful persons are also lying waste. The useful persons must be matched to the needs. Neither I nor any leading brother can say, "Sister, you do this." That never works. Instead, we must all go to the Lord, have a thorough dealing with Him, and open our spiritual eyes to see the need. Then, without any ambition but even at the sacrifice of our whole life, whatever burden we pick up will be the Lord's will. It is worthwhile to pay the price even of our life. (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, "The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church," ch. 1, pp. 527-531)

- **Prayer**

- Pray that we would go to the Lord and have a thorough dealing with Him, and pick up a burden to care for people.
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## Week 2 Day 3

- **Verse(s)**

- Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

- **Excerpt**

- After we have a thorough dealing with the Lord and pick up a burden, we must learn to be interested in people. Because of the fall, many of us are not interested in others. We consider whether others go to heaven or to hell is their own business. We do not care whether others grow in life, and we feel that it is sufficient for us to care for our own spiritual welfare. However, the church service requires every one of us to be involved with others. We need an interest in the Lord's people.
- However, we must not be interested in people in a natural way. Some people were born with the inclination to talk and even gossip. That is not what it means to be interested in people in a proper way. Many young ones like to talk about marriage, and many older ones like to ask concerning each other's children, grandchildren, and in-laws. We must forget about this kind of gossip. This is the natural, social way. Rather, we must be interested in people in the way of life. (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, "The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church," ch. 1, pp. 527-531)

- **Prayer**

- Pray that we will learn to be interested in people in the way of life.
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## Week 2 Day 4

- **Verse(s)**

- Matt 4:19 - And He said to them, Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- S of S 1:7-8 - Tell me, you whom my soul loves, Where do you pasture your flock? / Where do you make it lie down at noon? / For why should I be like one who is veiled / Beside the flocks of your companions? If you yourself do not know, / You fairest among women, / Go forth on the footsteps of the flock, / And pasture your young goats / By the shepherds' tents.

- **Excerpt**

- Having a burden to care for others requires us to have a change in our disposition. Too many of us still hold on to our natural disposition. We do not contact people and invite them to our homes because they are not the same as we are. Since we are the only ones who match our disposition, we only "invite" ourselves. However, all nursing mothers are forced by their children to change their ways. A certain proverb says, "No mother can change her children, but all the children can change the mother." (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, "The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church," ch. 2, pp. 541-544)

- **Prayer**

- Pray for that we will have a change in our disposition to care for the Lord's people in the church life.
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## Week 2 Day 5-6

- **Verse(s)**

- Rom 14:1-3 Now him who is weak in faith receive, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his considerations. One believes that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables. He who eats, let him not despise him who does not eat; and he who does not eat, let him not judge him who eats, for God has received him.

- **Excerpt**

- According to our disposition, we like to contact people who match our taste. However, in order to invite people and care for them, we should not have a particular taste. We must receive the believers because the Lord has received them (Rom. 14:1-3). This requires us to deal much with our natural disposition. Our disposition must be touched. This is not merely a change of our behavior; this kind of change is short-lived. Rather, we need the Lord to touch our disposition.
- Brother Nee once told us that if we do not keep the proper spiritual principles, our prayers will not be answered. The law in the spiritual realm is that we must care for people. If we do not care for people, our prayers for increase cannot be answered. (CWWL, 1973-1974, vol. 2, "The Normal Way of Fruit-bearing and Shepherding for the Building Up of the Church," ch. 2, pp. 541-544)

- **Prayer**

- Pray that we would open to the Lord to touch our disposition so that the Lord would answer the prayers for the increase of the church.