

**Doing Everything according to the Leading, Working, and Speaking of the Spirit,  
Honoring the Lord as the Head of the Body for His Unique Move, and Being Balanced by the Body to Be Kept in Its Unique Oneness (Hymn 606)**

<p>I . Everything we do must be according to the leading, working, and speaking of the Spirit; the best thing done for God becomes a religion if it has nothing to do with the Spirit: <u>1 Corinthians 12:13</u> For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.</p>	<p>A. At the beginning of Acts, the one hundred twenty did not form anything, start anything, initiate anything, or intend to do anything; rather, they prayed again and again for ten days (1:14); their prayer was absolutely in the Spirit. <u>Acts1:14</u> These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.</p> <p>B. Then, to their surprise, the Spirit was poured out upon them, and they became a people wholly in the Spirit; from that time onward, whatever they did, whatever they said, and wherever they went were utterly matters in the Spirit:</p>	<p>1. On the day of Pentecost, when Peter stood up with the eleven and spoke, he did not speak without the Spirit; rather, Peter was filled with the Spirit. <u>Acts2:1</u> And as the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in the same place. <u>4</u> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>2. When Peter spoke to the religious leaders in Acts 4, he was again filled with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Stephen also was a man filled with the Holy Spirit; no one was able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke; Stephen was a person living, speaking, and ministering in the Spirit.</p> <p>4. Philip preached the gospel in the Spirit; he did not determine or make a decision to do this preaching; he was simply living and walking in the Spirit:</p>	<p>a. Thus, when the Spirit told him to join the Ethiopian in the chariot, Philip ran to him.</p> <p>b. After Philip had preached the gospel to the eunuch and had baptized him, he did not intend to go away; the Spirit, however, "caught Philip away".</p> <p>c. Where Philip, an evangelist, was to go did not depend on his decision; instead, it depended upon the leading of the Spirit; the Spirit led Philip to preach the gospel to the eunuch, and it was the Spirit who caught Philip away after he had preached to him.</p>
<p>II. We are not in a movement but in the living move of the Holy Spirit:</p>	<p>A. All of us, especially the young people, must be impressed that in the Spirit there is no such thing as a movement; the Spirit must take the lead, the Spirit must do the work, the Spirit must do the speaking, and the Spirit must even do our living:</p> <p>B. In Acts 13 the prophets and teachers did not call a conference to discuss and decide matters; instead, as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them": <u>Acts13:1</u> Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <u>2</u> And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. <u>3</u> Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. <u>4</u> They then, having been sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed away to Cyprus.</p> <p>C. In the book of Acts there is nothing of a movement; there is just the living move of the living person of Jesus, and this living person is the Holy Spirit:</p> <p>D. The only conference in the book of Acts took place in chapter 15; the apostles and elders came together to take care of a certain matter, and verse 28 says, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us": <u>Acts 15:28</u> For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:</p>	<p>1. We, the people in the church, must be those who are absolutely saturated with the Spirit and absolutely one with the Spirit; if so, whatever we say is the Spirit's speaking, whatever we do is the Spirit's doing, and whatever we work is the Spirit's working.</p> <p>2. In the book of Acts we do not see any kind of movement; instead, we see the leading, working, and speaking of the Spirit.</p> <p>3. Everything that took place in the book of Acts was according to the living Spirit; nothing took place according to man-made decisions.</p>	<p>1. This was absolutely a move by the Spirit, in the Spirit, and with the Spirit through the coordination of the faithful and seeking members of the Body of Christ on the earth with the Head in the heavens.</p> <p>2. Hence, this was not a religious movement with a human schedule; it was initiated by a group of members of the Body of Christ, who gave the Head of the Body an opportunity through their ministering and fasting, that He, as the Spirit, might set two of them apart to carry out His great commission to spread His kingdom for the establishing of His church in the Gentile world through the preaching of the gospel.</p>
<p>III. We must honor the Lord as the Head of the Body for His unique move:</p>	<p>A. We must learn from the book of Acts and from the experience of the apostles and elders in Acts 15 never to make decisions on our own; furthermore, we should not make suggestions to others or give instructions to them; none of us is qualified to do this.</p> <p>B. We are not the Lord or the Master, and we are not the Lord of the harvest; only the Lord Jesus is the Lord of the harvest; He is the Master and the Head of the Body, and we must honor Him by not making decisions in ourselves. <u>Luke 10:2</u> And He said to them, The harvest is great, but the workers few; therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out workers into His harvest. <u>John 4:35</u> Do you not say that there are yet four months and then the harvest comes? Behold, I tell you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are already white for harvest.</p> <p>C. Many times we have made decisions for others and have given instructions to them, but instead of doing this, we must pray, fast, and wait on the Lord.</p> <p>D. We should say to Him, "Lord, You are my Master and the Head of the Body; I am neither qualified nor do I have the position and the authority to make decisions or give orders to others; Lord, I am waiting on You; I want to know Your will and Your heart; Lord, I want to know what You want me to do and what You want my fellow workers to do; Lord, I ask You what You want the churches to do."</p> <p>E. We all must have this attitude; otherwise, we will insult the Lord, and eventually, He will give us up; the headship is assigned solely to Christ; only He has the headship, and only He is the unique Leader. <u>Ephesians1:10</u> Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;</p>	<p>1. When Barnabas and Saul (Paul) were confronting a sorcerer, a false prophet, we are told that Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak to him. <u>Acts13:9</u> But Saul, who is also Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <u>10</u> And said, O you who are full of all deceit and all unscrupulousness, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?</p> <p>2. <u>Acts13:2</u> mentions Barnabas before Saul; however, it was Paul who took the lead to speak; Barnabas and Paul did not hold a conference in which Barnabas said, "From now on you will be the speaker, and I will be the helper."</p> <p>3. There was no human discussion or decision; rather, there was the move of the living person, the Holy Spirit; the one who was filled with the Spirit did the speaking.</p>	<p>1. The conference had no chairman; the presiding One was the Spirit, who is the pneumatic Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of all.</p> <p>2. Paul, Barnabas, and certain others went to Jerusalem, because Jerusalem was the source from which the heretical teaching concerning circumcision came; according to God's New Testament economy, there is no headquarters for God's move on earth and no head church that controls other churches.</p> <p>3. The headquarters of God's move in His New Testament economy is in the heavens, and the One who rules over all the churches is Christ, the Head of the church.</p>

<u>Colossians 2:10</u> And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.	
F. Traditional Christianity has lost the Lord's presence because many of those in Christianity have made themselves the Lord of the harvest, the masters of the work; we must not repeat this tragedy.	
G. Although the Lord has burdened us to go out to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the whole inhabited earth, we must not turn this into a movement: <u>Matthew 24:14</u> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.	1. Any decisions that we make by ourselves for others are an insult to the Spirit; if we have done this, we must repent and, if necessary, ask the others to forgive us because we gave them instructions about what they should do.
	2. None of us should ever tell others where they should go; what an insult this is to the Lord!
	3. If we were to do this, there would be no need for the others to pray; instead, they would simply act on our word; to do this is to usurp the position of the Lord and to make ourselves the Lord; this is the greatest insult to the Lord.
	4. We need to help the others to contact the Lord; young brothers and sisters, you need to pray; a person can be moved to join a movement and not have any personal contact with the Lord.
	5. We may be burdened and led of the Lord to work on the campuses, but the young people must bring this matter to the Lord, pray, and offer themselves to the Lord once again, saying, "Lord, I want to go on with You; Lord, where do You want me to go?"
	6. Everyone must pray until he is clear about the Lord's leading; everyone must be brought into the presence of the Lord to contact Him.
	7. The Lord may be moving to the campuses, and He may lead many to go, but perhaps in His sovereignty He will not allow you to go; this will be a proof that what is taking place among us is not a movement but absolutely a matter of the Lord's leading.
	8. We all must go into the presence of the Lord and pray for some time; we are not in any kind of movement; everything must be brought into the presence of the Lord.
	9. We all must learn this lesson that no one can go to the Lord for someone else; this is the clergy-laity hierarchy; even the newest one among us must still go to the Lord himself.
	10. Eventually, we all should be able to say, "I am going to this place because I have inquired of the Lord, and He has led me to go there"; but we must never go somewhere because a certain brother has encouraged us to do so.
	11. Never tell anyone where he should go; instead, we must have the assurance that the Lord is leading; otherwise, we will be in a movement, and there will be no spiritual value in what we do; whenever we act on the leading of the Lord, we never regret it.
	12. God's New Testament economy is a matter of the Spirit:
IV. For the Lord's move we also need to be balanced by the Body:	A. Suppose the leading ones, after much prayer, are truly burdened about a certain matter; what they should do then is, through fellowship, pass on their burden to the saints and ask the saints to pray.
	B. Eventually, the saints will receive a personal leading from the Lord, and they may move accordingly; in this way no one will be individualistic or rebellious.
	C. The Spirit and the Body keep us in balance; we need to check whether or not the leading we have from the Lord corresponds to the feeling of the Body.
	D. The leading ones may say, "Saints, we feel burdened of the Lord to share with you that some of you may need to move to a certain city; we ask you to please pray thoroughly about this matter."
	E. Eventually, some may be burdened by the Lord and led by Him to go to a certain place, and others may be burdened to go to a different place.
	F. Fellowship follows prayer; after we have had prayer and fellowship, then we will be clear regarding the Lord's leading.
	G. If we do not pray and have fellowship with others, we insult the Lord and usurp His position; furthermore, if we move to a place without prayer and fellowship, we will be shaken when the tests, afflictions, and persecutions come.
	H. If we pray and fellowship, we honor the Lord as the Head of the Body, and we will also have the assurance that it is the Lord who is leading us; then after we move to a certain place, we will have the assurance that the Lord sent us there, and we will never regret our move no matter what the outward situation may be. <u>Colossians 2:19</u> And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.
	I. We will be so assured that our being there is the Lord's will and leading that we will be ready to die there; we will not only have the assurance but also be strengthened and endued with the Lord's authority.
V. In the churches and with the saints we must care for two elements—the Spirit and the Body: <u>Ephesians 4:3</u> Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace: <u>4</u> One Body and one Spirit,...	A. We must ask, "Is this the Spirit?" and "Is this for the Body, or does this cause division?"
	B. We must be certain that what we are doing is in the Spirit and that it takes care of the unique oneness of the Body of Christ.
	C. To be in the Spirit and in the unique oneness of the Body is to be kept in the Lord's recovery.

**Experience: ① Do everything according to the guidance, the work and the speaking of the Spirit**

Religion is something related to God and to the service and worship of God yet having nothing to do with God the Spirit. Although a certain thing related to God may be very good, it is religion as long as it is not related to the Spirit. Take the example of prayer. If you pray to the Lord without praying in the Spirit, your prayer...is something of religion....To be religious is to do something for God apart from the Spirit. The best thing done for God becomes a religion if it has nothing to do with the Spirit.

Let us consider a number of verses in the book of Acts pertaining to the Spirit. At the beginning of Acts, the one hundred twenty did not form anything, start anything, initiate anything, or intend to do anything. Rather, they prayed again and again for ten days (1:14). Their prayer was absolutely in the Spirit. Then, to their surprise, the Spirit was poured out upon them, and they became a people wholly in the Spirit. From that time onward, whatever they did, whatever they said, and wherever they went was utterly a matter in the Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, when Peter stood up with the eleven and spoke, he did not speak without the Spirit. Rather, Peter was filled with the Spirit.

**Junior high/Senior high students' model:**

Christian life and church life are all together a spiritual story. You have to utilize your spirit in order to touch the Spirit. The Spirit is neither by your body nor by your soul, but it enters into your spirit and blend with your spirit. Therefore, you definitely need to learn to train your spirit.

1 Timothy 4:7 But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise is profitable for a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the present life and of that which is to come.

To train the body is to the benefit of your body's physical health. But to train your spirit, it is beneficial to the tripartite man physically, psychologically and spiritually. As well as the benefits not only to the promises of the present life and the matters with brief moments but also for matters to come and the matters into the eternity. The reason is that the pious training - the training of your spirit, will enable you to touch and enjoy the Spirit, a life-giving and all-inclusive Spirit.

That spirit supplies wisdom and knowledge to you in studying, and also can be excellent in supplying as lubricant in human relations that are not going well. Utilizing your spirit and touching the Spirit is the reality of having God together with your student life.

2 Timothy 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Train your spirit by carrying out the following every day, especially in the morning.

- A. Simply call on the name of the Lord.
- B. Utilize the spirit, pray-read the Word to enjoy the Lord. Use the Word to pray.
- C. Utilize your spirit in everything and pray with faith.
- D. There is unbelief in the soul, but there is faith in the spirit. Utilizing the faith, simply believe and accept the Word, believe that the promise of the Lord will also occur on you.

Train your spirit this way will make your spirit healthy and strong. May your spirit become the strongest part of your tripartite being - spirit, soul, and body. May the Spirit always anoint you with blessing to your student life and the church life.

**Experience: ② Advance boldly by Lord's guidance and the corroborated feeling of the body**

Everyone must pray until he is clear about the Lord's leading; everyone must be brought into the presence of the Lord to contact Him. The Spirit and the Body keep us in balance. You need to check whether or not the leading you have from the Lord corresponds to the feeling of the Body. We need to be balanced.

If we do not pray and have the proper fellowship with others, we insult the Lord and usurp His position. Furthermore, if you move to a place without prayer and fellowship, you will be shaken when the tests, afflictions, and persecutions come. You may say, "Brother So-and-so sent us here. Perhaps he made a mistake. We should not follow a man." However, if you pray and fellowship, you honor the Lord, and you will also have the assurance that it is the Lord who is leading you. Then after you move to a certain place, you will have the assurance that the Lord sent you there, and you will never regret your move, no matter what the outward situation may be. You will be so assured that your being there is the Lord's will and leading that you will be ready to die there. You will not only have the assurance; you will also be strengthened and endued with authority.

**The working young saints' model:**

As a business person, you face with various environmental upheavals and the choices that accompany them. For example, President Trump has strongly urged companies to prioritize the promotion of employment in the United States. This has greatly impacted not only the US companies, but also all the European and Japanese companies that are developing businesses in the United States. For the companies that produce the products at low cost in Mexico and export them to the United States, a major strategic change is forced upon them to respond to this request. If they cannot cope with this change, the management situation of those companies will worsen. This is an environmental change encircling the enterprises. Besides that, there is tough competition accompanying promotion within the company, and if the competition is lost, responsibility will be forced to change.

Under such complex circumstances and changes, you may experience being forced to choose department transfer or change jobs. In such a case, you should first update your devotion and pray to the Lord with the spirit. Fellowship well with the Lord, get the feeling of spirit. You can fellowship the feeling with your spiritual partner, the brothers and sisters who guide you, and ask them to pray for you afterwards. The important thing when receiving guidance and adjustment of the body is that you do not look for people who are likely to agree with your opinion or consult with people who are not experienced enough. It is not the feeling of the body, but an action in accordance with your natural feeling. If you want seriously to follow the Lord's way, you should know who to fellowship with.

You do this with the feeling of the Spirit by prayer, and the feeling of the body by fellowship, you will be balanced, follow the Lord's guidance correctly, move to the right place at the right time, or stay in the current place. In the Lord's guidance, not only you need to be in correct direction but also in correct time. Otherwise, you will fail. But you will not be afraid or panic, if the Lord guides you and you move or stay with the Lord.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and take courage; do not fear, neither be terrified of them, for it is Jehovah your God who goes with you; He will not fail you nor forsake you.

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus says The Lord Jehovah: Indeed I lay a stone in Zion as a foundation, A tested stone, A precious cornerstone as a foundation firmly established; He who believes will not hasten away.

## **Milestone of John 6: Necessity of a hungry man – Nourish life by Kobe U. BSG OB/OG**

**6:22** The next day the crowd which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there had been no other small boat there except one, and that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone. **24** So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. **25** And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, Rabbi, when did You get here? **26** Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say to you, You seek Me not because you have seen signs, but because you ate of the bread and were filled. **27** Work not for the food which perishes, but for the food which abides unto eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you; for Him has the Father, even God, sealed. **28** Then they said to Him, What shall we do that we may work the works of God? **29** Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe into Him whom He has sent.

**① Unsatisfying human life:** There was a crowd demanding the Lord at the beach. In the Bible the sea is the place where the evil spirit lives, symbolizing the world corrupted by Satan. The seaside shows the place where corrupted people live. The places where corrupted people live and the place where demons live are next to each other. For this reason many people are living sinful lives, they are not satisfied and have no supply.

Many people do not feel that they are living in sins, but there is a clear feeling of not being satisfied. People are not satisfied and are hungry for something.

For example, high school students are not satisfied with the life taking exams; however, they will be able to spend satisfying campus life if they pass the desired university. However, even after becoming a college student, the hungry and unsatisfactory feelings will not go away. Many college students want to have a good time by going out for drinks with friends as there is no satisfaction. However, the drinking party that should be fun will not give true satisfaction to people, but only increases the hungry feeling. At the same time, drinking brings people to a lot of sexual debauchery and sinful fornications. According to the recent reports that many students of famous university and medical school were being sued for committing sexual misconduct after excess drinking, they got expelled by their universities and ruined their lives. This shows that corrupt people live on the seaside near the ocean where the evil spirit lives, and it is easy to fall into deep sinful acts.

**Ephesians 5:18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,

Although graduating from the college, the graduate school and a good job at hand, but the job cannot give the true satisfaction to people. Even when getting a good income, the feeling of dissatisfaction inside man will increase more and more. People are hungry and not satisfied, but people do not know what they need.

**② The Lord is the bread of life and gives man true satisfaction:** On that day the Lord has guided them and informed them that only the Lord can supply their needs and satisfaction to them. John 6 continues.

**6:35** Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

**47** Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes has eternal life. **48** I am the bread of life. **49** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50** This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.

The life of Lord Jesus is rich, eternal and full. Only this eternal life can satisfy all the needs of human life. The Lord Jesus will say to you, "He who comes to me shall by no means hunger." No hunger means

that there is no shortage of anything and no vanity as well.

**③ Man's natural concept versus the God's concept:** When man hears the Word of the Lord, he may think that something must be done for God. But God's concept does not want him to do anything but to eat and enjoy the Lord, the bread of life. Do not try to do anything for God after you read Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. Follow the Word, simply proceed under the Lord. The Lord is the bread of life, so you need to eat the Lord. The secret of eating the Lord, the bread of life, is to eat the Word of the Lord. Continue with the reading of John Chapter 6.

**6:57** As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. **60** Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this, said, This word is hard; who can hear it? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

When I said to eat the Lord, many people tripped over by thinking that they would eat the Lord's flesh. However, eating here is not to eat flesh, but to eat the Word of the Lord.

The Lord Jesus was the one who took the flesh, after dying on the cross on behalf of the sins of man; He was then resurrected from the death, and became the life-giving Spirit. And this life-giving Spirit is incarnated in the Word spoken to you by the Lord. When you read the Bible, if you come to the Lord with the praying spirit, the Lord can speak to you. This Lord's speaking can give life to you.

**④ Utilize your spirit, pray-read the Word of the Bible and eat the bread of life:** Because the Word spoken by the Lord is the Spirit and the life, therefore, after you have reached the understanding with the use of your mind, you need to utilize your spirit and pray with the Lord's Word. The essence of Lord's Word is the Spirit, and the Spirit gives you life. The essence of the match is phosphorus, and by rubbing the head of the match against the file, the match lights up. Likewise, in order to touch the Spirit in the Word of the Lord, you need to use your spirit to rub against the Word of the Lord. By merely exploiting the mind and understanding of the Word, you cannot touch the spirit in the Word and cannot receive life. When walking, man uses his feet naturally. Likewise, when man prays, he spontaneously utilizes his spirit. Must utilize your spirit and pray with the Word of the Bible for the eating of the bread of life.

**⑤ Eat regularly the bread of life every day:** A nutritionist says, "You are constituted with things you eat." Likewise, if you eat the Lord, you will be filled with the Lord, constituted with the Lord, you will be satisfied by the Lord. Only those who eat the Lord can live because of the Lord.

**Matthew 4:4** But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

People eat material bread everyday three times a day. Nobody can eat a whole week's meals and save them for later. Similarly, you need to decide a time of about 15 minutes each day (if possible, in the morning), read the Bible, pray and pray-read when the time comes. By doing this, the Word of the Bible can give you life; life can satisfy your inner hunger and give you the true satisfaction. May your campus life be blessed by life!

**811** 1 My heart is hungry, my spirit doth thirst;  
I come to Thee, Lord, to seek Thy supply;  
All that I need is none other but Thee,  
Thou canst my hunger and thirst satisfy.  
(C)Feed me, Lord Jesus, give me to drink,  
Fill all my hunger; quench all my thirst;  
Flood me with joy, be the strength of my life,  
Fill all my hunger, quench all my thirst.

2 Thou art the food and the water of life,  
Thou canst revive me, my spirit upbear;  
I long to eat and to drink here of Thee,  
Thyself enjoy through my reading and prayer.  
6 Now to enjoy Thee I come to Thy Word,  
On Thee to feed till my hunger is o'er.  
Now in my spirit I turn unto Thee,  
Of Thee to drink till I'm thirsty no more.