

Fight the good fight, finish the course and keep the faith (2 Tim.4:7) FN "have fought the good fight": A proper Christian life has three aspects. ① fighting the good fight against Satan and his kingdom of darkness and for the interests of God's kingdom, ② running the course for the carrying out of God's economy, ③ keeping the faith for participation in the divine riches in God's economy.

To run through the race of your whole life, you need to run through the race in front of you now For example, a student's main duty is to study. You need to study for the testimony of the Lord and the preaching of the gospel. However, even if you have a plan to study, you do not have the strength to carry it out. At this time, you can experience Christ as your strength and wisdom. [1Cor.1:24](#) But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. FN "the power of God and the wisdom of God": Wisdom is for planning, purposing; power is for carrying out, accomplishing, what is planned and purposed. In God's economy Christ is both. Prayer: "Lord Jesus, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God to me. For Lord's testimony and the gospel, let me now as a student experience Christ as my strength and wisdom in my studies. And when I can't understand something, I won't give up but call on the name of the Lord. Then let me gradually improve my grades. I will be diligent in my studies and fight the good fight in my school years." People in the world study only for their own future, but you should have a spirit to fear God and study diligently every day, not for yourself, but for the testimony of the Lord and the gospel.

[Isa.11:2](#) **And the Spirit of Jehovah will rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah.** And the new ones who are working need Christ even more to fulfill the requirements at the job. Everyday is a warfare. Let us enjoy the Lord and fight the good fight. Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, the normal Christian life includes fighting against Satan and his kingdom of darkness for the interests of the kingdom of God. To fight the good fight, I experience and enjoy The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah by putting my mind on the spirit. Amen!"

Understand your journey by prayer and renew consecration to run through

The most important thing in the Christian life is ①to seek out the journey which the Lord has ordained and ②faithfully walk on it. A poor phenomenon among believers today is that many have not found the journey that the Lord has ordained for them. Some, even though they have found it, do not walk on it. This is the reason that their living is filled with so much spiritual death, gloom, and restriction, and this is the reason that there are so many conflicts and arguments in God's work. The most important task for each of us is to put ourselves into God's hand in a quiet, patient, prayerful, consecrated, and obedient way and wholeheartedly seek after His leading.

Testimony of Consecration: a brother's testimony: I was saved in the spring of my first year of college. As a sophomore, I began to actively share the gospel. I prayed every day during the week of the monthly gospel meeting held by the church, and invited my friends to the gospel meeting. However, after that week was over, I went back to my lazy life. Because I was living such a contradictory life, there were always conflicts and worries inside except for the gospel week. In the winter of my third year, I went to Taiwan for the church visit. I heard the message on consecration in Sanchong city, Taiwan. I still remember the speaking, "If you consecrate yourself to the life of the Body, even if you forget it, the Lord will remember". That night at a meeting hall in Taichung City, I consecrated according to what I heard and prayed, "I am willing to give myself and my whole life. I thank You that even if I forget this consecration, You will remember it. When I forget, please remind me". At this time, I felt the strong presence of the Lord. After this consecration, the contradictions between the inside and outside disappeared, and the inside became bright and clear. Even after that, there were times when I forgot my consecration and became weak, but each time I was able to receive mercy because the Lord reminded me of this consecration and I was able to look unto Him and renew my consecration. Obviously, my consecration in Taichung during my third year of college was a turning point. When I was saved, the negative spiral (chain reaction) in my life ended. When I consecrated myself for the building of the Body, the positive spiral has begun. "Lord, I look unto You and let me finish my course to the end!"

1/24 ANNOUNCEMENT:

- A. 1/31 Lord's Day Zoom Gospel Meeting for Jan.
Subject: Come forward 15:00–16:00
- B. 1/31 Motoyama District Rokko Island VG Start
- C. Financial Report for Dec.
- D. Testimonies of the saints who visited Nishinomiya Syukugawa new meeting hall on 1/23
 - ① Because it's facing the big street, easy to be noticed. Great advertisement effect!
 - ② The street is so busy and you can sing in loud voice.
 - ③ The structure of the building is strong. Nice outside wall.
 - ④ Three train lines, 4 stations available. Buses are available.
 - ⑤ Good blending opportunity since there are hot spring spot, Ramen restaurant, super market close by.
 - ⑥ Good ventilation.
 - ⑦ High ceiling and spacy on 1st floor. Good for meetings.
 - ⑧ Meetings and hospitality available on 2nd floor.
 - ⑨ Family can live on 3rd floor. Brothers House/Sisters House
 - ⑩ Much sunshine and rooms are bright
 - ⑪ Meeting spaces on 1 and 2nd floor are big, wishing to be filled with people
 - ⑫ Already have sign because it was originally bicycle shop
 - ⑬ Entrance of 1st floor is big and people find easy to come
 - ⑭ Very wonderful. Access is super nice. Good blending spots with shops around. There are more than 10 kids in this district so it's very good for both parents and kids. May many adults and kids are gained by this meeting hall.
 - ⑮ Very simple structure and almost custom made for the meeting hall. Much traffic so many can visit this hall.

My King will soon come back again

1. My King will soon come back again,
The sky be filled with Him;
The universe to be redeemed
Will see His light therein.
The Lord will soon fulfill His plan,
His footsteps now I hear;
His glorious frame I faintly see
Beginning to appear.
2. I'm longing for His presence blest
And dare not slothful be
While waiting for my Lord's return,
His own dear self to see.
My only hope—that He may come
And change my faith to sight;
There is no other joy on earth
Which gives my heart delight.
4. My Savior, all Thy holy words
Can never doubted be;
With them encouraged day by day,
I'm faithful unto Thee.
Oh, may Thy glory soon appear,
The foe be overthrown;
Thy promises be realized,
And we brought to Thy throne.

6. A thousand hands won't hinder me,
Nor will ten thousand eyes;
The thorns upon the road but help
Me onward to the prize.
Arise, my spirit and my heart,
And let the world go by;
The Lord of life will take me soon
To be with Him on high.
7. Thou healing sun! Thou hope of man!
I really love Thy ray.
Oh, righteous Lord! oh, glorious King!
I bow to Thee and pray:
Oh, may Thou soon ascend Thy throne
And quickly show Thy face;
Thy heav'nly kingdom may Thou found
And grant all men Thy grace.
8. The truth should triumph and be king
And freedom should be queen;
But falsehood, which has rampant run,
Head of the world be seen.
We ask Thee, Truth, to quickly come
And bring Thy light from heav'n;
The foe be crushed and all Thy sons
Into Thy bosom giv'n.