

6/24-30 #1 Living in the Reality of God's Eternal Economy for Its

Fulfillment by Building Up a Habit of Exercising

Our Spirit, Fanning Our God-given Spirit into Flame

Bird's-Eye View God's eternal economy is His household administration to dispense Himself in Christ into His chosen people that He may have a house to express Himself, which house is the church, the Body of Christ; God's eternal economy is His eternal plan, and His divine dispensing is the means by which He accomplishes His plan: [1 Tim. 1:3](#) Even as I exhorted

you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things [4](#) Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith. **A** Christ is the center, circumference, element, sphere,

means, goal, and aim of God's economy; in fact, all the contents of God's eternal economy are simply Christ. **B** Unless we know God's economy, we will not understand the Bible; the central subject of the Bible is the economy of God, and the entire Bible is concerned with the economy of God. **C** God's economy is to dispense Himself into our being so that our being may be constituted with His being; this can be accomplished only by God's dispensing Himself into us as the divine life. **D** The leadership in the New Testament ministry is the leadership of the controlling, God-given revelation of God's eternal economy.

E Different teachings other than God's economy separate us from the genuine appreciation, love, and enjoyment of the precious person of the Lord Jesus Christ as our life and our everything; the different teachings of the dissenting ones caused envy and discord among the believers, which are contrary to love, the end (the objective and purpose) of the apostle's charge to remain in the teaching of God's economy. **F** God's divine dispensing deifies the believers, making them God in life and nature but not in the Godhead for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ and for the preparation of the bride of Christ to usher in the kingdom of Christ; for this purpose God became a man to "man-ize" Himself; then He dispenses Himself as life into us to "God-ize" us in His life and nature but not in His Godhead. **G** God's intention in His economy is to dispense Himself in His Divine Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—into His chosen people; God's only goal in time is to dispense Himself into us day by day. **II** In the "blueprint" of God's original intention, man is the center of the entire universe, and the center of man is his spirit: [Zech. 12:1](#) The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him, [Gen. 2:7](#) Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

A The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man

was created by God with a spirit that he may contact God, receive God, contain God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, express God, and be one with God. **B** Without God being the Spirit and without us having a spirit to contact God, to be one with God, the whole universe is empty, and we are nothing. **C** Due to the fall, men have not only overlooked and neglected the human spirit but also have even refused to admit that man has a spirit. **D** Man as a vessel, through the exercise of his spirit, was to receive God in Christ as the tree of life so that life as a river would flow in and out of his innermost being for his transformation into precious materials for God's building, God's eternal expression: **1** The breath of God has become our human spirit, and our spirit is God's lamp to contain God as the oil and to give us light. **2** Man's spirit became a broken lamp through his fall, but through God's recovery in His salvation, man's spirit is regenerated, rebuilt, and reinforced with the vivifying, sevenfold intensified Spirit. **3** The central government and most prominent part of man's being should be his spirit; a man who is ruled and controlled by his spirit is a spiritual man. [1 Cor. 2:15](#) But the spiritual man discerns all things, but he himself is discerned by one. **E** The strategic and central point of God's economy is the divine Spirit, dwelling in our human spirit and the two mingled together as one spirit, the mingled spirit: [Rom. 8:16](#) The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. **1** The great way to fulfill God's economy is for us to live and do everything according to the Spirit by exercising our spirit. **2** Whenever we turn to our spirit and exercise our spirit, we touch the Body, because the Body is in our spirit. **3** When we are in our spirit, we overcome the world, we cannot sin, the evil one cannot touch us, and we are guarded from idols. **III** The key to receiving the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity and being a channel of this dispensing for the saints' growth in life and their enjoyment of Christ is to exercise our spirit, which is to fan our God-given spirit into flame: **A**

Godliness, a living that is the expression of God, is the issue of the divine dispensing for the divine economy, and this dispensing depends on the exercise of our spirit to live Christ in our daily life for the corporate manifestation of God in the church life. [1 Tim. 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. [2 Tim. 1:6](#) For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7](#) For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness. **B** The word exercise implies forcing; if we Christians want to be strong and want to grow in the Lord, we must force ourselves to use our spirit until we build up a strong habit of exercising our spirit. **C** To exercise our spirit

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is to fan our spirit into flame: **1** Second Timothy 1:6 refers to “the gift of God,” and verse 7 indicates that what God has given us is our regenerated spirit, our mingled spirit, of power, of love, and of sobermindedness; thus, the gift of God is our God-given spirit. **2** We saved ones have the capital to live the Christian life and the church life, and this capital is our God-given spirit. **3** Fire is in our regenerated spirit, which is indwelt by the Holy Spirit; actually, our spirit is the fire. **D** To exercise our spirit, we must deal with the parts of our soul surrounding our spirit—our mind, emotion, and will: **1** A spirit of power is a spirit with a subdued and resurrected will, a spirit of love is a spirit with an emotion filled with God as love, and a spirit of sobermindedness is a spirit with a renewed mind. **2** Our dear Lord Jesus is the Shepherd and overseer of our souls; our soul is our inner being, our real person; our Lord shepherds us by caring for the welfare of our inner being and by exercising His oversight over the condition of our real person. **3** Because the exercise of the spirit is linked to the parts of our soul and is so vital to living in the reality of God’s economy, we need to cooperate with our Lord in His heavenly ministry by “establishing the souls of the disciples”. Acts 14:22 Establishing the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith and saying that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. **4** To establish the souls of the disciples is to establish them **1** in their mind, that they may know and understand the Lord and the things concerning Him; **2** in their emotion, that they may love the Lord and have a heart for the Lord’s interest; and **3** in their will, that they may be strong to remain with the Lord and do the things that please the Lord. **E** To exercise our spirit, to fan our God-given spirit into flame, is to rejoice always, pray unceasingly and give thanks in everything in order to enjoy the indwelling Spirit as the secret of doing all things in Christ. **F** To exercise our spirit, to fan our God-given spirit into flame, is to set our mind on the spirit: **1** When we set our mind on the spirit, we have the inner sense of life and peace, the sense of strength, satisfaction, rest, release, liveliness, watering, brightness, and comfort. **2** When we set our mind on the flesh, we have the inner sense of death, the sense of weakness, emptiness, uneasiness, restlessness, depression, dryness, darkness, and pain. **3** Our Christian life is not according to the standard of right and wrong but according to the inner sense of life and peace in our spirit. Rom. 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace. **G** To exercise our spirit, to fan our God-given spirit into flame, is to discern our spirit from our soul: Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **1** We should always be on the alert to discern and deny anything that is not of the spirit but of the soul,

the self. **2** Whatever we are, whatever we have, and whatever we do must be in spirit; everything that God is to us is in our spirit. **F** To exercise our spirit, to fan our God-given spirit into flame, is to live the normal church life and overcome the church’s degradation by pursuing Christ with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. **I** To exercise our spirit, to fan our God-given spirit in to flame, is to pray, to approach God in a personal and confiding manner, for the interests of God—Christ, the kingdom of God, and the house of God—as the goal in God’s eternal economy.

神戸に在る召会交わりと報告事項

1. 兄弟姉妹の訪問:

- 6/22-23 何家豪B一家4名(佳穂S弟の訓練同級生)
- 6/29-30 東京全時間訓練生6名+TA 2名
- 7/1-8/30 宋劉劍君S(佳穂Sのお母さん)
- 7/5-8 台北31集会所25名
- 7/13-15 台北61集会所(北投)60名
- 7/16-8/16 周洪斌B、李徳英S
- 7/25-28 彰化郡瑜姉妹と弟さん(在職青年)

2. 6/30(主)について:

朝の集会は魚崎で合同ブレンディング主日集会です。時間は10:00-12:00まで。集会後、ランチブレンディングを行います。各地区から多くの兄弟姉妹、新人や友人達が来ることができますように。

3. 朝毎の食物進捗について:

4月ITEROは、全8メッセージの内、#1,2,5,7の4メッセージを追求します。

4. 姉妹集会:毎週水曜日:

今後のスケジュール

- 6/26 三宮・神戸
- 7/3 西宮・夙川

5. 2024年SST(真理のサマースクール):

8/12(月)-17(土)東京基臨ビルで行われます。現在神戸からは13名の青少年が申し込んでいます。若者たちが時間を聖別して、真理の中に入り込み、仲間たちと共に主をエンジョイすることができるように兄弟姉妹お祈りください。

CP1 Man is the center of the universe. If man does not exercise man's spirit and pray-read the Word, fellowship with the Lord, touch the Lord and express the Lord, the whole universe is vanity

II In the "blueprint" of God's original intention, man is the center of the entire universe, and the center of man is his spirit: [Zech. 12:1](#) The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him, Please read the all outline under **A~E**.

If we did not have a spirit, we would be like the beasts. We would become meaningless. Also, if there were no God in the universe, the whole universe would become empty. So the key to our meaning and the meaning of the universe is in God's existence and also in our having a spirit. God is Spirit, and we must contact Him, worship Him, in our spirit (John 4:24). These two spirits should contact each other and should become one. Then the whole universe becomes meaningful. Then our life has meaning...By this we can see the importance of our spirit. ...As Christians, our spirit has been regenerated.

[Application to young people, college students, new ones](#)

Testimony In my church life, I was taught to train my spirit from the time I was saved. Sometimes the church would take us students by car or motorcycle to a place in the middle of the Yoshino River where there were no people at all, and we would train ourselves to call out the name of the Lord in a loud voice for 30 minutes on the riverbank. At first I didn't really know what I was doing, but as I continued to imitate everyone else and call out the Lord's name loudly, I was filled with the Holy Spirit.

I also sang hymns out loud in the meetings, exercising the spirit. I was able to touch the Lord in the spirit as I was praising Him and was filled with joy. The following English hymn is about "man being the center of the universe" and was often sung and enjoyed when I was a student.

1. O I'm a man---I'm the meaning of the universe;
Yes, I'm a man---I'm the meaning of the universe.
God made me such, I am so much;
I'm the center and the meaning of the universe.
2. Christ lives in me---He's the meaning of my human life;
Christ lives in me---He's the meaning of my human life.
Yes, He's in me. My all to be;
He's the meaning and reality of my human life.
3. The church is Christ---His expression on the earth today;
The church is Christ---His expression on the earth today.
This corporate man Fulfills God's plan,
That this man may have dominion over all the earth.

4. The local church---It's the new and real family life;
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We have the way To live today---
Eating, drinking Christ we're built up as the local church.
5. What shall we do? We should go and tell the world of this.
What shall we do? We should go and tell the world of this.
Disciple all---This is our call.
Let us go and spread the news abroad to every land.

In school, I learned mainly to train my mind, but in the church life, I learned to train my spirit. At first, I learned to exercise the spirit in praise and pray-reading during meetings and during the morning revival time at the Brothers House. Later, I learned to exercise my spirit and fellowship with the Lord in the personal fellowship with Him.

I exercised my spirit and prayed often when I fellowship with the Lord, using the following verses etc. in the outline. [1Tim. 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. [2Tim. 1:6](#) For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7](#) For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness. When I fellowshiped with the Lord, at first I pray-read His Word, calling on His name, opening my heart to Him and telling Him whatever I wanted. As I did this, I gradually began to pray by using the Word. For example, when I prayed like this, "Lord Jesus, the spirit you have given me, according to your Word, is a spirit of power, love, and sober mindedness, but most of the time my spirit is weak. How can I understand this divergence? Oh Lord, supply and guide me!" I felt within the following; "Isn't my feeling that my spirit is weak, which contradicted the Word wrong? Maybe my spirit is actually strong. Maybe I am wrong to think it is not strong" and I turned to the Word and prayed and I was empowered and said to myself, "surely my spirit is a strong spirit." Later I told Satan, "Satan, you have been deceiving me for so long. All you can do is to lie and deceive. Satan, go away! I have faith to believe the Word." I learned to pray-read the Word by exercising the spirit and to fellowship with the Lord.

The training of the spirit as a student was a great help to me when I served full time from 25-30 and later in my business life work. It was a good foundation for exercising the spirit to fellowship with the Lord and do all things with Him.

CP2 To exercise our spirit, we must deal with each part of our soul—our mind, emotion, and will that are surrounding our spirit

III The key to receiving the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity and being a channel of this dispensing for the saints' growth in life and their enjoyment of Christ is to exercise our spirit, which is to fan our God-given spirit into flame. *Also read D and its every subpoints in the outline.*

Sometimes we describe a certain person by his strong will. Actually, we are using the wrong expression to describe that person. His is not a strong will, but a hard, stubborn one...Our will can become strong and powerful only under the control of the spirit. Whenever a believer becomes a martyr, he is strong; he has a strong will because at that time his will is completely submissive to the spirit. When our will is subdued and becomes submissive to the spirit, it becomes strong and powerful. Then we will truly have a spirit of power!

However, many times when the spirit subdues our will and makes it submissive to the Lord, we then become very cold. Therefore, we need love as a balance. We not only need a spirit of power, but also a spirit of love. Even though our will is submissive, if we do not have a spirit of love, it is very easy for us to be cold toward others. We will even be critical of them, condemning them because they are so rebellious...We must balance our spirit of power with a spirit of love. Our spirit has to be both of power and of love.

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, His will was submissive to the spirit, and He was obedient to the Father. Therefore, His spirit was very strong—but it was also continually full of love. He had not only a strong spirit, but one of love. He was very balanced. His spirit toward Satan, the evil one, was very strong and powerful! But toward the sinners and publicans, His spirit was full of love and sympathy. Here is real balance. Love is a matter of the emotion...After we become emotional, we need to be balanced again! Now we must have a spirit of sobermindedness...Love alone causes us to be foolish and blind and will even bring us into darkness. Therefore, we must be so balanced that we will not love foolishly, but clearly, properly and soberly with a sound mind.

Application to businesspersons, graduate students

Testimony 1 When I talk to people, I had the tendency to listen according to my own concept and not understand what they were saying at all. However, through morning revival and pursuit of the life study with the brothers and sisters every night, I began to call on the Lord and exercise my spirit, whether at work, in meetings, or at home. When I feel like falling into myself, I call on the name of the Lord to turn to the spirit, and I train myself to follow the decisions of company meetings. I have also learned to love people, respect their feelings, and respond appropriately when I contact them. I thank the Lord.

Testimony 2 I recently started a part-time job. I decided that I would continue to attend meetings, gospel and shepherding, and serve as I had in the past, and I looked for a job with flexible shifts that would allow me to work besides serving. However, there was a lot to memorize, and it was a busy place to work, and I was very tired. As I served in such a situation, I noticed murmuring coming from inside my heart and a feeling of condemnation toward others arose, and I felt my inner being got darkened. At that time, I immediately confessed my sins to the Lord. I was enlightened that I was proud and that I had not been working and serving in the Lord.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, to exercise my spirit, I must deal with each part of my soul surrounding my spirit—my mind, emotion, and will. The Lord Jesus shepherds me by overseeing the state of my inner being. I open to the Lord, the Shepherd, love Him, know His mind, remain in Him, and my mind, emotion and will be adjusted and transformed.