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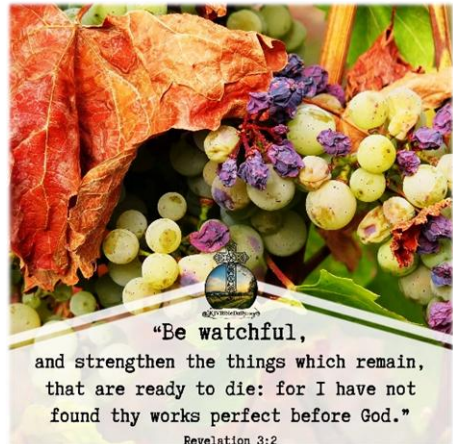
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## Revival of “*Things Ready to Perish*”

**We are creatures of our own habits and discipline is important in a believer’s life These are many good spiritual habits and disciplines that are either missing from the Church or the believer’s life.**

In Rev 3:2 writing to the church in Sardis, The Apostle John warns us to be watchful and speaks of things that we are to strengthen or else they are **ready to die**, in the last perilous days. In a world of manifold distractions, many are enamoured with secular concerns and

are less sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling the spiritual duties of required of us to our nourishment of our souls and that of others. Consider the following four areas of the Christian life that are ready to perish today.



### **Personal and Corporate Intercession**

These are spiritual things that seems "*ready to die*" in many churches and collective intercession is one of them. Many who will make time to attend a musical or watch Netflix or TV sitcoms or be on the virtual chatrooms or social media will not come to the mid-week church prayer meeting. At the church prayer meeting only a fraction of the church is ever present.) **Many have no time nor burden for prayer, being encumbered with many cares of the world. The prayer meeting is frequently attended only by about 10 to 20 percent of the church in many churches. Are we too indifferent or too busy to set aside time to meet God together as a body of Christ in humble intercession?**

How shall the languishing prayer meeting be strengthened? First, let all the elders and deacons, and leaders be regularly present. Example shows the way, then let there be more fervent prayer among the stewards first, more spiritual exercise and less spiritual drowsiness in the church. Include the sound and convicting listening to

the preaching of God's Word to praying, let each ask/share personally with things that genuinely burden the heart and intercede with importunity for one another.

Secondly, let all set aside time to come to pray and the parents too and give priority to prayer with their children. Let items for prayer be mentioned to others frequently (ie the care of the sick, the preaching of the gospel, the salvation of souls, etc.) Care enough to encourage others with, "I hope to see you at the prayer meeting".



Pray for the spiritual growth and vitality of the church prayer meeting. Be a man or woman of incessant prayer yourself, and that you will always make an effort to be at the church prayer meeting. **Strengthen your faith at the prayer meeting by your presence, for a church without strong corporate prayer support of the people is a feeble church. "Watch unto prayer and pray without ceasing."**

## **A Fervent Love for Souls and Missions**

**Spiritual indifference in sharing the gospel to lost souls lingers among many churches. One of the marks of spiritual revival is the eager use made of every opportunity to speak a close word of personal witness of the blessedness of our eternal hope and glorious salvation.** The earnest readiness and testimony of a redeemed soul to tell others of his Savior is one of the joyful signs of the well of living water within a justified soul. When was the last time you gave a tract or say a word for Christ to another?



But nowadays such zeal for souls is rare. Most Christians seem to be caught in a secular work of exacting routine; to imagine that they have done their duty expected of them if they occupy a seat in the church for an hour and a half once a week, they will not do more for Christ.

Many are so busy with their earthly interests whether it be work or leisure or social media or RP games or movies that there is little evidence that either Heaven or Hell are real or important to them. They do little or next to nothing to help lost men destined for hell to save them by God's mercies and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit from the other, but seemed content being saved themselves (as we hope), to let their fellowmen be lost for eternity, for no effort is made to prevent it. At SHBPC, we have door-to-door evangelism at Macpherson estate. What a joy and privilege it is to be a herald of the good news for Christ!

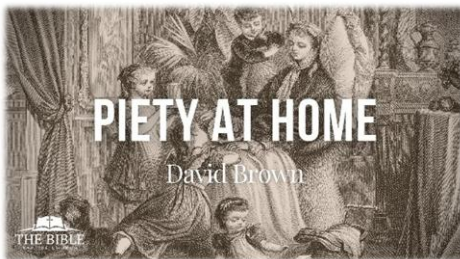
**If every Christian would speak out for Christ to some dying souls, would make one real effort to bring an unsaved person to the knowledge of the power of the**

**life giving Gospel, would make it the prayer and as the aim of life to win a soul to the Savior**, what a transformation would pass upon the face of the world, what joy, strength and vitality would come to Christian work, when multitudes of young believers through the Sunday worship services and other meetings!

By God's grace and enablement, strengthen yourself in this dying virtue for "*He that winneth souls is wise.*" (Prov 11:30)

## Family Worship

There remain among many covenant homes in a spiritually weakened manner and the sad fact that "*piety at home*" (1 Tim 5:4) is ready to die. There has been no more potent influence for God in many families for this wonderful edifying habit of the English puritans who never failed to pray and read the Bible to catechise their children and have a family altar.



It has helped many young children in the past to develop a reverence for the Lord, a delight in the Lord and the Scriptures and for prayer. But today there are more enthralled by the online games, chatbots, worldly toys and games, K-pop and latest popular music, fads and fashions.

**Many need to build foundations of Godliness laid in their lives by the regular use of the Bible in the homes of their childhood and youth. Today there are few memories tendered of those assembled as a family kneeling together with the head of the house, reading a portion of the Holy Word, with prayer to the Lord.**

The world tempts us to live for material gain and temporal benefit at a reckless pace and the devil smiles as he lures us away from God the things of everlasting life. God's people are often negligent to reach out to our sons and daughters to the truths of God and equip them for the day with much family prayer.

You may be busy enough to lay up for them temporal wealth that may become a disservice to your children in their lives one day. (I share this with a greatly burdened heart knowing of many lost teenagers of families who neglected God partly due to this parental negligence at home.) **It is indeed a tragedy that some fathers are successful in building up a financial fortune for their children that they cannot find time to build up spiritual foundations in their children's heart in God holy laws and precepts with fear and trembling! Would to God that that could be reversed today!**

## God-Honouring Aims & Thoughts

There is another thing ready to die now and is becoming a lost art also. The cares of life and riches have disastrously against godly goals that work against individual and corporate piety. We are to love God with all our mind, heart and souls. (Matt 22:37,38)

With the seduction of Hollywood and Walt Disney movies, its reality shows our morality is at an all-time low. From the immoral corruptions of the flesh, we are embattled with many evil and malevolent thoughts daily. Pornography. Virtual world or rock music, drugs, vaping, liquor drinking and dancing have perverted many lives. Our thought life is our spiritual measure (Prov 23:7). The public life of any man depends for its purity and power upon his private communion with God and his private thoughts. (2 Cor 10:5, Phil 4:8) We need to put away the TV, phones and laptop and pray to the Father in secret (Matt 6:6) and be refreshed in our minds. We need the quiet habit of meditating on the manna of the Word as milk and meat is one that brings great spiritual reward for the mind of the redeemed soul. The shining faces like Moses' that reflect the glory of God when someone has met the Lord in the morning, are often missing. Our thought life needs to be renewed by the Lord's Word. (Rom 12:1,2)



**There are careless, anxious and nonchalant hearts because men do not take time to listen to God's Word during the preaching on Sunday or to refresh their souls at the well-spring of His Truth. Instead, they rush into worldly things without the fortification of God's armour, illumination of mind by the Holy Spirit and granted to him joy and peace in the quietness and to direct his thoughts Christward.**

Let us seek the Lord to change all this; ask for help to strengthen in your thought life with spiritual and moral virtues that are sadly ready to die today. Deliberately fix your heart and mind to give the Lord each day opportunity to speak to your soul in His Word. Say, "*I will meditate in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways*" (Psa 119:15) and not only say it, but do it, and prove him if He will not meet you with His wonderful blessing.

## **Conclusion**

There are many things that are ready to perish in the church and the covenant homes that we need to revive. Will they be extinct or extant in your life? Will you bury them or revive them? Is there a place for prayer in your busy schedule? Is your life characterised by spiritual lethargy or nonchalance, worldliness and the pursuit of earthly things only? **Many Christians are caught up with their work and their leisure that they neglect the spiritual well-being of their souls and the sacred duties of a Christian steward to God's church and a healthy walk with God and the salvation of family members.**

It is our prayer that this will awaken us to the grave necessity of seeking and serving Christ first in worshipping the Almighty God in your heart and mind witnessing for him, not forgetting the joy of prayer, giving, service and stewardship and the spiritual nurture of the souls in both the church and the covenant home.

*Jack Sin*



**THEME:**  
**WISE OR FOOLISH LIVING**  
**IN A SMARTPHONE ERA**



**DATES:**

10-13 June 2025

**VENUE:**

Forest City Marina Hotel, Johor, Malaysia.

**SPEAKER :**

Rev Tan Eng Boo

**CAMP FEES:**

Twin or Triple sharing \$ 370

All are welcome for a relaxing and insightful time of the meditation of the Word and family fun and bonding together

Register by 29 March 2025 with Dn Paul Tan at 97314733

*Serving Christ and Exalting the  
Sovereignty of God in the Church*

*March*

- 2** The Moral / Spiritual Standards of the Church (Eph 5:1-21)
- 9\*** The Picture of the Christ and the Family (Eph 5:22-33)
- 16** Rules in the Covenant Family (Eph 6:1-10)
- 23** Protection for the Conflict of the Christian (Eph 6:11-24)
- 30** GOSPEL SUNDAY  
Who is Christ to you? (Matt 16:5-20)

The  
**Fellowship**  
 of Christ We Share




Our brethren from **Philippines**...



Our brethren from **Myanmar**....

**Sun Sch Class:**  
**Studies in Book of Esther**  
 by Dr Kwong Leen



**Sun Sch Class:**  
**Walking Through**  
**the Old Testament**  
 by Pastor



**Sunday Lunch Fellowship**



**Weekday Lunch Fellowship**

**Pray for Poh Suan in her recovery of a fractured right ankle.**



**Visitation & Fellowship at Poh Suan's Home  
20 Feb 2025**



**Rejoicing with John & Lily in their cozy home!**



**John & Lily Almon  
11 Feb 2025**

## Memory Verse

*Eph 5:17* Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***The Moral/Spiritual Standards of the Church (Eph 5:1-21)***", continuing the quarterly study on the "***Book of Ephesians: Serving Christ & Exalting the Sovereignty of God in the Church***".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor Jack will preach on "***The Picture of Christ & the Family (Eph 5:22-33)***".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
  - Walking Through the Old Testament (Pastor)
  - Studies in Esther (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
6. **2025 Annual Church Camp** will be held on **Jun 10-13** at **Forest City Marina Hotel**, Johor, Malaysia on the theme "***Wise or Foolish Living in a Smartphone Era***" and guest speaker **Rev Tan Eng Boo**. Register by 29 Mar 2025 with Dn Paul at hp:97314733.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625511].
8. Pray for:
  - **Travel: Peter** [Japan],
  - **Gospel Peace Station**- Hokkien outreach by Joseph & Rachel in Ang Mo Kio.
  - **Medical: Mrs Philip Heng** [brain aneurysm post op], **Pastor's mother** [cataract op on 4 Mar], **Poh Suan** [fractured right ankle], **Dn Paul's mother** [medical conditions], **John W's sister Angeline** [lung Cancer], **Kim Meng** [fractured left wrist], **John W's daughter** [dialysis treatment].
  - **Dr Samuel Gan**: Work and outreach at the University, theological studies and CMI ministry.
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.