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## PART 1 - THE WIFE'S RESPONSIBILITY

BY DR DAVID YONGGI CHO



THE MOST IMPORTANT FOUNDATION OF A HUMAN LIFE IS THE HOME. A happy home makes people joyful and gives them a sense of value. It becomes a source of powerful strength in social life as well. The person who is privileged to have a happy home is activated with a positive attitude in daily life. He is full of hope and ambition.

A person's happiness can readily be discerned by talking with the spouse for only a moment.

The life of a husband or wife from an unhappy home will be dull, empty and joyless. With this kind of environment in the home, success is impossible. The relationship between husband and wife is

conclusive evidence that it is necessary for both to be happy in order to live a successful life.

The financial and social factors in a home are also very important. A family may be rich financially. A family may be in a high social position. A family may even have everything they wished for in life.

But, without peace and happiness in the home, a family cannot live a harmonious life, and be truly happy.

Happiness occurs in the human relationships within a family. This is the basic fundamental concept in human life. An unhappy husband or wife in a home can never be happy outside of the home either. Think for a moment about ways to make a happy home.

A happy home filled with contentment and peace has had tremendous effort in the background to bring it to that place. The basic element of a happy home is having the right relationship between husband and wife.

## A HAPPY HOME DEPENDS UPON THE WIFE

In reading the Bible, “wives” are mentioned before “husbands.” **Ephesians 6:22, “Wives, submit ...”** Therefore, the first element of the happy home consists in the wife instead of the husband. WHY?

The answer to this question can be found in the incident that took place in the Garden of Eden.

Paradise was given to both Adam and Eve. But, Eve created the problem upon which the destiny of the first home in history was made. Adam and Eve were very happy when Eve was first formed from Adam’s rib (Gen. 2:22).

However, this situation soon changed into unhappiness because of Eve’s actions.

No matter how much husbands may struggle to make a happy home for the family, it is no use without the wife’s help because the first element of a happy home centers around the wife.

It is written in **Ephesians 5:33, “Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”**

The word “reverence” has very profound meanings. In the Greek, the word is “posetai ton andra.” This word translated into Korean means “fear”.

In the original Greek, the word “reverence” has several meanings.

## TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT OR TO BE INTERESTED IN

In the beginning days of married life, all wives take real good care of their new husbands. But, two or three years later

when the children are born, most wives become indifferent to their husbands’ clothing, business, etc. No matter how busy a wife is, she must keep watching her husband with continuous care. It is not difficult to start your husband’s day with cheerfulness when you show concern with what he will wear that day. Your thoughtfulness will put a “spring” in his step, and start his day with reassurance and confidence, knowing that you care. There is no one as special in my life as my wife because she recognizes my needs, and treats me like a “VIP” in today’s complicated society.

## “Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

### TO HONOR

God exhorts wives to honor their husbands in every aspect of life as often as possible. Honor him as he talks with others by smiling your approval as you listen while he talks. Tell him often how “young and full of life he is after many years of married life.” He will be greatly pleased at your words.

### TO SERVE OR ENTERTAIN IN ADVANCE

I have an unforgettable memory. A certain member of my church brought a cake to my home one day. While I was in my study, I could hear my children begging my wife to give them a piece of cake. My wife scolded them saying, “You cannot even touch the cake until your father says so.”

I was very impressed with the way my wife handled this situation and said to myself, “Yes, at least in my own home, I am the most important person.” I was proud of my wife because of her personal recognition of her husband. I remembered that God was also pleased with the first fruits of the people’s crops

in the Old Testament. Husbands and wives must hold one another in high esteem. No matter how long couples have been married, the husband wants to be respected by his wife all the time.

### TO PRAISE, OR APPLAUD AND COMMEND

Praise and commendation play an important role in a family, just as lubricating oil is important to machinery. All men have both merits and demerits at the same time. If you see your husband’s weakness, and want to let him know, praise him first for his good points. A few hours or days later you could say, “Well, dear, what do you think of doing it like this? Of course, that is only my idea, though. Perhaps you have a better one.” By commending him first and being tactful in speaking, you will cause him to change his ways on his own.

### TO LOVE AND ADORE

It is absolutely necessary for wives to have a heart full of adoration for their husbands. I really feel great when my wife says, “You’ve done a good job as my pastor. It was a great sermon. You are a wonderful pastor and preacher.” I felt like I am floating on a cloud. Just as our physical body needs nourishment, our mind needs psychological nourishment, too. God made us this way. It really does not matter if a woman has a pretty face, a nice figure, silk-like skin, and a beautiful voice because all of these qualities will not last long. The most important characteristics for a wife are fairness and a kind heart of gold!

In the first day of her creation, God called Eve a “helpmate” for her husband. Many wives today have become a “criticize-mate” not a “helpmate.” How can any husband be courageous enough to go out into the world and work knowing that his wife speaks ill of him constantly and sees only his faults? When the husband returns home in the evening after a busy day at work, the wife must soothe his hurts and tend to his wounds. In doing this, the husband and wife grow closer to each other and closer to the Lord. ✚

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Above Senior Pastor welcoming mothers. Right Sister Petrina preaching with great insights.

# MOM I LOVE U!

BY JOSEPHINE TAY



ON THE GLORIOUS MORNING OF 13 MAY 2012, CALVARITE MUMS GREETED THE DAY WITH A BEAMING SMILE BECAUSE IT WAS A SPECIAL DAY FOR THEM – MOTHER'S DAY! Besides their husbands and children, Calvarite mums know that the Church remembers them and has specially-prepared programs to encourage and acknowledge their vital role as mothers in shaping the destiny of families, the Church and nation at large.

Senior Pastor prayed for all mothers at the Damansara Heights sanctuary and they each received a gift of a fan. A delightful song presentation entitled "MOM I Love You" by the Carpenter's Workshop children gladdened all hearts, especially their proud parents. The song was more meaningful as it was composed by a young Calvarite. While the children dressed in their best sang their hearts out on stage, a collage of photos of Calvarite mothers in affectionate pose with their children was shown via video.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam's message entitled "The Prophet's Three Questions to A Mother" was a reminder to all Calvarites not to neglect one's well-being, spirit, soul and body, especially when one is busy caring for others. It was an insightful message indeed for that morning as mothers are God's prime care-givers.



CW children presenting "I Love U Mom" at all service locations. Clockwise from top DP Satellite; DH; Cheras Satellite.

At the contemporary service, Sister Petrina preached on “A Mother’s Pain, A Son’s Prayer”. We were greatly inspired to pray like Jabez, that God’s destiny for our lives be fulfilled and we can be more honourable.

At the Calvary Refreshment Centre (CRC) the Calvary Church staff had prepared a Today-Only-Breakfast Menu to bless the Church family on this special occasion. A combination of local and western dishes were served. They included home-made mee siam, nasi lemak, roti jala, glutinous rice, spaghetti, western breakfast, waffle and tong sui, nyonya kueh and jelly. It was a joy to see the Church family enjoying their meal at the decorated CRC. The colourful balloons, ribbons and paper cranes added to the festive mood.

At the Cheras and Damansara Perdana satellite churches, the Church family enjoyed similar activities and good fellowship over light refreshments.

God blessed the labour of love by all who served and many hearts were blessed. All praise to God who made it a beautiful Mother’s Day at Calvary Church. ✚



Above Mothers being acknowledged. Below CW children presenting gifts to mothers.



Clockwise from left Gan serving refreshments at Cheras Satellite; CRC packed with Calvarites enjoying breakfast prepared and served by Church staff; Michael Soong enjoys brunch with his family and in-laws at CRC; Three mothers fellowshiping at DP Satellite.



# RAISING FUNDS & REACHING OUT THE BOWLING WAY

BY ESTHER WONG



ON 28 APRIL 2012, THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT GOT OFF TO A GREAT START AT SUNWAY MEGA LANES, SUNWAY PYRAMID SHOPPING MALL.

The event was open to both Calvarites and non-Calvarites and the objective was to raise funds for the building of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

Peggy Low, the 2012 Carnival Working Committee Chairperson, welcomed all present to the first pre-Carnival event. Executive Pastor Peter Ong who represented Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam with four other pastors did the first roll-off to kick off the tournament. 26 teams consisting of 104 participants competed for the trophies while having fun with their friends and families who cheered them on. Good teamwork and high-fives were seen in every team throughout the tournament.

Each team comprised of four individuals, had to play four games each. The tournament took about three hours and team "Win Win" consisting of Ng Chai, Allan Koo, William Loo & H.K. Tin emerged as the tournament champions with 2801 pinfalls. The first runner up was team "Frank & Friends" (Frankie Wong, C.H. Lee, K.Y. Liew & Z.Q. Tin) with 2746 pinfalls. The second runner up was team "Xcel" (Kurtwin Low, Karen Low, Doris Neo & Kenson Low) with 2610 pinfalls.

William Loo took the title of best individual male bowler with 775 pinfalls. In the women's category, Alice Wong secured the title with 642 pin falls. The highest scorer for Male High Game was Kenson Low with 243 pinfalls. Pastor Peter presented the winners with the trophies and prizes to the winning teams.

The event was a success. Melvin Wong, Carnival Bowling Tournament Coordinator was appreciative of all who contributed towards the well organised event, including sponsors. Praise and thank God for about RM23,000 raised. It was indeed an afternoon of fun, for those who took part and the spectators too. +



Top Participants and the 2012 Carnival Bowling working team. Left to right Melvin Wong, Carnival Bowling Tournament Coordinator appreciating all present and sponsors; Emcee Aric Low, gives away lots of novelty prizes; Calvarite trio receive their goodie bags upon checking in.



Top Left The Pastors team. Clockwise from top right Associate Pastor Peter Ong gives away prizes for the top three winning teams, 2012 Carnival Bowling Champions, the first runners-up and the second runners-up.





# GOD'S ABOUNDING GOODNESS TO THE CARNIVAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

PEGGY LOW, THE CHAIRPERSON OF CALVARY CARNIVAL 2012 COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGED GOD'S ABOUNDING GOODNESS IN MAKING THE GOLF INVITATIONAL HELD AT THE KOTA PERMALI GOLF COURSE (KPGC) ON 11 MAY 2012, A HUGE SUCCESS.

The reasons are many: good participation (83 avid diverse golfers, including two national junior golf players); generous

sponsors for the gifts and prizes, rain-free weather; warm fellowship amongst the golfers; funds raised for the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC); good response to enjoyable novelty fund raising through the "Blessed Draw", "Guess the Number of Golf Balls" and a delightful impromptu auction of a donated winner's-prize.

Last but not least, the opportunity to share the vision of the Calvary Convention

Centre (CCC) with the majority of the participants who are non-Calvarites.

Thumbs up to Zebedee Tay, the Carnival Invitational Coordinator and his enterprising working team. Together they put in great effort in planning and the result was a successful and well organised golf event.

The joyous finale saw many winners receiving their well earned prizes from Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. +



Clockwise from top left 2012 Carnival Golf Invitational group photo before tee-off; A humorous moment between a participant and some of the working team members; Zebedee Tay (first left) poses with his golfing mates before tee-off; Tournament Winners Medals A (Handicap 0-12) and B (Handicap 13-24) with Senior Pastor and one of the sponsors, Mr Ng from Liberty Travel (3rd from right); Young golfer captivated by the CCC model, being updated by Peggy Low; Enjoying lunch after golfing.



Left to right Tour host Lawrence Mak and Pastor Timothy poses with a group near the CCC security post; Ladies raring to start the CCC site tour.

# CCC OPEN DAY - HEARTS ARE STIRRED WITH FAITH

BY JOHN LIM



Clockwise from above Senior Pastor highlighting an interesting feature of the CCC; Lawrence Mak explaining how the light effect on the floor is caused; A group poses with tour host Ding Lai Hong, with link bridge as the backdrop.





Top left Tour host Han Joke Kwang enjoying a humorous moment with a group. Left Entering into the auditorium where the second glass door will be. Above Senior Pastor and Jim Guneratnam welcoming Calvarites in the auditorium.

MORE THAN 500 CALVARITES WERE GREATLY ENCOURAGED AND OUR HEARTS STIRRED WITH FAITH AS WE TOURED THE CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE (CCC) ON THE OPEN DAY ON 1 MAY 2012, WITNESSING FIRSTHAND THE MIRACLE OF THE CCC AT THE PROJECT SITE.

The tour groups comprise mainly Calvarites. Each group averaged about 20 persons and the tours were from 8am till 5pm. Praise and thank God for all the knowledgeable tour hosts who led each group through the CCC.

Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam were at the site early, welcoming and mingling with the early birds. We were amazed at how well Senior Pastor knows the CCC building from his adept explanation of various features.

Each group would begin with prayer led by a Pastor at the CCC site office before proceeding to the building complex. The excitement was evident from the way Calvarites enthusiastically snapped shots of the various features of the CCC as we walked towards the covered plaza.

Upon entering the plaza, we could not miss the eye-catching roof with its rainbow coloured glass panels. Those groups who came around late morning were wowed by the dazzling pattern of colors cast on the ground when the sunlight shone through the panels. We learned from the tour hosts that the rainbow coloured glass roof is one of the architectural elements of the CCC that portrays a Christian symbol. Each time

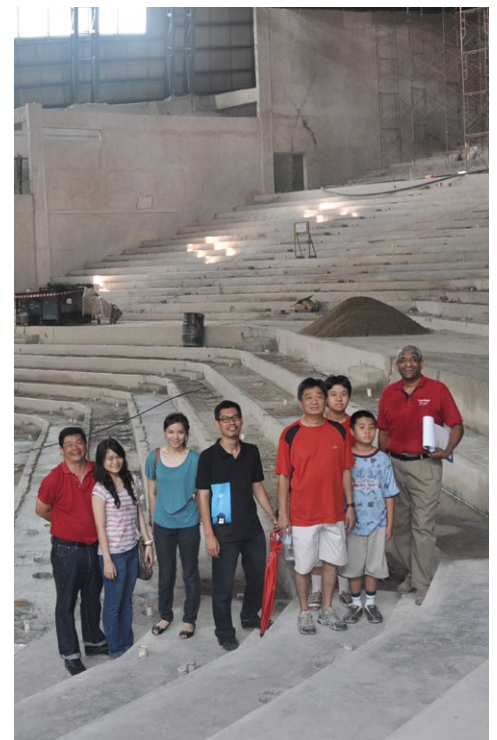
we see the rainbow colours, it reminds us that God keeps His promises.

Moving on from the covered plaza, the tour hosts pointed out the location of the worship nursery, cafeteria, hospitality lounge and usher's room.

As we stepped into the auditorium, we were awed by the sheer size of what would be our sanctuary. Apparently, it is the only column-free 5,000 seater auditorium in Malaysia! As the auditorium ceilings are not installed yet, the steel framework that supports the massive roof are still visible. We had to crane our necks to take in the length and width of the auditorium. Walking amidst the endless concrete tiers that will hold the auditorium seats and imagining them filled with people, is truly an empowering experience.

Before ending the tour, we visited the multipurpose hall. Here, we had the opportunity for prayers of thanksgiving, as well as asking for God's outpouring of resources for completing the CCC. We were encouraged to testify about our experiences during the tour with one another. One businessman shared that although the finances needed for the project is large, God's resources are unlimited. Another person remarked that the huge size of the CCC has impressed upon her of the depth of God's love for the lost.

One word that kept recurring as different ones shared their impressions was, awesome! Indeed our hearts are stirred with faith to believe and trust God for miracles in our lives, too. ✚



Above Tour Host Edward Rajasingam poses with a group on the middle staircase of auditorium. Below Sharing testimonies with Pastor David at the multi purpose hall.



# RUMAHTANGGA YANG BAHAGIA

## BAHAGIAN 1 - TANGGUNGJAWAB ISTERI

OLEH DOKTOR DAVID YONGGI CHO

DASAR YANG PALING PENTING  
DALAM KEHIDUPAN MANUSIA IALAH  
RUMAHTANGGA. Rumahtangga yang bahagia menjadikan orang gembira dan memberi mereka satu perasaan yang bernilai. Ia juga menjadi sumber tenaga yang kuat dalam kehidupan sosial. Orang yang mempunyai keistimewaan untuk memiliki sebuah rumahtangga yang bahagia digiatkan dengan sikap positif

dalam kehidupan harian. Ia penuh dengan harapan dan cita-cita.

Kegembiraan seseorang mudah dilihat melalui perbualan dengan isterinya untuk hanya satu ketika sahaja.

Kehidupan seorang suami atau isteri dari sebuah rumahtangga yang tidak bahagia akan menjadi bosan, kosong dan tanpa sukacita. Dengan persekitaran begini di dalam rumah, kejayaan adalah mustahil.

Hubungan di antara suami dan isteri ialah bukti pasti bahawa ia adalah perlu untuk kedua-duanya bahagia untuk hidupkan satu kehidupan yang berhasil.

Faktor kewangan dan sosial di dalam rumah juga sangat penting. Sebuah keluarga mungkin kaya dari segi kewangan. Sebuah keluarga mungkin dalam kedudukan sosial yang tinggi. Sebuah keluarga mungkin mempunyai apa yang mereka inginkan dalam kehidupan. Namun, tanpa kedamaian dan kebahagiaan di dalam rumahtangga, sebuah keluarga tidak boleh hidup kehidupan yang harmoni, dan menjadi benar-benar bahagia.

Kebahagiaan berlaku dalam hubungan manusia di dalam sebuah keluarga. Ini adalah dasar konsep utama dalam kehidupan manusia. Seorang suami atau isteri yang sedih di rumah tidak akan berbahagia di luar rumah juga. Fikirkan untuk seketika apa caranya untuk membuat sebuah rumahtangga yang bahagia.

Sebuah rumahtangga bahagia yang dipenuhi dengan kepuasan hati dan kedamaian adalah hasil usaha yang sangat besar di belakang untuk sampai ke tahap itu. Unsur asas sebuah rumahtangga yang bahagia ialah adanya hubungan yang benar di antara suami dan isteri.

### RUMAHTANGGA YANG BAHAGIA BERGANTUNG KE ATAS ISTERI

Dalam membaca Alkitab, "isteri" disebut sebelum "suami". **Efesus 5:22, "Hai isteri, tunduklah..."**. Dengan itu, unsur pertama untuk sebuah keluarga yang bahagia berada didalam isteri dan bukan kepada suami.

MENGAPA?

Jawapan kepada soalan ini boleh didapati di dalam peristiwa yang berlaku di Taman Eden.



Syurga telah diberikan kepada Adam dan Hawa. Tetapi, Hawa mencipta masalah ke atas takdir dimana sejarah rumahtangga pertama dibina. Adam dan Hawa adalah sangat bahagia apabila Hawa mula-mula dibentuk daripada tulang rusuk Adam (Kejadian 2:22).

Akan tetapi, keadaan itu berubah dengan cepat kepada kedukaan kerana tindakan Hawa.

Tidak kira berapa banyak suami akan bergumul untuk menjadikan sebuah rumahtangga bahagia untuk keluarganya, ia tidak akan berguna tanpa pertolongan isterinya kerana unsur pertama sebuah rumahtangga yang bahagia berpusat di sekeliling isterinya.

Ada tertulis di dalam **Efesus 5:33**, **“Bagaimanapun juga, bagi kamu masing-masing berlaku; kasihilah isterimu seperti dirimu sendiri dan isteri hendaklah menghormati suaminya”**.

Perkataan “menghormati” mempunyai makna yang mendalam. Dalam bahasa Yunani, perkataan itu ialah “posetai ton andra”. Perkataan ini apabila diterjemah kepada bahasa Korea bermakna “takut”.

Dalam bahasa asal Yunani, perkataan “menghormati” mempunyai beberapa makna.

### UNTUK MENGAMBIL BERAT ATAU BERMINTA DALAM

Dalam kehidupan awal perkahwinan, semua isteri benar benar mengambil berat ke atas suami baru mereka. Tetapi, dua atau tiga tahun kemudian selepas anak dilahirkan, kebanyakan isteri mejadi tidak peduli kepada pakaian, perniagaan, dan lain-lain tentang suami mereka. Tidak kira betapa sibuknya seorang isteri, dia mesti berterusan mengambil berat atas suaminya. Tidak susah untuk memulakan hari suami kamu dengan kegirangan apabila kamu mengambil berat atas apa yang akan dia pakai pada hari itu. Sikap keprihatinan kamu akan memberi lonjakan kepada langkahnya, dan memulakan harinya dengan ketenangan dan keyakinan, dengan kesedaran bahawa kamu mengambil berat. Tidak ada sesiapa yang lebih istimewa daripada isteri saya kerana dia mengenali keperluan saya, dan melayan saya seperti orang kenamaan dalam masyarakat rumit hari ini.

### UNTUK MENGHORMATI

Tuhan menggesa isteri supaya sentiasa menghormati suami mereka dalam segala

segi kehidupan seberapa yang boleh. Hormati semasa dia berbual dengan orang lain dengan senyuman pengesahan kamu semasa dia bercakap. Sentiasa beritahu dia bagaimana “Betapa muda dan penuhnya kehidupan setelah beberapa tahun berkahwin”. Dia akan berasa sangat gembira dengan perkataan kamu.

## “Bagaimanapun juga, bagi kamu masing-masing berlaku; kasihilah isterimu seperti dirimu sendiri dan isteri hendaklah menghormati suaminya”

### UNTUK MELAYANI ATAU MENGHIBUR TERLEBIH DAHULU

Saya ada satu memori yang tidak dapat dilupakan. Seorang ahli gereja saya membawa sebiji kek ke rumah saya satu hari. Semasa saya berada di dalam bilik belajar, saya boleh mendengar anak saya merayu kepada isteri saya supaya memberi sepotong kek kepada mereka. Isteri saya memarahi mereka dengan berkata, “Kamu tidak boleh menyentuh kek itu sehingga ayah kamu berkata demikian”.

Saya berasa kagum dengan cara isteri saya mengawal keadaan itu dan berkata kepada diri saya sendiri, “Ya, sekurang-kurangnya dalam rumah saya sendiri, saya adalah orang yang paling penting”. Saya berasa bangga dengan isteri saya kerana penghargaan peribadinya kepada suaminya. Saya teringat bahawa Tuhan juga gembira dengan hasil pertama tanaman umatNya dalam Perjanjian Lama. Suami dan isteri mesti berpegang erat dan menyanjung tinggi di antara satu sama lain. Tidak kira berapa lama pasangan suami-isteri telah berkahwin, suami ingin agar dihormati oleh isterinya pada setiap masa.

### UNTUK MEMUJI DAN MEMBERI MENYANJUNGI

Pujian dan sanjungan memainkan peranan yang mustahak dalam sebuah keluarga, sama seperti minyak pelincir adalah penting kepada alat jentera. Semua manusia mempunyai kedua-dua kebaikan dan keburukan pada masa yang sama. Jikalau kamu melihat kelemahan suamimu, dan ingin memberitahunya, pujilah hal kebbaikannya terlebih dahulu. Selepas beberapa jam atau hari kemudian kamu

boleh berkata, “Baik, sayang, apakah pendapat mu jika buat begini? Namun itu hanya pendapat saya. Mungkin kamu ada cara yang lebih baik”. Dengan memujinya terlebih dahulu dan bersikap bijaksana semasa bercakap, kamu akan menyebabkan dia untuk menukar cara dengan sendirinya.

### UNTUK MENCINTAI DAN MENYANJUNGI

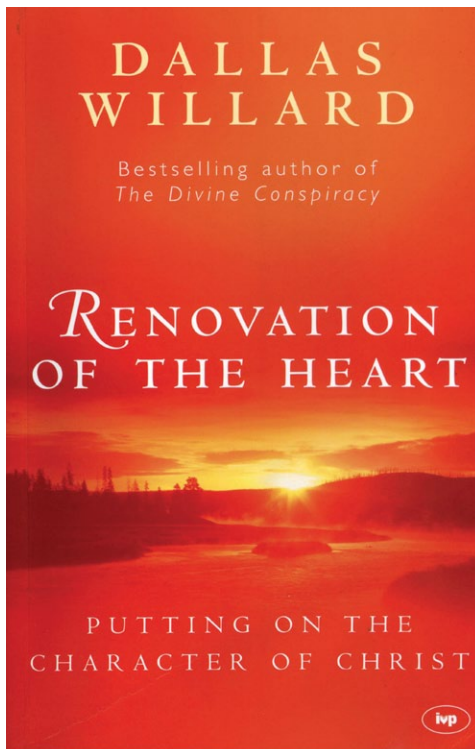
Dengan sesungguhnya adalah perlu untuk isteri mempunyai hati yang penuh dengan sanjungan untuk suami mereka. Saya berasa sangat bagus apabila isteri saya berkata, “Kamu telah melaksanakan kerja yang baik sebagai pastor saya. Ia adalah khutbah yang hebat. Kamu adalah pastor dan pengkhotbah yang bagus”. Saya berasa seperti terapung di atas awan. Seperti tubuh fizikal kita memerlukan makanan berkhasiat, otak kita juga memerlukan makanan psikologi berkhasiat. Beginilah Tuhan menciptakan kita. Ia tidak penting sama ada seorang perempuan memiliki muka yang cantik, badan yang elok, kulit licin, dan suara yang merdu kerana semua mutu ini tidak akan berakhir lama. Ciri yang paling mustahak untuk seorang isteri ialah sikap munasabah dan sebuah hati yang baik.

Pada hari pertama ciptaanNya, Tuhan memanggil Hawa sebagai seorang “teman pembantu” untuk suaminya. Ramai isteri hari ini telah menjadi “teman kritik” bukan “teman bantu”. Bagaimana setiap suami boleh menjadi cukup berani untuk keluar bekerja dengan mengetahui bahawa isterinya selalu bercakap buruk tentangnya dan hanya nampak kesilapannya? Apabila suaminya kembali ke rumah pada waktu malam setelah sehari sibuk bekerja, isterinya mesti melegakan kesakitan dan merawat lukanya. Dengan berbuat demikian, suami dan isteri akan menjadi intim antara satu sama lain dan juga menjadi lebih intim terhadap Tuhan. ✚

*Artikel ini dicetak semula daripada majalah Pertumbuhan Gereja. Nantikan bahagian kedua artikel ini, “Rumahtangga Yang Bahagia – Tanggungjawab Suami” di dalam Berita Calvary, Isu Julai.*

# HOW “RENOVATION OF THE HEART” BY DALLAS WILLARD INFLUENCED MY LIFE

BY PASTOR SHEREEN WONG



ONE OF THE CHORUSES THAT I ENJOY SINGING TOGETHER WITH THE RESIDENTS IN CALVARYLAND IS “TO BE LIKE JESUS.” As I sing and meditate on the words, my heart yearns to possess the way of gentleness and lowliness, a way of rest for my soul.

Going through the book “*Renovation Of The Heart*” by Dallas Willard was a personal spiritual journey. I was made conscious of the chasm of what I am and what I should be.

The author mentions that what is in our heart matters more than anything else for who we become and what becomes of us. The thoughts, feelings, intention and plan that lie on our conscious surface are only a small part of those in our depths. What we really think, how we feel and what we really would do in various situations may be totally unknown to ourselves or even to those familiar with us. The hidden dimension of each human life is complex

**“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”**

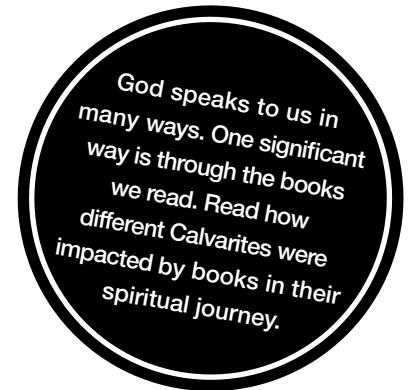
and subtle and cannot be grasped by ourselves. The hidden world of the self is our spiritual nature and has been shaped by our outlook, choices and actions originating from a world denying God. This is why sometimes our own reactions or outburst to certain perceived threatening situations can shock us.

These Bible verses give us the diagnosis of human evil.

**Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”**

**Isaiah 64:6 “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.”**

I need to be constantly changed from the inside and Jesus is vital. I understood that the revolution started by Jesus is the revolution of the heart. It is the revolution



of character which changes me from inside through personal relationship with God in Christ and with others. As I consciously yield to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, my ideas, feelings, habits of choice, bodily actions change, resulting in fresh and pleasing social relations. How I yearn to die to self and be radically transformed so that out of the abundance of my heart, my mouth will consistently bring forth words that delight my Lord Jesus.

The Holy Spirit will sustain me in this journey of formation till my carnal self is fully integrated under Him. This journey will bring me towards being a brighter light to shine for Jesus. There is a saying that goes, “While God formed us, sin deformed us and only the Holy Spirit transform us.” It is true and it is Him-possible! ✚

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# 快乐的家庭

## (1) 妻子的责任

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家是人类生活最重要的基础。一个快乐的家庭，让人喜乐，并给他们感觉到有价值的意义。它也成为在社交生活中一个强大的力量来源。一个荣幸有快乐的家的人，他在日常生活中是带着积极态度的人。他是充满著盼望和抱负。

一个人的快乐可以很容易地从跟他的配偶交谈一会儿被察觉到。

来自一个不快乐的家的丈夫或妻子，她/他的生活会很沉闷，空洞和无趣。在这样的家庭环境中，成功是不可能的。为了要有一个成功的生活，双方必需快乐，而丈夫和妻子之间的关系是确证。

家庭的经济和社会的因素也很重要。一个家庭可能富裕。一个家庭可能有一个高的社会地位。一个家庭，甚至可能拥有他们在生活中希望得到的一切。但是，家中没有平安和快乐，一个家庭就不能过着和谐的生活，和有真正的快乐。

快乐可以在一个家庭里的人际关系中见到。这是人类生活基本的必要概念。一个在家里不快乐的丈夫或妻子也永远不会在家外快乐的。想想一下，使一个家庭快乐的方法。

一个充满知足与平安的快乐家庭，是在其背后有作出了巨大的努力的结果。一个快乐的家庭的基本要素是丈夫和妻子之间要有良好的关系。

### 一个快乐的家是取决于妻子

在阅读圣经，“妻子”是在“丈夫”之前被提到的。弗6:22，“你们作妻子的，当顺服自己的丈夫，……”。因此，快乐的家庭的第一个组成的要素是妻子而不是丈夫。为什么呢？

在发生事件的伊甸园里，可以找到这个问题的答案。

乐园是赐给亚当和夏娃的。但是，夏娃制造了问题，在历史上决定了第一个家庭的命运。当初夏娃由亚当的肋骨被造时，亚当和夏娃都非常快乐（创2:22）。

不过，因为夏娃所做之事，这种情况很快就变成了不快乐。

**“然而你们各人都当爱妻子，如同爱自己一样；妻子也当敬重她的丈夫。”**

无论丈夫多么的努力，为要使家人有一个快乐的家，若没有妻子的帮助是没有用的，因为一个快乐的家的第一个要素是以妻子为中心。

这是记载在弗5:33，“然而你们各人都当爱妻子，如同爱自己一样；妻子也当敬重她的丈夫。”

“敬重”这个词具有非常深远的意义。在希腊文，这个词是“posetai ton andra”。这个词翻译成韩语的意思是“畏惧”。

在希腊原文中，“敬重”一词有多种含义。

### 要关心或感兴趣

在婚姻生活开始时，所有的妻子确实悉心照顾他们新婚的丈夫。但是，过了两年或三年后，当孩子出生时，大多数的妻子开始对她们丈夫的衣着，事业等不再关心。妻子不管有多忙，她必须继续保持照顾她的丈夫。当你关心你丈夫那天会穿什么衣服时，要使他愉快的开始一天的生活并不难。你的体贴会使他的脚步“跳跃”起来，并带着保证和信心开始他的一天，知道你关爱他。在当今复杂的社会，没有任何人在我的生命中，比我的妻子更特别，因为她体会到我的需求，并把我当“贵宾”看待。

### 要尊敬

上帝劝诫妻子在生活的各个方面，要尽力尊敬自己的丈夫。当他与人说话时，你倾听他的谈话并以微笑认可尊敬他。常常告诉他，“在婚后多年，他仍是那么的年轻和充满活力”。他将会对你说的话感到很高兴。

### 要服侍或款待

我有一个难忘的回忆。有一天，我的教会的某位会友带了一个蛋糕来我家。当在我的书房时，我能听到我的孩子在乞求我的妻子给他们一块蛋糕。我的妻子责骂他们说，“你们甚至不能触摸蛋糕，直到你的父亲答应为止”。

我对我的妻子处理这情况的方式，留下非常好的印象，并对自己说：“是的，至少在我自己的家里，我是最重要的人”。我对我的妻子感到自豪，因为她个人对她丈夫的承认。我记得，在旧约里神对百姓献上收成的

## 六月份

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讲员：Rev. Wendy Chin

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时间：下午一点半

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日期：10-6-12 (日)

时间：上午十点半

地点：加略山教会(大堂)

报名截止日期：15-4-12 (日)

初熟果子时而感到喜悦。丈夫和妻子必须互相彼此的持有崇高的敬意。无论夫妇已经结婚多久，丈夫一直要得到他的妻子的尊重。

### 要赞美，或赞赏和赞扬

赞美和表扬在一个家庭中扮演重要的角色，就像润滑油对机械是重要的。所有的人同时都有优点和缺点。如果你看到你丈夫的弱点，并希望让他知道，先称赞他的优点。几个小时或几天后，你不妨说，“哦，亲爱的，这样做的话，你的意思如何？当然，这只是我的想法而已。也许你有一个更好的方法”。先赞扬他，并说话得体，你会令他自己改变他的方法。

### 要爱慕和敬佩

妻子对自己的丈夫满有敬佩的心，这是绝对需要的。当我的妻子说，“你是我称职的牧师。这是一篇极好的讲道。你是一位很好的牧师和传道人”，我感觉好极了。正如我们的身体需要营养，我们的心思意念也需要心理的营养。神是如此造我们。一个女人有没有一个漂亮的外貌，一个不错的身材，光泽的肌肤和一个美丽的嗓音，其实并不重要，因为所有的这些素质不能持久不变。妻子最重要的特质是公平和仁慈诚挚的心！

在她被造的第一天，神称夏娃为丈夫的“帮助者”。有许多妻子今天已成为一个“批评者”而不是“帮助者”。当做丈夫的知道他的妻子不断地讲他的坏话，和只看到他的缺点时，他如何能有勇气往外去工作呢？当做丈夫的在忙碌了一天的工作后在傍晚回家时，做妻子的必须抚慰他的创伤，而且要照顾他的伤口。这样做的话，丈夫和妻子就会彼此变得更亲密，更亲近主。✦

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*Holy Communion*

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<b>Damansara Heights</b> SUNDAY 8.00AM / 10.30AM	<b>Damansara Heights</b> SUNDAY 5.00PM	<b>Cheras</b> SUNDAY 9.00AM	<b>Damansara Perdana</b> SUNDAY 10.30AM
 Pastor Dikran Salbashian	Pastor Dikran Salbashian	Pastor Dikran Salbashian	Pastor Dikran Salbashian

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**Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship**  
 SUNDAY, 12.30PM  
 24 JUNE 2012  
 Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah  
 Message: "Overcoming Life's Adversities"  
 Venue: Bethel Bungalow

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 SUNDAY, 5PM  
 24 JUNE 2012  
 Theme: Glorify God Through Obedience  
 Speaker: Rev. Wendy Chin  
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#### REV DIKRAN SALBASHIAN

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Rev Salbashian is a sought after conference speaker. He also serves in leadership in international organizations such as the World Assemblies of God Fellowship. He is married to Ani and they have two sons.



#### REV. PAULUS WONG

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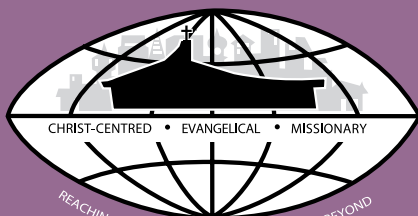
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