The end we ought to propose to ourselves is to become, in this life, the most perfect worshippers of God we can possibly be.

Brother Lawrence
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Daily Fellowship With God
Andrew Murray

1. The first and chief need of our Christian life is, Fellowship with God. The Divine life within us comes from God, and is entirely dependent upon Him. As I need every moment afresh the air to breathe, as the sun every moment afresh sends down its light, so it is only in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong.

The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from heaven, and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God Himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God, and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

2. To this end, let your first act in your devotion be a setting yourself still before God. In prayer, or worship, everything depends upon God taking the chief place. I must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration, speaking thus within my heart: "God is. God is near. God is love, longing to communicate Himself to me. God the Almighty One, Who worketh all in all, is even now waiting to work in me, and make Himself known." Take time, till you know God is very near.

3. When you have given God His place of honour, glory, and power, take your place of deepest lowliness, and seek to be filled with the Spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing, that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self abasement. As a saint, let God's love overwhelm you, and

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bow you still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience, and surrender to His goodness and mercy. He will exalt you. Oh! take time, to get very low before God.

4. Then accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. God delights in nothing but His beloved Son, and can be satisfied with nothing else in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence in the boldness which the blood gives, and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well-pleasing. In Christ you are within the veil. You have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship with God, that I may have more of God in my life, and that God may see Christ formed in me. Be silent before God and let Him bless you.

5. This Christ is a living Person. He loves you with a personal love, and He looks every day for the personal response of your love. Look into His face with trust, till His love really shines into your heart. Make His heart glad by telling Him that you do love Him. He offers Himself to you as a personal Saviour and Keeper from the power of sin. Do not ask, can I be kept from sinning, if I keep close to Him? but ask, can I be kept from sinning, if He always keeps close to me? and you see at once how safe it is to trust Him.

6. We have not only Christ's life in us as a power, and His presence with us as a person, but we have His likeness to be wrought into us. He is to be formed in us, so that His form or figure, His likeness, can be seen in us. Bow before God until you get some sense of the greatness

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and blessedness of the work to be carried on by God in you this day. Say to God, "Father, here am I for Thee to give as much in me of Christ's likeness as I can receive." And wait to hear Him say, "My child, I give thee as much of Christ as thy heart is open to receive." The God who revealed Jesus in the flesh and perfected Him, will reveal Him in thee and perfect thee in Him. The Father loves the Son, and delights to work out His image and likeness in thee. Count upon it that this blessed work will be done in thee as thouwaitest on thy God, and holdest fellowship with Him.

7. The likeness to Christ consists chiefly in two things—the likeness of His death and resurrection, (Rom. 6:5). The death of Christ was the consummation of His humility and obedience, the entire giving up of His life to God. In Him we are dead to sin. As we sink down in humility and dependence and entire surrender to God, the power of His death works in us, and we are made conformable to His death. And so we know Him in the power of His resurrection, in the victory over sin, and all the joy and power of the risen life. Therefore every morning, "present yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead." He will maintain the life He gave, and bestow the grace to live as risen ones.

8. All this can only be in the power of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in you. Count upon Him to glorify Christ in you. Count upon Christ to increase in you the inflowing of His Spirit. As you wait before God to realize His presence, remember that the Spirit is in you to reveal the things of God. Seek in God's presence to have the anointing of the Spirit of Christ so truly that your whole life may every moment be spiritual.

9. As you meditate on this wondrous salvation and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on Him to reveal Christ in you, you will feel how needful the giving up of all is to receive Him. Seek grace to know what it means to live as wholly for God as Christ did. Only the Holy Spirit Himself can teach you what an entire yielding of the whole life to God can mean. Wait on God to show you in this what you do not know. Let every approach to God, and every
request for fellowship with Him be accompanied by a new, very
definite, and entire surrender to Him to work in you.

10. "By faith" must here, as through all Scripture, and all the
spiritual life, be the keynote. As you tarry before God, let it be in a deep
quiet faith in Him, the Invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty,
so loving. In a deep, restful faith too, that all the blessings and powers of
the heavenly life are around you, and in you. Just yield yourself in the
faith of a perfect trust to the Ever Blessed Holy Trinity to work out all
God’s purpose in you.

Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in
all to you.

As you grow in acquaintance with the character of God—do you reverence him
more?

As your ideas brighten on the person of Christ—do you love him more?

As you become more acquainted with the perfection and spirituality of
God’s Word—do you delight in it more and more after the inward man?

As you see more clearly the evil of sin—do you hate it with a more intense hatred?

As your Biblical knowledge widens—do you become more profoundly humble,
more tenderly conscientious, more gentle, more spiritual?

Unless this be the case you are in a fatal mistake by supposing you are making
progress in the divine life, merely because you are advancing in biblical knowledge.

John A. James, in Christian Progress

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The Great God of Entertainment

A. W. Tozer

A German philosopher many years ago said something to the effect that the more a man has in his own heart the less he will require from the outside; excessive need for support from without is proof of the bankruptcy of the inner man. If this is true (and I believe it is) then the present inordinate attachment to every form of entertainment is evidence that the inner life of modern man is in serious decline. The average man has no central core of moral assurance, no spring within his own breast, no inner strength to place him above the need for repeated psychological shots to give him the courage to go on living. He has become a parasite on the world, drawing his life from his environment unable to live a day apart from the stimulation which society affords him.

Sohleiermacher held that the feeling of dependence lies at the root of all religious worship, and that however high the spiritual life might rise it must always begin with a deep sense of a great need which only God could satisfy. If this sense of need and a feeling of dependence are at the root of natural religion it is not hard to see why the great god Entertainment is so ardently worshiped by so many. For there are millions who cannot live without amusement; life entertainment for them is simply look forward to the afforded by professional other forms of narcotics as a dope daily shot of heroin. Without them they could not summon courage to face existence.
No one with common human feeling will object to the simple pleasures of life, nor to such harmless forms of entertainment as may help to relax the nerves and refresh the mind exhausted by toil. Such things if used with discretion may be a blessing along the way. That is one thing. The all-out devotion to entertainment as a major activity for which and by which men live is definitely something else again.

The abuse of a harmless thing is the essence of Sin. The growth of the amusement phase of human life to such fantastic proportions is a portent, a threat to the souls of modern men. It has been built into a multimillion dollar racket with greater power over human minds and human character than any other educational influence on earth. And the ominous thing is that its power is almost exclusively evil, rotting the inner life, crowding out the long eternal thoughts which would fill the souls of men if they were but worthy to entertain them. And the whole thing has grown into a veritable religion which holds its devotees with a strange fascination, and a religion, incidentally, against which it is now dangerous to speak.

For centuries the Church stood solidly against every form of worldly entertainment, recognizing it for what it was - a device for wasting time, a refuge from the disturbing voice of conscience, a scheme to divert attention from moral accountability. For this she got herself abused roundly by the sons of this world. But of late she has become tired of the abuse and has given over the struggle. She appears to have decided that if she cannot conquer the great god Entertainment she may as well join forces with him and make what use she can of his powers. So today we have the astonishing spectacle of millions of dollars being poured into the unholy job of providing earthly entertainment for the so-called sons of heaven. Religious entertainment is in many places rapidly crowding out the serious things of God. Many churches these days have become little more than poor theatres where fifth-rate "producers" peddle their shoddy wares with the full approval of evangelical leaders who
can even quote a holy text in defense of their delinquency. And hardly a man
dares raise his voice against it.

The great god Entertainment amuses his devotees mainly by telling them
stories. The love of stories, which is a characteristic of childhood, has taken
fast hold of the minds of the retarded saints of
our day, so much so that not a few persons
manage to make a comfortable living by
spinning yarns and serving them up in
various disguises to church people. What is
natural and beautiful in a child may be
shocking when it persists into adulthood, and
more so when it appears in the sanctuary and
seeks to pass for true religion.

Is it not a strange thing and a wonder that, with the
shadow of atomic destruction hanging over the world
and with the coming of Christ drawing near, the
professed followers of the Lord should be giving
themselves up to religious amusements? That in an
hour when mature saints are so desperately needed,
vast numbers of believers should revert to spiritual
childhood and clamour for religions toys?

"Remember, Lord, what is come upon us: consider, and
behold our reproach. The crown Is fallen from our
head: woe unto us, that we have sinned! For this our
heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim." (Lam
5:1,16-17)

This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own
imperfections.

Augustine

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Bible Conference 2012:
Faith that is Alive
By Francine Liew

The following words can be used to sufficiently sum up this year’s Bible Conference. Faith, Fruitful, Fellowship. This Conference was different for me. Perhaps it is because I am a bit older and now understand the messages. But the lessons, or reminders as I like to call them, were refreshing and would remain etched in my human memory for a long time. As I shared in the few sharings during the YF room fellowships, this year has been extremely hectic and tiresome. I was even reluctant to go for the Conference as I had many, many projects due right after the Conference ended. I was tired and am truly thankful for being refreshed so greatly, both spiritually and physically, during the camp.

Firstly, Faith. Before this Conference, I already knew what faith is. Or I thought I knew what faith is. What this Conference brought was needful and timely reminders of the role faith had in our Christian walk. There was a total of eight theme messages, based on the theme “Faith that is Alive”, by Dr Tim Fisher, from the book of James. In each and every message, Dr Fisher would start with a question he wished to answer at the end of the messages. After all the eight messages, I realized that I didn’t learn much as much as I was reminded.
The first question asked by the speaker in his very first message was, “What is my life all about?” This question relates to the role faith has in our lives. James 2:14: “What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?” Faith without works is dead. What does this mean? What does it mean to me, a born again Christian?

The Christian faith is a working faith. Who we are, is manifested by what we do (John 13:35). We are called to have a faith that bears fruit. Basically, we are to do and be. The “bottom line” in this case comes from Matthew 7:20, “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Here we are reminded that the only way a good tree can be differentiated from a bad tree is by its fruits.

I am sure all of us, at one time or another, have wondered what our purpose in life really is. Often times, I’ve felt lost and without purpose. However, these doubts were answered during one of the messages. Simply put, we are to do the Word. We are even assured that we are never alone in the walk to accomplish His purpose. “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same
bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” – John 15:5. This was yet again another crucial reminder for me. Sometimes when the going gets tough, isn’t it sweet to be reminded that through it all, He is there providing for us?

Overall, I think the most important reminder I got from this camp is that we will have temptations thrown at us. We will have them. But as the lyrics in “Rejoice in the Lord” read: “For when I am tried and purified, I shall come forth as gold”. Likewise, James says in James 1:3 “Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” More importantly, amidst our trials and tough times, let us be reminded of what Christ said in 2 Corinthians 12:9, that His grace is indeed sufficient for us.

Secondly, Fruitful. Why would I use ‘fruitful’ to describe this year’s Conference? Well, it’s because I felt that I was really refreshed during this Conference. Whether it was spiritually feeding or physical refreshment, this Conference really helped me get away from the busy life I had back in Singapore.

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I shared this a few times during the room fellowships during the Conference, I was really drained physically and spiritually before coming to the Conference. School really took a toll on me and I grew angry and temperamental. I really wanted to get that drive and motivation to study. And so I did. I fell sick right before my tests and was unable to study until the last minute. But with the lack of time for revision, I found myself actually working harder and focusing a lot better. That time I really felt like it was the working of His hand and I thank God for really seeing me through that tough period.

Why I’m sharing this is because I really felt lost and tired during the school term. I was even unwilling to go for the Bible Conference and instead stay at home to mug. But by His Grace, I attended the Conference and though I was a week behind my work schedule, I was refreshed and reminded of my purpose.

Lastly, Fellowship. Fellowship was definitely a huge part of the Conference. From the nightly room fellowships with fellow YFers to the fellowship around the table during meals, I
enjoyed every part of it. For this year’s Conference, I also helped out with the Children’s Ministry. Every time I’m with the kids, I am always struck by their ‘child-like faith’ and how they are always enthused while singing.

This year’s Conference was great. And I thank Him that by His grace, I was able to attend it. What I got from this camp was beyond what I expected, only showing how much God knows us better than we know ourselves. Going for the Conference refreshed me in so many ways, and has given me new purpose and motivation that would last me till the next Conference in 2013.

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**Moment By Moment**

Hymn Review by Clarice Boo

*Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;*  
*Living with Jesus, a new life divine;*  
*Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,*  
*Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.*

*(Chorus)*  
*Moment by moment I’m kept in His love;*  
*Moment by moment I’ve life from above;*  
*Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;*  
*Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.*

*Never a trial that He is not there,*  
*Never a burden that He doth not bear,*

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Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment, I'm under His care.

Never a heartache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal;
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus my Savior, abides with me still.

Major Daniel Webster Whittle, born in 1840 November 22 in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, was a 19th-century American gospel song lyricist, evangelist and Bible teacher. Through the influence of D. L. Moody, he entered full-time evangelism and worked with P. P. Bliss and James McGranahan. Major Whittle wrote approximately 200 hymns, “I Know Whom I Have Believed” and “Showers of Blessing” are among the most familiar.

In 1893, when Major Whittle was at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, an English preacher named Henry Varley from London remarked to him that he did not care for the song "I Need Thee Every Hour" because he felt that he needed the Lord every moment of the day. After he reflected a while on this remark, Major Whittle, who had authored several other gospel songs such as "I Know Whom I Have Believed," penned these words and his daughter, May Whittle, composed the music. It was first printed that year as a leaflet, but was later published in the 1894 "Christian Endeavor Hymns," and was also

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included in "Sacred Songs No. 1" of 1896 edited by Ira D. Sankey, James McGranahan, and George C. Stebbins.

The first verse tells us that Jesus took our sins with Him on the cross and our old self is gone. It then tells us that we are born again and that we are waiting for His second coming. I Corinthians 15:52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

The second verse tells us that He cares for us and He helps us with our burdens. Psalm 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

The third verse tells us that He thinks about us in our heartaches, groaning, weeping and moans. He thinks about us in any danger and because He is on the throne, we can go to Him to find help. Psalm 56:8-11

The fourth verse tells us that He abides with us in our weaknesses and that He is able to heal us when we are sick. James 5:14-15 "is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

The chorus reminds us that the Lord gives us blessings at all times. About a month ago, my great-grandmother fell down and was sent to the hospital. She was sent to the ICU after finding out that she had pneumonia, which was serious. The doctor said that if she had not fallen down, she
would have passed away that night. She went for surgery after that and is recovering at home now.

This was the time when I truly understood this song. When I was sad and depressed about the situation, I did not have anyone to look to and I was reminded of this hymn. This hymn reminded me that He is always there for us and can help us through any situation if we put our trust in Him. I experienced God's great blessing at this time and this hymn gave me great assurance that everything will turn out fine.

If we want Jesus to abide in us, we must abide in Him by keeping His word. When we do this, we can have the blessed assurance that He will be with us and bless us “Moment By Moment”.

The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian Church today is to purify and elevate her concept of God until it is once more worthy of Him - and of her. In all her prayers and labours this should have first place. We do the greatest service to the next generation of Christians by passing on to them undimmed and undiminished that noble concept of God which we received from our Hebrew and Christian fathers of generations past. This will prove of greater value to them than anything that art or science can devise.

A.W. Tozer
R.A. Torrey’s Anecdotes:

Won by a Smile

As a Sunday-school worker hurried down the streets of Chicago one day on his way to Sunday-school, he noticed a little baby being held at the window by some one in the family. He turned towards the baby and smiled. The baby smiled back. The next Sunday the baby was there again and again he smiled at the baby and waved his hand. The next Sunday there were several at the window with the baby watching for him to pass and again he recognized the baby and smiled and waved his hand. Some one in the house followed him. They saw him turn into the Sunday-school and went back home and told where he had gone. The next Sunday some of the children appeared at the Sunday-school and finally the whole family was won for Christ. Won by a smile. No one can ever tell where some little act of kindness will end.
Reflections from a Mission Trip
By Lam Weng Ngai

Every mission trip I’ve gone for thus far has opened my eyes to new spiritual truths – be it lessons in service, the will of God, or the state of the Universal Church today. The last trip, to Maepoon and Samaki in North Thailand in May, was no exception.

There are many ways to go about the business of evangelism. In Singapore, the approach we often seem cornered into is a rather ‘apologetic’ one – reasoning with a semi-indoctrinated used-to-be Church-goer about the morality of God, the existence of heaven/hell, and the truth behind the creation/evolution debate... During the course of the 10 days in Thailand, however, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to present the plain, unadulterated gospel on five different occasions to four different classes of young students (aged ~10-17 years, except for one group that was ~7-14 years). Unlike previous trips, the door of evangelism was wide-open to us this time around; even as we obtained permission to integrate the gospel into the English lessons we were teaching at public schools. I tried to offer the other mission team mates the privilege of doing the ‘preaching’, but they repeatedly declined. Despite my many short-comings, the Lord was pleased to bless the feeble attempts with satisfactory results.

Although the saving of souls is the work of the Spirit independent of the ability of man, his responsibility in being
knowledgeable, eloquent and prepared are by no means diminished by this fact. Being a rather poor public speaker by nature, I do realize that preaching before a classroom of 20-30, with the help of a competent Thai translator who skillfully covers up all the blunders I make, is a rare opportunity. It was both service as well as training (the latter being secondary in importance).

They say service is a means of grace, and I cannot agree further. I don’t know if the students believed, I don’t know if the few who came to our Church after that day’s lesson accepted the Lord Jesus ultimately. But I do know that to stand before these students and speak in the name the Lord who gave His life to purchase mine is an awesome privilege and blessing for me. *Who am I ... that I should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? ... for of thine own have I given thee.*

One of the English classes conducted at a local school in Samaki. The Gospel message was woven into the lesson through the simple English phrase: “One Door”

I also remember quite vividly a conversation I had with Li Zhang Ming, a young, third year seminary student who had just been posted to Maepoon, and who helped with the translation of some of the children’s activities our team conducted. It was just after breakfast on Sunday morning and we had been talking about Zhang

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1 Chr 29:14

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Ming’s theological education, some of his past areas of service, and what he thought about serving at Maepoon. Abruptly, he broke off from the topic and asked if I was keen on travelling alone; to preach in the mountain Churches while touring Thailand at the same time. He even offered his services as bikee and translator! Caught a little off-guard, I asked why he would make such a suggestion, seeing I was neither trained nor experienced as a preacher. He answered in his usual tone of meekness that it didn’t really matter, because our Singaporean education made nearly every one of us university students sufficiently “qualified” to preach (of course we had to be true and Bible-believing Christians too but that was understood). After all, he continued, many small mountain Churches lack preachers, and have very low standards for their pulpits...

...I don’t really remember how the conversation developed from there, but I recall distinctly how it ended... Sensing a lack of self-confidence in him and an undeserved respect he seemed to pay towards us Singaporeans, I told him that it wasn’t about ability or education, but the working of the Holy Spirit through the man who yields himself to His service. Looking down at his shoes, Zhang Ming replied very gently: “yeah, that’s true...but, the education and ability means much more than you realize
(and I supplement the unspoken part here) – *more than you realize unless you stood in my shoes...*” Zhang Ming, prior to his enlisting in Bethel Bible Seminary, had only completed up to secondary 3 education. He had spent a significant fraction of his youth working and ‘wandering through the streets’ (many youths leave their homes in the mountains to study and make a living in larger cities like Chiang Mai). His reply was a painful sear to my conscience, and I didn’t know how to answer...

*Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.*

It’s a verse I quote ever-so-often, but it’s a verse that has to be lived out and not merely quoted. Zhang Ming saw this education as a very great privilege God had given to me but in some ways withheld from him. I wouldn’t say he was envious, but he certainly thought I could have put my ‘talent’ to greater use. It doesn’t mean I should feel compelled to become a preacher just because he thinks thus, but it definitely makes me realize that *to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more...* Much will be required of me in that day, not because I was given this or that talent, but simply because I was born into this country at this point of time in history. Much will be expected from each of us on the day we meet our Lord. Oh, if we could only be a little more mindful of this sobering truth!

Alone with God, the man with whom He spoke with *face to face, as a man with his friend,* pleaded: *If I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee...* It is but a natural thing for the children of God to desire to

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2 Luke 12:48
3 Exo 33:13

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know the way of their Father; of things to come concerning His sons, and concerning the work of His hands. Serving the Lord both here and in the overseas mission fields has allowed me to see a little part of the great work that our God is doing for, in, and through His bride, the Church. However frail it may sometimes seem, this is His “way”, His “doings”, His “work” – and to the man who seeketh to know it shall not be hid. May the children of the Most High God pray: shew me now thy way, that I may know thee!

To any serious, God-fearing Christian, a trip to the mission field is, in my opinion, not a question of yes or no but when. Go NOW, in the time of your youth. When such a thing as school holidays still exists, when your knees and back haven’t begun to ail you, when there are no spouses or children to fret over, when our youthful ardour remains unabated, our brains young, our minds sharp, and our abilities to learn and adapt undepleted.

I would strongly encourage those who are available to sign up for the trip to Jaffna in December – all major exams for Uni, JC, and Secondary school should be over by then. God-willing, YFers will make up a significant fraction of this team, and so allow us to attempt more adventurous bids in our service for the Lord. If not, the option of North Thailand is also a possibility:

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The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom

By A. W. Pink

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 1:7). Happy the soul that has been awed by a view of God’s majesty, that has had a vision of God’s awful greatness, His ineffable holiness, His perfect righteousness, His irresistible power, His sovereign grace. Does someone say, "But it is only the unsaved, those outside of Christ, who need to fear God"?

Then the sufficient answer is that the saved, those who are in Christ, are admonished to work out their own salvation with "fear and trembling." Time was when it was the general custom to speak of a believer as a "God-fearing man." That such an appellation has become nearly extinct only serves to show whither we have drifted. Nevertheless, it still stands written, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him" (Psalm 103:13).

When we speak of godly fear, of course we do not mean a servile fear, such as prevails among the heathen in connection with their gods. No, we mean that spirit which Jehovah is pledged to bless, that spirit to which the prophet referred when he said, "To this man will I (the Lord) look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

It was this the apostle had in view when he wrote, "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (I Pet: 2:17). And nothing will foster this godly fear like a recognition of the Sovereign Majesty of God.
An Interview with Andy Tan
By Lydia Chan

Most of us may not know Andy very well, since he is relatively new to the YF. So let’s take a little peek into his life and get to know him better!

1. Hi Andy! Tell us a little about yourself! 😊
Hello! I am 17 going on 18. I like to play sports, especially badminton. I also like classical music, which I find relaxing to the mind.

2. You have two sisters, right? You guys seem quite close! How’s it like having two sisters?
Yup I do! And yes, we are close! I think it’s quite good being the only son as it really teaches me some moral values. Although it seems weird, sisters are generally much easier to get along with and they tend to be more fun. If I had a brother though, I would have a companion for games, but I think we would end up bashing each other anyway, so I am thankful that the Lord has given me these two sisters.

3. I see! It’s good to hear that! You’re in polytechnic, right? Are you adapting well to the new environment?
Yup, that’s right. I think I have done quite a good job in adapting to the demands of the school as my school encourages self-learning through

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the Internet (which is weird because that can be done at home). I have acquired various skills such as that of leadership from working in teams and discipline through self-learning. I have also come to understand the importance of applying what we learn in our daily life.

4. Wow, sounds like a great schooling experience! So, what brought you to YF?
My dad encouraged me to attend church first and slowly he got me to start attending YF, which frankly was a good thing. Oh yeah, speaking of which, the first time I went to YF, I remembered you as the first person to speak with us. Thanks!!

5. No problem! © Well, it’s great seeing you and Alicia more often in YF! Having been in the YF for awhile now, what has been your greatest lesson?
I guess the greatest lesson I’ve learnt, not only from YF but from attending church in general, would be that God is the creator of all things and the sustainer of life. Without which, there would be no life on earth. Hence, it is pivotal to live a life that is glorifying unto Him, and we should forgo the old man and all worldly temptations.

6. That’s good to know! Truly, God is in control! Anyway, are you currently serving in any areas?
I am relatively new so I haven’t quite fitted in. However, I serve in the weekly distribution. You would see me standing near the restroom handing out the bulletins on Sunday. Besides that, I serve in the publicity committee and am an interviewer for the Calvary Youth Voices publication in the YF. Although I have not officially completed my first assignment, I am
looking forward to starting on it! I am considering serving in other areas as well in the near future.

7. Good to hear that! May you continue serving the LORD diligently wherever you may be! So, do you have a favourite verse?
Yup! My favourite verse is 1 Timothy 6:11, which is also my life verse. It says “But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” I like this verse because it teaches me to pursue holiness and abandon all ungodliness.

8. I hope you’ll continue growing in Christ’s likeness with each day!
Hmm, so what do you like about YF and is there anything you’d like to see more in the YF?
I like the fellowship most. Also, I hope to see more new faces in the YF, and hope that more people can come to know God through this fellowship group!

9. Anything else you’d like to tell the YFers?
I would like to encourage all the YFers to attend YF regularly and encourage more youths to attend YF. I would also like to thank the YFers for being so friendly all these while. To end off, I wish all of them the best for everything!

Thank you! 😊
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