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A LIFE OF INTEGRITY



By Lau Bee Lan



2 Corinthians 8:21 (NIV)

“For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.”



We sigh and lament at the state of things in our society when there is, for example, corruption. The importance of integrity has found expression in the remarks of two top judicial luminaries who said, “Justice can only be dispensed if the integrity of everyone involved is beyond reproach” and “Believe me, honesty supersedes all and eventually the truth prevails.”

As we enter into the New Year, what are our aspirations as believers in Christ? I believe it is the desire of every child of God, to be a true ambassador for Christ and to shine His light in the world. In order to be people of God who are effective witnesses bearing the fragrance of Christ, we ought to be people of integrity.

The word “**integrity**” is derived from the root word “**integer**” which means “**whole**”. A person of integrity lives a God-like life of consistency with no pretenses and there is no discrepancy between the person’s public and private life. In other words, a life of integrity invites us to conduct our lives in an authentic manner, without duplicity or deceit but rather “that we may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return” (Phil.1:10 NLT). It warrants us to speak the truth and act with honesty based on convictions consistent with the scripture:

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.” (Prov.10:9).

Living a life of integrity is challenging, but we ought in full dependence on God “[take] pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.”

1000 SMILES PROJECT

By Chan Yew Thai

During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, Pantai Baptist Church launched the Covid Initiative Aid to provide aid to the needy. Thus, contact was made and the seeds of kindness were sown. Following that, Pastor Isaac birthed Project 1000 Smiles hoping to germinate these seeds.

As the name suggests, the project's goal was to bring smiles to a thousand children, including children of the recipients of the Neighbourhood Aid Initiative, various refugee centres and orphanages. Each child received gift packs worth RM30, consisting of a bag, snacks, and toys.

For ease of administration, the children were divided into three age groups: toddlers below 3 years old, kids between 4 to 8 years old, and "big kids" between 9 to 12 years old. The toddlers and "big kids" groups were assigned 300 bags each and the kids group received 400 bags. The breakdown of gifts distributed consisted of **refugees and migrants** (38%), **neighbourhood** (59%), and **orphanages** (3%).



To meet the allocated budget of RM30,000 and to make it a church-wide project, adult worshippers were encouraged to sponsor two or more bags, whilst Sunday School children were encouraged to sponsor one bag each. Instead of handing out cash to help the Afghan and Myanmarese refugees in their livelihood, they were paid to sew the bags. While some bags were made from used curtains, most were new fabrics donated by owners of curtain shops.

The bags were packed and distributed by volunteers from PBC. It was encouraging to see members coming forward to assist the committee in packing and distributing them. Special thanks to the committee, especially Deaconess Laina and her sub-committee, who had spent long days and nights deciding on the contents and procuring the snacks and toys at the best prices for the gift bags.

TRUSTING GOD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

By The Visitation Ministry

Anabelle Chow, a Sister at a hospital in Singapore, was only 21 when she met her future husband, Dr HC Ng, an ENT surgeon. As he was 12 years her senior, Annabelle was hesitant at first. But after a long 5-year courtship, he managed to convince her and they got married when Annabelle was 26 and he, 38.

Dr Ng then returned to Malaysia and founded one of the major hospitals in Malaysia with a few other doctors. That hospital is now part of a major chain of hospitals in the country. They went on to have three sons. Despite their **first son** being diagnosed with mental challenges, it did not deter them from having two more children.

Annabelle is especially proud of their **second son**. He was sent to boarding school in the United Kingdom at 11. A brilliant student throughout, he qualified from Nottingham University as an orthopaedic surgeon and became an authority on spinal surgery. His work is world-renowned, covering more than 100 published scientific papers and presentations.

Their **third son** was also educated in the United Kingdom from the age of 11. He has been back in Malaysia for 10 years and qualifies as a Chartered Accountant, but is currently not working due to being stressed out.

After 32 years of marriage, Dr Ng passed on in 2000 at the age of 70.



During the season of advent, when Pastor Soong visited Annabelle as part of the initiative of the Visitation Ministry, he learnt that their **second son** had been infected with Covid-19. Although he recovered under treatment initially, his condition soon deteriorated as his lungs were scarred by the virus. After 47 days in intensive care, we were sad to learn that he passed away on 13 December 2021, despite the prayers of Annabelle, her family, and the Visitation Ministry.

It is especially difficult for the family. After the passing of Dr Ng, the whole family had been dependent upon their **second son** to sustain them. Now, the family will have to adjust and cope.

Life is indeed uncertain and we as Christians are not immune to the ups and downs of life. We can be riding high at one point but down the next; but whether we are up on a mountain or down in the valley, **we look to God, our Lord**. We continue to trust in Him to see us through our trials and tribulations. We will end by leaving you with this verse:

Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 11

“If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. There will always be poor people in the land...Therefore I command you to be openhanded towards your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.”

PBC KIDS4CHRIST VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Deaconess Laina Ng



This celebratory event was our last session with the children for 2021. After a year of bi-monthly classes with each class meeting at a different timeslot, we planned a gathering for the whole Sunday School, which was attended by **61 kids** and **20 teachers**.

First off, the children sang 3 carols, led by our very own kids' virtual choirs! Many thanks to Mui Fung (Kids4Christ Worship Team Advisor) for preparing the lead song and music tracks, parents who recorded the videos and the 34 children who practised their assigned carols - **Away in a Manger (Kindy & Standard 1)**, **Come all ye Faithful (Standard 2 - 4)**, and **Joy to the world (Standard 5 & 6)**. It was truly a joy to hear the kids singing in unison as our kids had not sung together since we started online classes in May 2020!



The next item was a wonderful lesson on “The Reason for the Season”, presented by Karissa, our Std 6 student. Using a Christmas tree prop, she reminded us that we are easily distracted by the shopping, decorations, and presents of the season. We often miss the real reason for the Christmas season - the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. Thank you, Teacher Yean San for writing the script, preparing the props, and recording the video for this object lesson.

Teacher Laina then gave a short gospel sharing based on a video by Sharefaith Kids that explained why Jesus called Himself the Light of the World. She concluded the ‘big-group’ segment of the program with a prayer before dismissing the kids to separate breakout rooms for another 30 minutes of fun activities with their teachers and friends. A class photo was taken in each room before bidding farewell for 2021.

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

Sermon Topics for January & February 2022

JAN

2 Jan: The Vanity of Life (Eccl 1:1-11) – Pr. Mark Tan
9 Jan: Is Life Chasing the Wind? (Eccl 1:12 – 2:26) – Pr. Wallace Ong
16 Jan: The Big Picture of Time (Eccl 3:1-15) – Pr. Mark Tan
23 Jan: Injustice and Evil under the Sun (Eccl 3:16-4:3) – Dr. George Tee
30 Jan: The Trap of Success (Eccl 4:4-16) – Pr. Soong

FEB

6 Feb: Fear or Folly? (Eccl 5:1-7) – Pr. Mark Tan
13 Feb: The Vanity of Wealth and Honour (Eccl 5:8-6:12) – Pr. Wallace Ong
20 Feb: The Value of Practical Wisdom (Eccl 7:1-8:1) – Pr. Mark Tan
27 Feb: Obey Authorities for God's Sake (Eccl 8:2 -9) – Dr. Tony Foo

Bible Classes by the PBC Biblical Education Committee (BEC)

The PBC Biblical Education Committee (BEC) encourages and supports learning programs for people of all ages. The purpose of the BEC is to help all persons in PBC to know God's love as it is revealed in Jesus Christ, to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith, and to be involved in fulfilling the Vision of the Church.



Time: 8pm, every Tuesday

Date: From 11 January 2021



GOD

11 Jan: How Do We Know God Exists?
18 Jan: General and Special Revelation
25 Jan: Incommunicable Attributes of God
1 Feb: The Unity of God – Why the Trinity Matters
8 Feb: God's Omniscience, Truthfulness, and Wisdom
15 Feb: God's Holiness, Righteousness/Justice, Goodness/Love

DOCTRINE
OF CHURCH/
MEMBERSHIP

1 Mar: The Concept of Church
8 Mar: Baptist History (Intro and World)
15 Mar: Baptist History (Asia and Malaysia)
22 Mar: Baptist Distinctives
29 Mar: Membership in Baptist Church

Register: <https://pbc.my/seminars>
(Only one sign up needed for all the classes during the quarter.)

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