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# LAP BULLETIN

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## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY

9.30 am  
Worship  
(English)

11.15am  
Bible Class  
(English)

3.45pm  
Bible Class  
(Mandarin)

5.00pm  
Worship  
(Mandarin)

7.00pm  
Worship  
(English)

### THURSDAY

7.45pm  
Bible Class  
(English/Mandarin)

### Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau  
Bro Michael Yeo

### Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

### Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

### Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

## 47<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

### CLASS OF 2019

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019  
@ 3pm

Jurong Church of Christ



Thyna Bacara  
Mancia



James Walter  
Blanco Mira



Jana Rose Sarmiento  
Del Castillo



Alain Dave  
Gallo Tapiru



22 Lectures

• Q & A Forum

• Special classes for Men & Women

## 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP

### Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow

Date

NOV 27 – 30, 2019 ( Wed - Sat )

Daily Chapel (3rd Floor)

8.15 am - 8.45 am

Daily Lectures (2nd Floor)

9.00 am - 3.15 pm

Venue

120, Boon Lay Drive, S 649924



Venue : 20 Lim Ah Pin Road S(547839)

Date : 28 Nov - 1 Dec (Thu - Sun)

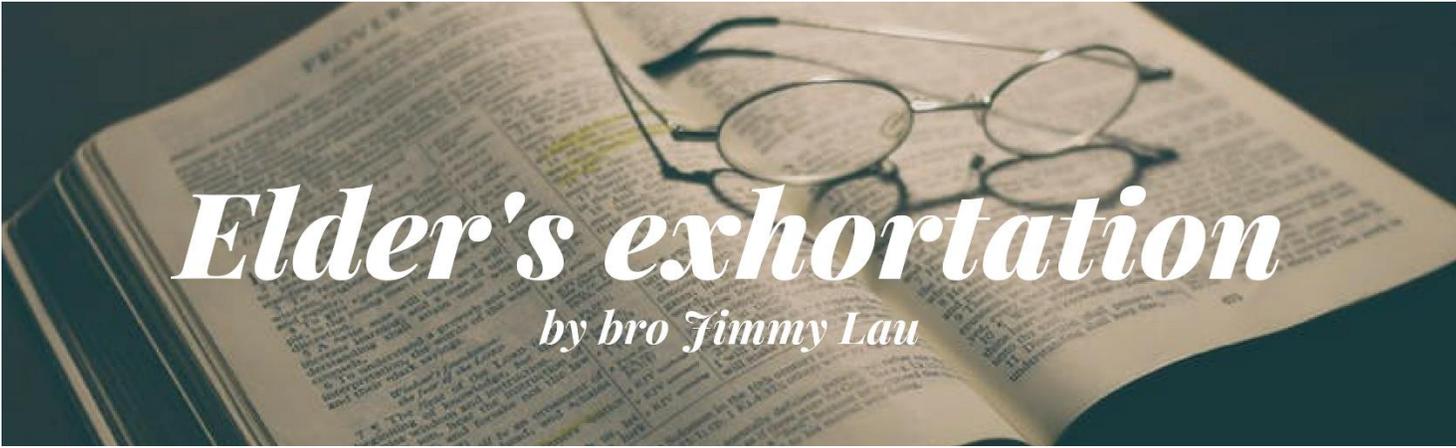
Time : 7:45pm (28 to 30 Nov)

9:30am (1 Dec)

The Church of Christ Presents

## ANSWERS to Life's Greatest QUESTIONS





# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***1Co 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.***

A steward is a manager. He is one who manages the affairs of another. It is a position in which trust and integrity are most needed. For this reason, he must be a trustworthy person. The word “faithful” means trustworthy. It means he is honest. It is expected of him; it is the “main” or “leading” virtues in his qualifications. It is required particularly because it is an office of trust; because the master’s goods are at his disposal.

People will trust a person who has a reputation of being honest, reliable and responsible. Dishonesty can easily tarnish that reputation such that others consider you not trustworthy. Being considered trustworthy provides benefits, from the way people deal with you, as well as to your own self-esteem.

When you are considered a trustworthy person, it means:

1. You are an honest person. You will not lie, cheat, or steal from him.
2. You are a responsible person. You can be counted on to do the task. You will not quit halfway.
3. You are reliable. You can be counted on to do an important task. You will do it well.

The question “Can I trust you?” is always on our minds whenever we interact with other people. The academic credentials only show you to be competent to do the job; it does not indicate if you are trustworthy. There are people who are employed in positions of trust but are dishonest, lazy, irresponsible, and corrupt.

A minister of God is like a steward. He manages the affairs of God. He is devoted to his master’s service, and should regard himself as such. Hence, he should be faithful to that trust and not abuse or violate it.

A minister of God should be trustworthy for obvious reasons.

1. His Master is Christ – He is serving Jesus (1 Cor 4:1).
2. He must answer to God – He has to give an account of his work (Matt 25:19).
3. He is a Christian - The honour of Christ, and the welfare of his kingdom is entrusted to him. He must give a good name to this calling (Jas 2:6-7).
4. The souls of men depend on him – His work affects the lives of men. They must trust him for him to win them to Christ. He has to be trustworthy (Matt 5:16).

Trustworthiness is important in any relationship. It is required in marriage, in family, at work, and with friends. Betray that trust and the relationship is gone forever. A husband who cheats will always be remembered as a cheating husband. An employee who steals will be remembered as a thief.

Christian ministers ought to be remembered as Christians. The name carries a responsibility; a responsibility to the Master who is Christ. It is required in them to be faithful; that is trustworthy.

But not only preachers, every Christian should make it their hearty and continual endeavour to approve themselves as trustworthy. A Christian employee must uphold the name of Christ in his workplace. A Christian must behave as a Christian when with friends. A Christian couple must show the same faithfulness to each other.

It does not matter if a Christian is ugly, does not possess a tertiary education, is not eloquent, and is not a professional; but it matters if he is dishonest and irresponsible. Integrity is important and integrity is trustworthiness.

Let us walk as children of God (Eph 5:1). God is faithful; are you faithful?

***Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;***

***And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.***

***~Ephesians 5:1-2~  
KJV***





## Preacher's exhortation

# Christian Endurance

*By bro Ernest Lau*

In this modern society that we live in, people can be rather impatient. After all, we have come to expect things to move quickly. Therefore, if anything slows down unexpectedly, we get impatient and angry. We expect the food to arrive quickly; we expect the internet to not lag; we expect the train to never breakdown. However, such impatience will do us no good in our Christian walk with God. We know that the Christian walk requires endurance; we cannot demand instant blessings from God. Unfortunately, many have fallen by the wayside because they grew weary and gave up waiting upon God. In 2 Timothy 2:3-6, the apostle Paul had 3 important pictures to present to Timothy, to demonstrate to him the importance of endurance.

### **1. Soldier**

*“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier”* (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

As soldiers of Christ, we need to “endure hardness.” Soldiers have to endure rigorous military training, just like those who enlist in the National Service. Such training is not pleasant, but it is necessary so that they are prepared for the demands of war. Unfit and ill-equipped soldiers will not win any wars. Christians are not involved in a war of guns and bombs, but we are involved in a spiritual war against Satan and his forces (Ephesians 6:12). In this war, we have to endure daily trial and temptation (1 Peter 5:8). Therefore, we have to undergo the necessary spiritual training, so that we can endure and win against Satan (2 Timothy 2:15).

As soldiers of Christ, we need also to be focused, and not to be “*entangled with the affairs of this life.*” The Roman soldiers in the first century were not allowed to own businesses, farms or vineyards, because it was deemed to be a distraction from their military vocation.

We can imagine that soldiers deployed to the Middle East for war must be focused on their vocation; they cannot simply return home anytime to attend to other businesses. Christians have to be focused on our Christian vocation. We have been called out of the world to be God's people (John 15:19; 1 Peter 2:9). However, we can be distracted by worldly things, and forget our primary vocation (Matthew 13:22; 2 Timothy 4:10). Jesus calls us to make a stand, and choose who we serve (Matthew 6:24).

## **2. Sportsman**

*"And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully"* (2 Timothy 2:5)

Like sportsmen and athletes, Christians need to "*strive.*" Athletes need to strive and endure in order to win the prize. Running a marathon is no walk in the park; it takes much effort to run, and it takes even more effort to obtain the winner's crown. In order to prepare themselves to run and win the race, athletes have to undergo strict and vigorous training. The Christian journey is likened to a long race (Hebrews 12:1). Like athletes, Christians have to strive in order to obtain the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24). Like athletes, we need to be disciplined in all things, so that we can obtain the incorruptible crown (1 Corinthians 9:25).

Like sportsmen and athletes, Christians need to "*strive lawfully.*" Athletes have to abide by the rules while competing; those who violate the rules will be disqualified. There have been those who had their medals stripped because they had been discovered to have used banned substances during the race. Christians too have to abide by the rules in the Christian race. We cannot simply bypass God's commandments and jump straight into Heaven. Sin can cause us to be disqualified (Isaiah 59:1-2). We need to discipline ourselves in this race, so that we can abide by the rules and not be disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:27).

## **3. Sower**

*"The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits"* (2 Timothy 2:6)

Like sowers and farmers, Christians must "*labour.*" Farming is hard labour. Farmers have to cultivate the fields for months in anticipation of the harvest. Often, the farmers only enjoy the harvest once or twice a year, depending on the type of crop. Christians likewise need to labour patiently in anticipation of the harvest. We labour to produce the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22); we labour to produce fruit of souls (Romans 1:13). Such fruit do not appear overnight; they are produced through patient effort.

Like sowers and farmers, Christians are "*first partaker of the fruits.*" The farmer deserves to eat the fruit and enjoy the reward of his labour. However, those who are lazy will not

be able to produce or eat anything. It is the hard-working farmer that deserves to eat the fruit. The Lord's labourers likewise deserve to eat the fruit of their labour. However, to obtain the deserved fruit, we must labour patiently.

## Soldier, Sportsman, Sower

The Christian journey is a long journey: it is a long-drawn-out warfare; it is a long-distance race; it is a long period of cultivation before the harvest. Therefore, we need to learn endurance. We need to endure as good soldiers of Christ. We need to run this Christian race. We need to labour in the vineyard till we receive the harvest. Let's endure.



### Health

Please pray for **sis Baby** who was hospitalized last week. Her brain scan detected a number of scattered strokes in the brain. Please pray for sis Baby that she will have a speedy recovery, and that she need not undergo any major surgery.

### Travelling

**Bro Kwan & sis Sew Hua, bro John Goh** are worshipping in Subang COC, M'sia this morning and will be back on 11 Nov and 14 Nov respectively.

### Guests last week

1. Sis Jenny (*LCOC*)
2. Sis Mabel
3. Jess Meow (*sis Fong Yoke's niece*)
4. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
5. Shang Loh (*sis Farah's friend*)
6. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
7. Lawrence & family  
(*sis Stephanie's friends*)
8. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
9. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
10. Tan Kwang Han



### Youth Fellowship

Date: 10 November, Sun

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: LAP Auditorium

**Activities - games to bond and know each other better**

### Tracting Session

Date: 16 November, Sat

Time: 4.30pm

Meeting Point:

Blk 125 Hougang Avenue 1



## WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

09.00am Congregational Singing  
09.15am God's Plan for Leadership Roger Campbell  
10.15am The Qualifications of Elders Yeow Chin Kiong  
11.15am The Qualities of Elders Peter Chin

12 noon LUNCH BREAK

01.00pm Congregational Singing  
01.10pm **Exhortation** Jonathan Burns  
The Call For More Preachers  
01.35pm **Men** Trent Kennedy  
Training Young Men to Lead  
**Ladies** Jennifer Wernli  
Teaching Younger Women to Lead Among Women

02:30pm OPEN FORUM Campbell/Hayes/Bland  
03.15pm ADJOURN

### Gospel Meeting @ JCOC

7.30pm "Who Am I?" Speaker: Roger Campbell

## THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

09.00am Congregational Singing  
09.15am Elders are to Feed the Flock Billy Bland  
10.15am Elders are Watchmen Jimmy Lau  
11.15am Submitting to the Elders Tim Hayes

12 noon LUNCH BREAK

01.00pm Congregational Singing  
01.10pm **Exhortation** Jimmy Lau  
The Support of Mission Work  
01.35pm **Men** Jann Diamante  
Helping Young Men to Serve  
**Ladies** Angeling Sim  
Teaching Younger Women to Serve One Another

02.30pm The Qualifications of Deacons Danny Poo  
03.15pm ADJOURN

### Gospel Meeting @ JCOC

7.30pm "Where Did I Come From?" Speaker: Jonathan Burns

### Gospel Meeting @ LAP COC

7.45pm "Who Am I?" Speaker: Roger Campbell

### Gospel Meeting @ ECOC

7.45pm "The Reality of Jesus" Speaker: Jason Hilburn

## FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

09.00am Congregational Singing  
09.15am The Work of Deacons Jamie Long  
10.15am The Work of the Preacher Alvin Lin  
11.15am Supporting the Work of the Preacher Jason Hilburn

12 noon LUNCH BREAK

01.00pm Congregational Singing

## FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

01.10pm **Exhortation** Lee Tian Seng  
The Launching of New Outreach Work

01.35pm **Men** Paul Goh  
Encouraging Young Men to Save Souls  
**Ladies** Kweok Chui Hoon  
Teaching Younger Women to be Teachers

02:30pm OPEN FORUM Hilburn/Burns/Tattersall  
03.15pm ADJOURN

### Gospel Meeting @ JCOC

7.30pm "Why Am I Here?" Speaker: Tim Hayes

### Gospel Meeting @ LAP COC

7.45pm "Where Did I Come From?" Speaker: Jonathan Burns

### Gospel Meeting @ ECOC

7.45pm "The Reason for Jesus" Speaker: Tim Burroughs

## SATURDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019

09.00am Congregational Singing  
09.15am The Work of a Teacher Tim Burroughs  
10.15am The Challenges of a Teacher Stan Stockton  
11.15am The Rewards of a Teacher Jonathan Burns

12 noon LUNCH BREAK

01.00pm Congregational Singing  
01.10pm **Exhortation** Amos Cheong  
The Support of Four Seas College  
01.35pm **Men** Lee Tian Seng  
Involving Young Men in Mission Work  
**Ladies** Ho Seow Hui  
Teaching Younger Women to Love God First

02.30pm Cultivating the Desire to Serve Glen Tattersall  
03.15pm ADJOURN

### Gospel Meeting @ JCOC

7.30pm "Where Am I Going?" Speaker: Billy Bland

### Gospel Meeting @ LAP COC

7.45pm "Why Am I Here?" Speaker: Tim Hayes

### Gospel Meeting @ ECOC

7.45pm "The Revelation of Jesus" Speaker: Jamie Long

## SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2019

### Gospel Meeting @ Lim Ah Pin COC

09.30am "Where Am I Going?" Speaker: Billy Bland

### Gospel Meeting @ Eastside COC

10.00am "The Resurrection of Jesus" Speaker: Stan Stockton

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### Thursday Bible Class

**"The Jewish Trials of Jesus"**  
(John 18:12-14;19-24)

by bro Ernest Lau

### Next Sunday's Sermon

**"Bridging the Gap in the Church: Income Gap"**

by bro Jimmy Lau

### Birthdays this week

11 Nov (Mon) – Mary

13 Nov (Wed) – Shermin



Please send any news & prayer requests to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Rezoning

We are presently in the process of applying to have our premises rezoned for worship. Please pray for the success of this project!

## Overseas

- *Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris* in San Francisco
- *Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Jeshua* in UK
- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong

## Health

- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Poh Im's* health
- *Bro David Sum's father's* recovery from spine surgery
- *Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's* recovery from fractured ankle
- *Bro Roberto's son's* recovery from kidney stones
- *Bro Kenneth Quek's* recovery from his knee surgery
- *Bro Soo Ping's* recovery from his spine surgery

## Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan), sis Jasmine Chan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr)

## NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

## Major Examinations

- Those taking 'O' & 'A' levels

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		10-Nov-19	17-Nov-19	24-Nov-19
<b>Song Leader</b>		Benjamin Kwan	Isaac Chua	Jeremy Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Low Chong Ping	Charlie Teo	Peter Chin
<b>Preacher</b>		Peter Chin	Jimmy Lau	Tim Burroughs
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gordon Loo	Roberto Pascual	Gavin Cheah
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Ong Jun Wei	Ling Leong Dak	Chua Kian Hong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Lau Jeng Sang	Yew Tian Geng	John Goh
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Martyn Gostelow	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
<b>Announcer</b>		Dave Tapiru	Alvin Foo	James Mira
<b>Announcer</b>		Benjamin Tan	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Greeters</b>		Naomi Leow	Jonalyn Balagot	Wang Tingwei
<b>Greeters</b>		Christine Phang	Ludina Carrido	Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Benjamin Kwan	Timothy Ng	Ernest Lau
<b>Speaker</b>		Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	Alvin Chan
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Nicodemus Oey	Jerry Cheong	Ong Jun Wei
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm			14-Nov-19	21-Nov-19
<b>Song Leader</b>			Jimmy Lau	Peter Chin
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Low Chong Ping	John Goh
<b>Teacher</b>			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Melvin Tan	Gavin Cheah