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and emotionally drained. The time of being pregnant with God's promises may be exhausting and seem long term, but don't get weary in the process. A natural pregnancy is measured in three stages which are called trimesters. Many of you are in your third trimester. Don't abort the baby because your due date is drawing near. Get ready to push.

"You Are About to Give Birth to What You Have Been Predestined For"

The Lord says, "The water is about to break and you are about to deliver. Stay strong and stay focused during the process. There are gifts that have been lying dormant inside of you and it is now time to give birth to what I have imparted to you. Doors are about to open for what I have called you to do."

John 16:21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

"Although the waiting has been arduous, you are about to give birth to what you have been predestined for. You may have been in hibernation for so long and are afraid to step out, but now is the time to be released into what you have been created for."

"Trust Me when you feel that the process is too difficult. Know that it is I who works in you both to will and to do for My good pleasure. Do not say that this is an uncomfortable place, but know that it is necessary to bring you into My purpose and plan for your life. You will know that you are in the third trimester as the discomfort intensifies. Don't try to induce labor before its time, but welcome My plan as it comes into existence.

"This is not the time to give up but get ready to push because you will soon see the fulfillment of the promises that I have for you," says the Lord.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **1 June SUNDAY Psalmist Coffee House** from 7.30 p.m. onwards. Special guest performers are Sophia Liew and friends. Menu: Isaac's Chicken Ballotine with sauteed mushroom, butter poached veges and flavoured rice.
- **4 June WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING** is cancelled.
- **18 to 21 June Pastor David's Ministry** at Dove Camp Meeting, Longview, Texas

## COMING EVENT

- **4 June, WEDNESDAY "MidLife Transition"** by Dr Rebecca Chong  
Venue: **T.O.D.**  
Fee: **RM30.00**  
Time: **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



- **29 June, SUNDAY Inter-Zone CG Badminton 2014**

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**WORSHIP GOD, grow in HIS WORD, abundant in good WORKS, and WIN the lost.**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
10.00 am   Chinese Senior Care Group (fortnightly)	Chinese Worship Service   8.15 am
8.00 pm   Intercessors Night	Chinese Children Church   8.15 am
	English Worship Service   10.15 am
FRIDAY	English Children Church   10.15 am
8.00 pm   Care Covenant Group (fortnightly)	Eagle-Lion Bible School   1.30 pm
	Young Adults College Group   1.30 pm (1st Sunday of the month)
SATURDAY	Psalmist Coffee House   7.30 pm (1st Sunday of the month)
2.30 pm   Youth Alive	

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## SENIOR PASTOR SPEAKS

On 16th May 2014 Friday, TOD held its Annual General Business Meeting. The following is Pastor David's Report.

"At the point of writing this report, we have just entered into a new season and the change in the atmosphere is already discernable. We need to take advantage of the arrival of this good new season, by mobilizing the corporate Body of Christ to push for a Breakthrough we have never achieved before. And the **most important part of this mobilization is to restore and increase corporate prayer and intercession.**

This prophetic word released by Elaine Tavolacci on 11 May 2014 best sums up what I felt the Lord is saying to us at this season of time."

### Elaine Tavolacci: Birthing the Promises of God "Get Ready to Push"

*The Holy Spirit is showing me that although every one of us are carrying a promise from God, some of us are spiritually tired*

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# Pursuit of Righteousness

WE learnt last month that **The LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** loves righteousness and justice (Ps 33:5), seeking for a **PEOPLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** trained in **The WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** by following, obeying and treasuring the Bible.

**The WALK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Moses in Deut 6:18 exhorts us to do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right." Job said, "I hold fast my righteousness, and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days (Job 27:6). You love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions (Ps 45:7). Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps (Ps 85:13). Happy are those

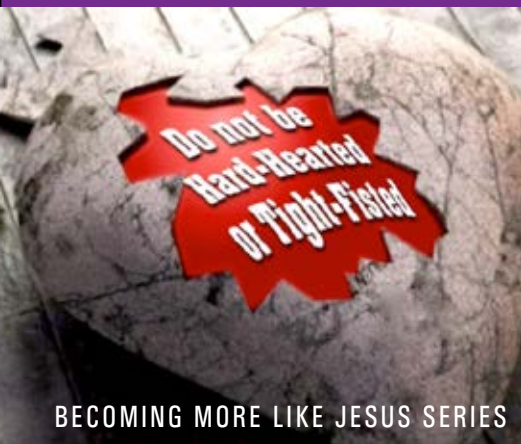
who do righteousness all the time (Ps 106:3).

How do I live out a life of righteousness? Let's look to Job's life. He was blameless and upright, feared God and turn away from evil. A righteous man hates evil as God hates wickedness (Ps 45:7). Joseph replied Potiphar's wife, "You are my master's wife. How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" (Gen 39:10). The fear of God kept Joseph safe to do the right things! So abstain from every form of evil (1 Thess 5:22), works of the flesh, adultery, impurity, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, factions (Gal 6:19-20), fornication, uncleanness, evil desire, covetousness (Col 3:5), bitterness, wrath, clamor, evil speaking, malice (Eph 4:31), envy and self-seeking (James 3:16). Replace these with the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 6:22-23), truth, nobility, justice, purity, lovely and whatever things are of good report (Phil 4:8). The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17).

**The REWARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.** The Lord rewards everyone according to his righteousness and his faithfulness (1 Sam 26:23). Solomon declared to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today (1 Kings 3:6). The LORD favors those who pursues righteousness with life, prosperity and honor (Prov 21:21).

**BE A MODERN DAY RIGHTEOUS SAINT.** Walk close to the LORD, obey His Word, live righteously, think righteously, walk righteously, be a slave to righteousness. And when the LORD is pleased with you, He will multiply in your life wisdom, knowledge and joy (Ecc 2:26).

~Member's Contribution ~



"The poor you will always have with you", Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 26:11. And there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, the Bible tells us. So the question is, what is our

Christian's response to the poor and needy? Are we expected to meet all needs? If not, then to what extent?

Moses commanded in Deuteronomy 15:7-11 "If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, **do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted** towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need,

whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'"

Proverbs 3:27-28 warns "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbour, 'Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it'—when you have it with you."

**THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE ARE CLEAR.** We are to lend, even give to the needy. And when we do so, with no expectations of getting back what we lent but letting it go, we free ourselves of selfishness. And to lend, give to people who you know would likely not be able to repay you, is a sacrifice pleasing to the Lord. Proverbs 19:17 says, "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given to the poor, the Lord will repay to him." Wow, we become a creditor to the Lord!

**JOB** had the right Christian response (30:24), "'Surely one does not turn against the needy, when in disaster they cry for help.'" Imitate Job then (29:16) who said, "I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger". If we close our hearts and hands to the needy, we will be found opposing God. Psalms 140:12 declares, "I know that the Lord maintains the cause of the needy, and executes justice for the poor" and in Proverbs 14:31, "Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honour Him".

Certainly we are not able to meet all needs; that would be impossible. But we can meet some needs, those which the Lord places on you a pressing weight, a compassionate burden that you cannot shake off. Give then to fulfil that need, and you will be blessed in all your work and in all that you undertake.



So open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land, out of the bounty that the Lord has blessed you with.

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