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Father, Mother, and Mr. David Kim with the graduating class of 1977.

Barrytown, July 1

First Commencement Celebrated at Unification Theological Seminary

July 1 was, as Father remarked in his Seminary graduation address, a very significant day in the history of the Unification Church. In a ceremony marked by dignity, the first class of the Unification Theological Seminary graduated from their two-year Master of Religious Education program.

The ceremony, held in the Seminary's chapel on the morning of July 1, drew relatives of over half of the seniors, New York area leaders, state leaders in the area for their monthly conference, and a full representation from the media.

The Commencement exercises opened with a magnificent prelude by the New York Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble. The procession was led by the seminary faculty and officers clad in black academic robes. Father and Mother walked between the faculty and the graduating class, whose members wore blue academic gowns and mortar-boards. The full assembly rose and to the accompaniment of the brass ensemble, sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Michael Warder then welcomed the guests to the first Commencement exercises of the Unification Theological Seminary. Dr. Richard Rubenstein, a theologian and professor of religion at the University of Florida, then gave the invocation. In his prayer, he expressed gratitude that the seeds sown in this community of faith were now bearing its first fruits, which, appropriately, were being offered to God.

Mr. Neil Salonen then challenged the new graduates to be ambassadors of God. "Hope has to be made real if it is to continue to live. We must accept the

challenge of our times."

Mrs. Therese Stewart, Dean of Academic Affairs, then presented the graduates. She explained to the guests that, due to the New York Board of Regents' delay in chartering the Seminary, the graduates would receive certificates stating that they had fulfilled requirements for a Master of Religious Education degree, which can be granted retroactively when the charter is approved. As Mr. Warder called the names of the students, they each stepped up to the front of the chapel to receive their certificates from Mr. David Kim, the President of the Seminary.

VALEDICTORIANS

The Valedictory position was shared between two seniors since both had the distinction of outstanding academic work. The first Valedictory address was given by Klaus Lindner, who will be attending Harvard Divinity School in the fall. Klaus provoked laughter from the audience when he observed that after much speculation from the students about the value of Unification Church members acquiring master's degrees, the Board of Regents had decided the issue for us: "It doesn't look like we need a degree, after all," he quipped. But, he said, they recognized the value of their education. "The real value, of course is not yet determined. We must use our knowledge to serve God and mankind.Today is not an ending, but a beginning."

Thomas Selover, also Valedictorian, expressed gratitude for the work of all those people who have made the seminary possible. To the parents, he said, "Bear

with us; be proud of us. And just give us a little time." He concluded his remarks: "We all look forward to a life of adventure, surprises, and building God's kingdom here on earth."

Seminary President David Kim then delivered a Congratulatory Address. He had, he said, mixed feelings about the Seminaris going out into the world. "You are Heavenly lambs in the midst of wolves," he said. "How are you going to survive? You are going to the evil world as servants. You will need patience, endurance, and sacrifice...You must be givers, not receivers...Always remember that the worst enemy can be subjugated not by force of violence but by love. Become 'God's love distribution agencies'

on earth. You must be proud of yourselves as Unificationists."

Interspersed with the addresses, the Seminary Choir first performed "Achieved is the Glorious Work," by Haydn, and, following Mr. Kim's talk, "And the Glory of the Lord," by Handel.

Father concluded the ceremony with his Commencement Address (printed in this issue), "Become a Physician and Leader." After he delivered the speech in English, Father gave the Benediction, a prayer in Korean. Then the ceremony's participants, marched from the chapel to music by the Brass Ensemble, and led by our Parents.

After the ceremony, graduates were
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Parents, fellow students and friends came to honor graduating seniors.

Commencement Address



"Go forth to the world for the salvation of mankind, and lead all people of the world to enjoy total restoration."

"Become a Physician and Leader"

BY REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

Honorable guests, distinguished professors, members of the graduating class, ladies and gentlemen.

Today, July 1, 1977, is another historical day for the Unification Church. It is also a day for laying a momentous milestone in God's history of restoration. Today we mark the first graduation of our Unification Theological Seminary.

I would like first to thank all those who have come to witness this memorable occasion. And I would indeed like to extend to you members of the graduating class my heartfelt congratulations as well as my gratitude for your important accomplishments in this institution. I wish you great happiness throughout your entire life.

Today you are leaving this beloved temple of learning, bidding farewell to your distinguished and loving professors, as well as to your fellow students. On this occasion I would like to share a few words with you.

The world in which we live today is a world of confusion and chaos. This is because people cannot determine what is the true standard of life and what is the true central point of subject of the universe. This confusion exists in the lives of individuals, families, societies, nations, and the world. We live in a world in which the absolute standard or central point has not yet been found. In short, the world has not found the Lord.

History proceeds according to the law of cause and effect; the cause is always manifested in the result. If we sow evil seeds, we inevitably reap evil results. If we sow good seeds, then good results are destined to follow. The reason this world is confused and chaotic is that it started out wrong; it started in error. An evil master with an evil standard sowed the beginning of history, and today we are reaping the evil results.

In religion, we call that evil beginning the Fall of Man. When we say "the Fall" we are referring to a departure from the original state. The results of the Fall are comparable to those of an illness, which is a departure from a state of health. Due to the Fall, the original standard and central point which God intended were not realized, and the world has never known its true master.

Since the Fall is a deviation from the original, to restore the original state we must move in a direction opposite to the Fall. For this we need a leader or guide. As you know, to cure an illness we need a doctor who can diagnose the cause of the disease and who can prescribe the proper medicine. Likewise, since our goal is restoration of the original state before the Fall, we need a leader who knows precisely what transpired to cause the Fall so that he can prescribe a solution for its cure--in this case so that he can bring about the salvation of man.

The only person who truly knows the cause and content of the Fall is God, and He desires the restoration of man to his original state. This desire of God is to be fulfilled on every level--the individual, family, society, nation, and world. To accomplish this task God must choose leaders and since the restoration of man can be compared to the healing work of a physician, God needs to build a hospital where He can train able physicians.

Throughout history, philosophy and religion have served to train able leaders and physicians for God. Through these leaders God wants to guide the different people and cultures into one unified direction toward His ultimate goal. God is actually leading mankind toward one ultimate standard, one central point, and one subject who is absolute, harmonious and eternal. In the end, God wants to lead mankind to the true Lord.

To represent His absolute, unchanging and eternal standard and to reveal the central point, God sends the Messiah. He also sends the Messiah in the role of Lord to mankind. The Messiah is comparable to the head surgeon of a general hospital. He is the prototype for all saints and righteous men. He is unique in that he is irreplaceable. The Messiah is needed by the individual, family, society, nation, and world. The necessity for the Messiah is absolute. He is the infallible guide who will lead mankind to its ultimate destiny of restoration.

The Unification Church and its ideology have come into being to lay the worldwide foundation for the work of the Messiah. Today, your goal must be to become true physicians and true leaders who can represent the will of God and the Messiah. In effect, you must make yourselves the limbs and body of God and the Messiah. You have the privilege to becoming the first builders of the heavenly family, tribe, nation, and world, and ultimately of setting the original standard, of revealing the central point, and of being the subjects of the universe.

Today I urge you to be the true physicians and true leaders who will inherit the main tradition of God and live in His image. Go forth to the world for the salvation of mankind, and lead all people of the world to enjoy total restoration. Remember, you are God's physicians and God's leaders. May God bless you abundantly. Thank you.

First Commencement

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joined by their parents outside, where many photographs were taken, especially by proud families. Inside, President Salonen and some of the professors held a press conference: media attending included all the major TV stations and all New York newspapers.

BANQUET TRIBUTES

Next all of the guests enjoyed a beautifully prepared banquet in the main lecture room.

Dr. Thomas Boslooper, professor of Biblical Studies, was a truly inspired and delightful Master of Ceremonies, bringing the program together with an unusual and fresh sense of humor. The program was a mixture of performances, presentations, and speeches all held together by Dr. Boslooper's narrative linking everything to the history of the Seminary's first class. Most notable were speeches by two of the original professors, Dr. Matczak and Dr. Lewis. Dr. Matczak, the Seminary's professor of philosophy, brought the house down with one joke after another, making his presentation even more notable by his very dignified stage presence. Dr. Lewis, to the contrary delivered a very serious speech about the future responsibility of the Seminarians to devote themselves to the Church, the real heart of our movement and the sustainer of the Seminary. "I'd like to congratulate whoever brought up the idea of your joining MFT's" he said, "because that will remind you of the ladder you climbed. It was not intellectual relativizing or softness of fuzziness which started this Seminary. It was started in a North Korean prison camp and has come a long way of indemnity..."

Then class officers of the Junior Class presented the Senior class with a plaque in honor of the Seniors with each graduate's name engraved upon it. The Senior Class presented an especially appropriate gift to our Parents, an enormous aquarium filled with multi-colored carp in honor of the "Great Fishing Expedition" continually held at Barrytown in the last few months.

After a solo of "I Wish" by Sunburst's Patsy Johnson, Dr. Boslooper drew the celebration to an unusual and exceptionally moving close. With the entire audience of several hundred people standing, he with the vocal assistance of Sunburst, led the whole congregation in

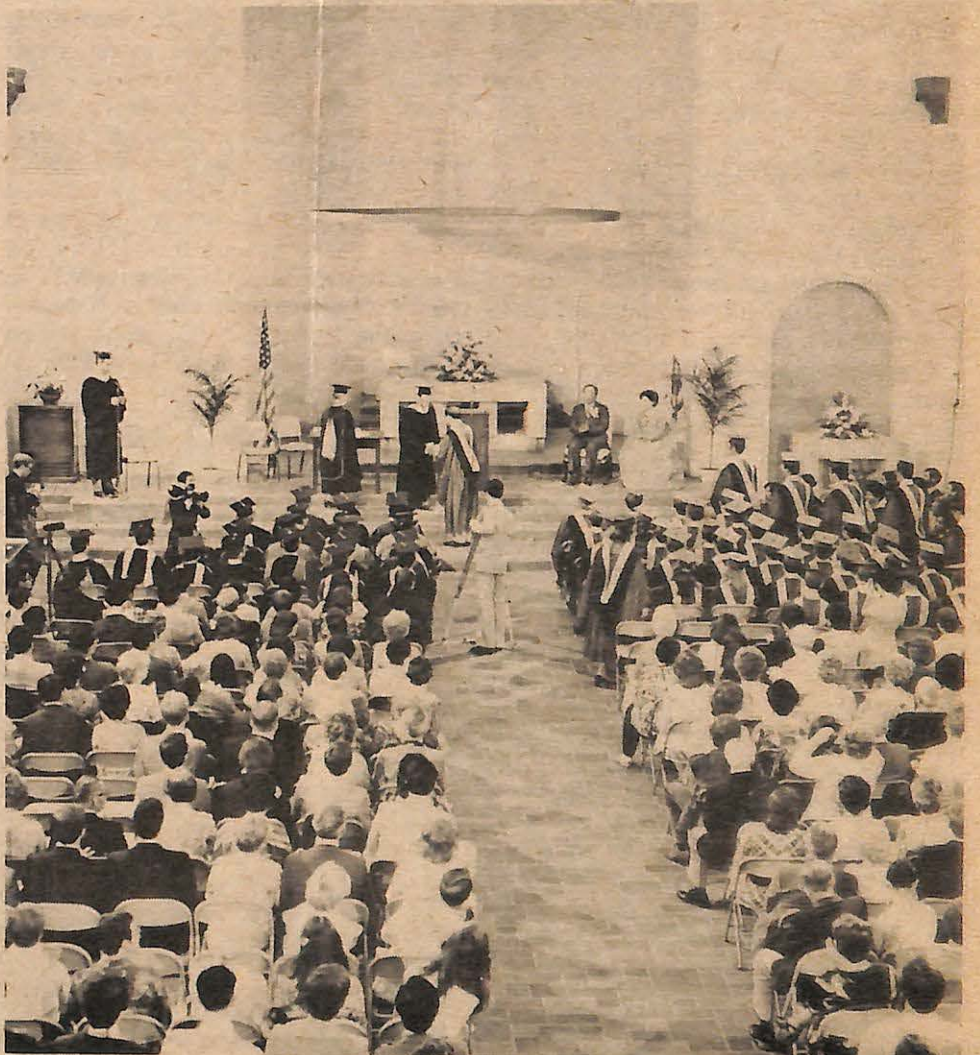
singing the Lord's Prayer. Whatever the background of each student, guest or relative, everyone's heart was blended together in a powerful moment when the spirit of God overwhelmed the atmosphere.

After the celebration, the guests went in many directions for a variety of activities. State and New York area leaders met with Father on the Sun Myung Moon trail for their monthly Conference. Graduates and parents had refreshments and informal fellowship in the Seminary's garden and later enjoyed the music of the Go-World Jazz Band, who played a special repertoire of thirties' and forties' music especially appealing to our parents.

PARENTS HOSTED

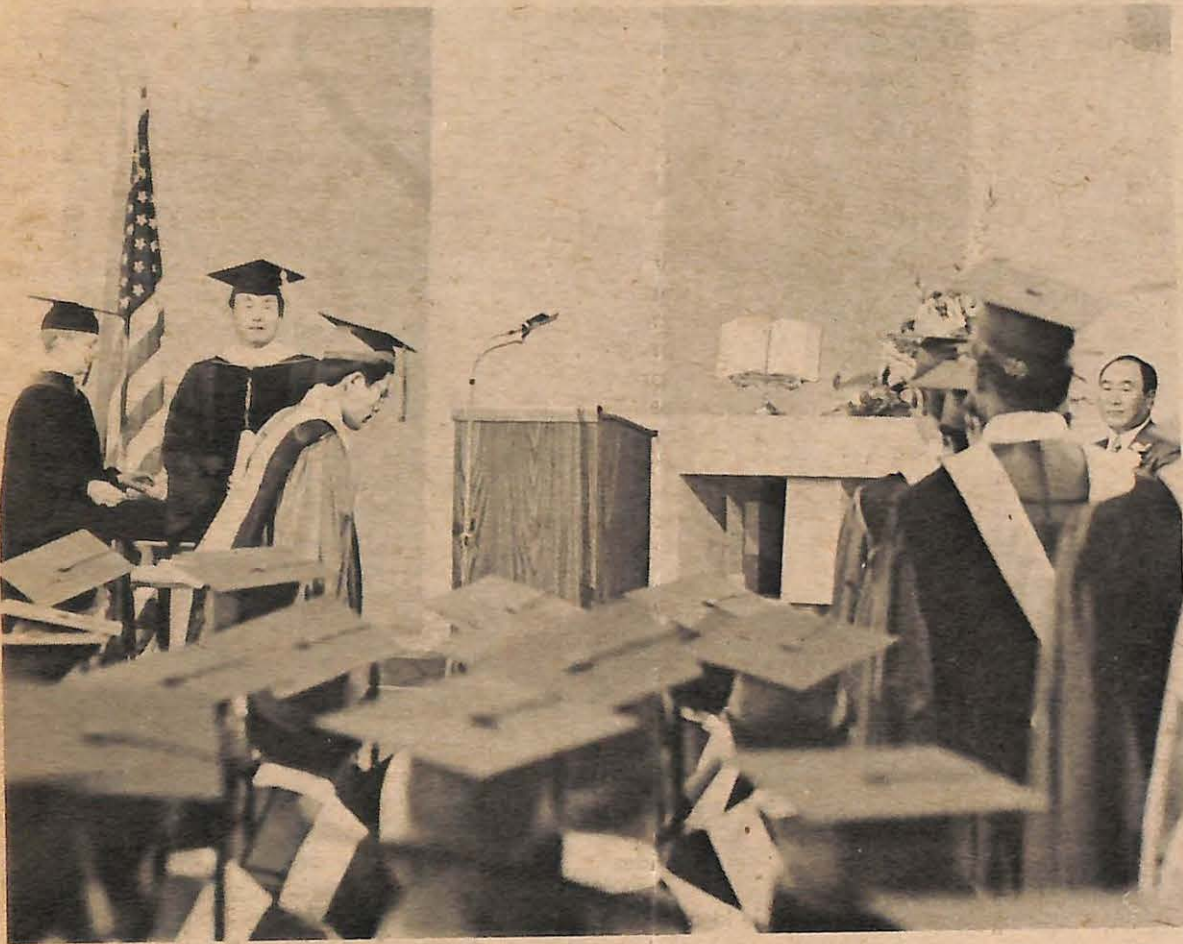
On Saturday many families enjoyed a day sightseeing in New York City. In the evening, they gathered at the World Mission Center for a banquet especially prepared for them by Zola the head chef. Then they moved to a full evening of entertainment on the seventh floor of the Manhattan Center. The perfect acoustics of the Scottish Rite Temple made the good performance even better. The parents were treated to a sampling from the performing arts -- music by Sunburst and the New Hope Singers, and dances from the Korean Folk Ballet. In addition, the New York City Symphony Brass Ensemble, under the direction of David Eaton, performed, and the Barrytown players presented their pantomime, "The Streets of Paris." After the show many families went to the "Downhome Inn" in the World Mission Center, for refreshments.

The Commencement and its related activities were inspiring in themselves, especially through their dignity, and for the work of our Parents and Church members around the world which they represented. Also of significance was the response of many of the parents of the Seminarians. While a range of opinions was represented, the parents for the most part, were very supportive. Many expressed this support by travelling thousands of miles and bringing whole families. When, for example, someone commented on the long distance which one mother had travelled to come to the Commencement, she answered, "It was both a privilege and an honor to come the distance!"



Mr. David Kim, President of the Seminary, presents certificates to graduates.

In Tribute to the Class of '77



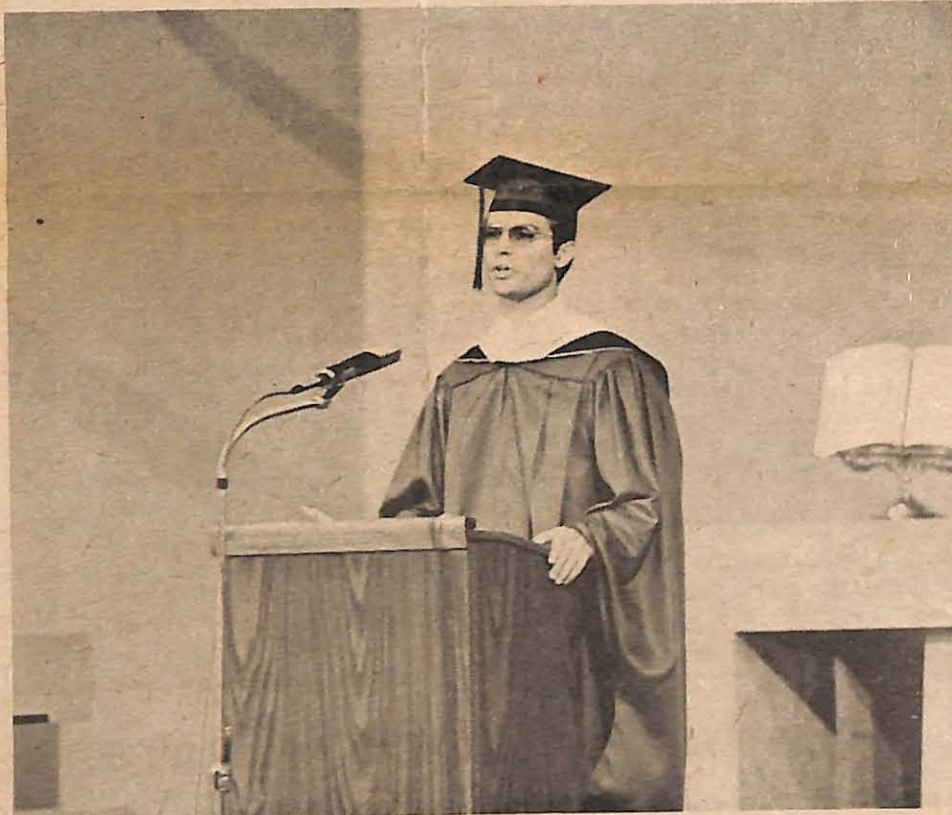
Graduates were solemn as they received certificates acknowledging their successful completion of studies.



Father delivered his Commencement Address, "Become a Physician and Leader," in English.



Seminary Professor Thomas Boslooper delighted parents, students, and friends as the Master of Ceremonies for the banquet, following Commencement exercises.



Klaus Lindner (above) and Thomas Selover shared Valedictory honors.



The Manhattan Center was the scene of an evening of entertainment provided to honor parents and professors of the newly graduated class. Above, Korean Folk Ballet dancer with drums and the New York City Symphony Brass Ensemble receive a round of applause.

Father Challenges Leaders To Become "Heirs of the Kingdom"

Father met with the State Directors, IW's, and other leaders in a clearing along the Sun Myung Moon trail at Barrytown on July 1, following the Seminary Commencement. "There is no miraculous short-cut to success in witnessing," he began. "You have to work hard and teach the Divine Principle every day. The only way you can change a man's life is to teach him the Divine Principle." In 1950, when our Church was first organized in Korea, the late President Eu established the tradition of lecturing the Divine Principle. He was an invalid, but while lying down he could lecture for 18 hours every day for 3 1/2 years. Father encouraged Mr. Eu, because he wanted to establish the right tradition from the very beginning of the Church. Before Father found Mr. Eu, there was a period of 7 years in which Father himself taught in that tradition.

Father likened a successful lecturer to a good hunter. To be successful in hunting, you need three essential elements: a weapon, ammunition, and skill as a marksman. When you teach, your heart should explode, said Father, and the truth will be thrust out. In order to hit the bullseye, you must concentrate your whole being--your eyesight, your body movement, your mind, heart and soul--on the target. An experienced lecturer doesn't have to follow an outline; upon meeting a person and beginning with conversation, he can teach that person the Divine Principle according to his or her needs.

Soon after Father first met Mr. Eu, he said, he gathered 30 of the earliest members together for a special period of 21 days. During that period, Father never moved out of the room--he ate there, slept there only briefly, and taught the Divine Principle to those 30 people. The atmosphere in that room was one of total intoxication--everyone present felt consumed by a spiritual fire. None present thought of taking a moment's break because of the intensity of the spiritual atmosphere as Father was teaching. After the 21 days were over, those 30 followers perceived the world around them as a brand new one.

"When a person changes, the entire spiritual world surrounding them is changed," said Father, "and the world is new to them. You have to learn to bring about that change in people. I want you to know that nobody will join you because of your good looks, personality, or educa-

tion. None of these things gives you the power to win even one life for God. People will be drawn only by the magnetic power of the truth as it is expressed in your words and deeds."

Father called the State Directors to bear in mind that they have been hand-picked by God to influence the millions of people in their states. His advice to those who have been unable to bring witnessing results was, "Make a showdown prayer to God. Protest to God, 'You know this movement needs manpower, and I'm desperate to find members! Why can't you help me and give me some manpower?'"

He asked how many of the directors are memorizing the 6-hour lecture. "Practice it!" he instructed. "Memorize it, and move on to learn the 10-hour lecture. Those who do not know the Principle will never make progress. The time will come when myriads of people will come to listen to your lectures. Now is the time to prepare yourself, by becoming a good lecturer. Ready yourself now, or you will regret it later. Become a good public speaker by seizing every opportunity in your community."

Reflecting on his own life, Father recognizes that he could have avoided all the adversity and persecution he has received had he chosen a different course. From the worldly point of view, he said, he doesn't gain anything by speaking out for righteousness. But he is not looking for the easy way or for material gain; he is seeking to establish a precious tradition. He wants to build a people who will suffer for the sake of God and mankind. He wants to create the kind of people who will be truly dedicated and sacrificial even in the face of tribulation. That is the strategy of Heaven, he said. Father challenged the directors, saying, "You, as heirs of the Kingdom, must continue in that spirit, not allowing any compromise with the fallen world. Don't try to be clever in order to avoid persecution."

"How much have you been willing to pour out to win one individual to God's side?" he asked. "You must make up your mind--'This man is going to be God's man!'" Father observed that our witnessing up to this point has been more like begging. From now on, we should turn the tables and be decisive. When you can't bring a member, you can't relax, he said. You must repent and find a way to sacrifice more in order to win God's sympathy--

then the result you are longing for will come. Your love for people should be so great that you become the motivating center of their lives--they will be drawn to you because you love them more than even their own parents do. In the Seoul Church, he explained, there is a spot on the floor where Father always sat to teach and pray. That part of the floor was always wet--Father shed so many tears there that the floor never dried out. He learned over and over again that God loves him, because all that he ardently desired was fulfilled.

Looking at the faces of the members gathered around him, Father said softly, "You are so far from the standard. You cannot bear the things I want to tell you. You feel guilty about eating and sleeping; your only comfort is in being driven on--only then can your conscience be cleared. Forget about your dignity and free yourself from your guilty conscience by asking God to drive you even more."

When Father prays, he doesn't care about his own dignity as the founder of the Unification Church. He described the agony of God's situation as the Master of all, who has had everything taken away from Him. Everything He created with so much hope and love has become the source of His sorrow. To comfort God then, we must fulfill our responsibility. "If you don't bring the result," Father admonished, "at least shed tears and sweat. Let the earth testify before God that you have done that much."

Sometimes, Father reflected, he was so lonely and so filled with heartache over the situation of God and mankind that he went deep into the mountains to pray. There he would embrace the trees and cry out into the forest, but still he could find no release. In those hours, he knew God's agony. He could find no relief even in the company of his wife and children, but only in the hope of the fulfillment of the Will of God.

He used the example of conducting wire to illustrate the standard we must strive for. "Become like pure gold conducting wire--when you touch people, they will feel a shock. If you are like 100% gold wire, you need only touch their hearts, and they will never be able to leave you. That is the meaning of '100% conductivity' of the Divine Principle."

There are those who have tasted God's heart but separated from the Unification Church, thinking they could find some-

thing better for themselves. But those people have become miserable, he said, because nothing else can satisfy them. Some of them repent and try to become good members again, but it's so difficult for them to break their bond with the world. Unable to do that, they are left with only heartache. If, instead of leaving, those people had been able to shed tears for the sake of God and mankind, they could have been grafted to the Tree of Life.

Father instructed the State Leaders to do everything wholeheartedly. He described how he gave his whole heart and soul in every project. He asserted, "No one can destroy a man who is never satisfied, but is always trying to give more. When you go back to your states this time, become that kind of man." His further instruction was that upon their return to the states, "the first person you should witness to is yourself. How deep is your heart? When you realize your real situation, you'll know you must become a good listener. Then when you have to teach, pray. 'God, I know I am not qualified--please help me to do the job. Because of this student, I will benefit because you will recreate me in order that I may teach him.'"

In order to grow, Father advised, "regard every newcomer as one who is teaching you and rounding out your personality." Father said that while we are learning from him, he is learning from us--we are learning with him, shoulder-to-shoulder.

"Up to this point, you have thought you were witnessing. But now," he explained, "start again by witnessing to and conquering yourself. While you witness to others, think, 'I am being witnessed to by this person.' As you teach someone, try to learn from them."

Father declared that as of July 1, Church leaders will undertake an entirely new way of life. "Revolutionize your leadership role 180° when you return to your states. For example, don't get up in the morning and ask one of your members to cook breakfast--you get up earlier and cook breakfast for everyone yourself."

Then he explained some of his thinking about the Seminary graduates' new fundraising assignment. "The more you are disciplined, the better you will become. Like rocks rubbing against one another to become smooth, you must rub men against men, to become round and smooth. So," Father concluded, "the master scholars will pack up their sleeping bags and go out to prove themselves."

In closing, Father spoke of his own life as consisting of two parts. Part I was the period before he came to America, and Part II is the time since he has come here. He told the leaders gathered around him that Part I was much more difficult than Part II, and went on to say, "Part II depends so much on you Americans. If you are looking for an easy way, give up now. But it is the privilege of young people that when you are pushed ahead, you can do things you never dreamed possible."

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