

## **Making the invisible a reality: How I started successful businesses in Japan**

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*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*  
Hebrews 11:1



Based on this verse I wish to speak to you. I came into the family when I was 61 years old; this past April was my eighth anniversary. I was born into a Christian family. My mother was very devout, and I was very faithful to my Christian faith until I almost finished college in Japan. I was a good student and followed closely the words of Jesus. But after college I had an enormous ambition to succeed in business. Once I was president of 12 or 13 firms. In business I deviated from the words of God, and He became dim.

Until I was 61 I lived in the Satanic world. When I came into the Principle I completely changed.

After I studied the Principle, I realized what I was doing. Before the Principle I had had the ambition to become the most successful man in the world, at least in Japan. The Japanese were my number one enemies: I used them for my selfish ways, paying them cheap wages. I used them to accomplish my own success. The Principle changed me completely. After the Principle I learned that I am to serve, sacrificing

myself for others, and this new philosophy started ruling my life. After joining the Unification Church, I became an evangelist, resolving to love those enemies I had intended to use. I wanted to serve them, love them, and sacrifice everything for them.

### **I gave up everything I had**

I studied the Principle and read the Bible again and tried to realize God's ideal through spiritual activities. But I realized that it was impossible to establish His kingdom just by spreading the truth, without tangible means. As Jesus said, give up everything you have, deny everything and follow this I did. I gave up everything and started from zero. I looked around in the church, and I saw only young people who witnessed and taught. I was the oldest member in physical age. Most of the members at that time were in their twenties and thirties.

In practical matters, opinions differed between the younger and older members. The mission of Japan began 14 years ago as it did in America. I have been in it for eight years now. When I came in, I had more experience and more sins than the younger members, so because of the Principle I had to serve them as a subject and love them from the position of object. I had resolved to dedicate myself completely to this work and to God. So, even though the young people did not accept my opinion, I resolved to stay and die with the family.

Faith is something invisible; it is to realize completely what is invisible. To make concrete something which is vague, we must go forward with conviction and confidence. If I became the incarnation of the Principle, something may happen, the impossible may happen.

### **I began with collecting trash**

At that time I didn't have any money. So at the age of 63 I pulled a hand cart from house to house to collect trash. I found that the course in the Unification Church is completely opposite to that in the secular world. There, you can cheat and take over anything you can. But in the Divine Principle your life must be clean and pure in the sight of God and of men. It is exactly the opposite course. Looking at the distant goal, I had to walk the narrow path. So I started a small business with three members. In the first year we started collecting plastic trash; in the second year we started flower selling; in the third year the marble statue factory. Eventually I formed a large corporation which includes the many small companies.

This firm is doing business in two countries, Korea and Japan. Now I am expanding to America and Europe and the world.

### **This is an incredible thing we do**

In Japan they work from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. for four years. They have no Sundays off, but work seven days

a week. This is a formidable and incredible thing we are doing in this modern age. During the day they sell and the drivers sleep. At night the drivers drive and the sellers sleep in the back of the truck. In the morning the flower sellers have to buy bread, stop in a public place to use the restrooms, etc. Why? Sinners must go through the sacrificial way to get rid of their sins. Through such a hard sacrificial life, I learned how God has suffered for the past 6,000 years working with fallen man who is constantly inclined towards his fallen nature.

I found that whenever I had leisure time I was immediately involved in give and take with Satan in thought. But those who have been trained in this way will never be tempted. They have become such strong members. However educated they may be, when they don't have high ideals but do have leisure time, they run to sin. Not only for making money but to get rid of sinful elements; they have to continue the hard life.



### **Young people must build financial foundation**

In my second year we held a training session for 220 adults, and in my third year I was able to motivate the family to hold a training session for 430 adults. So I succeeded in evangelical work. I tried to inspire those adult members to help the young people in an economic way. Young people who have just finished college have an easy time stepping into the Principle. They

have no responsibilities in society as the adults do. So I decided I had to use the young people to establish the economic foundation.

We should not depend on other people or beg from other people to restore all material things. I thought I must launch out. Also in order to pay indemnity for my sins I must take the path of indemnity and sacrifice. By accepting the Divine Principle, you cannot eliminate Satanic elements from your body and soul. I had drunk, smoked, made love and committed other sins.

These things cannot be eliminated from your body and soul overnight. It takes time.

### **We have to restore God's Love**

It is God's dispensation to send you away in a direction You never thought of when you finish your education. Through the fall, you have lost the right character, the one which God expected you to have. Only through hard work, sacrificing for God can you restore it. You lost God's love -- you have to restore it. But you cannot do this until you realize His love within you by going through the hard way. I said that the businesses I started in Korea and Japan will be expanded to America and Europe. Thus we want to open gates throughout the world for people to reach the love of God.

When the words of God become one with me, I have the confidence to bring about God's will on earth. We will fulfill unification on sea, land, and in the air. The problem is how we train people who come into the Unification Church.

How can we remold, re-forge Satanic young people and bring about new young people? After going through this hard training and receiving the blessing, how can these young people go back to Satanic foolishness? They cannot leave true love. The children who are born from such couples, the second, third, and fourth generations will not even know the meaning of immoral love. So when you restore your true self, there is no reason why you can't restore things of the world and your spiritual goal.

### **We have to restore concretely**

As it said in the Bible, faith is to realize unseen things in a concrete form. We have to restore concretely, not just abstractly. In this world everything; economy, science, etc., must be won over by our actual power and capacity-not just by our words. Because we are fallen, we lost the power. God can release this power only to pure-hearted people. Only true character can inherit God's kingdom. After passing through the Old Testament and the New Testament, we are born in the age of this last dispensation.

The existing churches are high buildings, built upon sand, empty. There may be a few true believers in those churches, but the rest are followers. In the Principle I found the hope and the ideal to rebuild our own characters, to rebuild our sinful selves and establish God's kingdom on earth. I will work this way

until I die.

In the Unification Church you must follow your leaders and central figures: listen to and obey them. This is the only way you can fulfill God's will. Do not give free time to yourself. If you do, you will accomplish only idle things. I never give free time to myself. You can achieve your goal only by working continuously with hope. If you stop and rest, you can't fulfill.

### **Let us have courage and Hope**

Rev. Moon has explained the words in the Old Testament and New Testament scientifically and logically. He has clarified the hidden words of God for us. After 2,000 years, the hidden plan of God has been revealed through the Principle of Creation, Fall, and Restoration. God's plan has been clearly revealed to us. With this Principle and by sacrificial practice, we can assuredly reach our goal. Let us have courage, and hope, and put out all of our effort. I cannot but believe that the new heaven and earth will be realized. At this moment of history, the sinful history of 6,000 years is turning and a new heaven and earth are being created. I feel as a young man, just born. After the blessing, after five generations, there will be nothing to fight against in the world. Use your youth to glorify God. You are living in the most glorious age.

Since the North-South talks started, the need for education about Communism has become greater. So all the leaders of South Korea, will have to bow their heads to our work in anti-Communism.

They will follow those who have real capacity and true ability. However great your statesmen may be, if you are truly God's sons and daughters, they will be drawn to you with magnetic power even though you are young.

The oriental word for real capacity and ability does not refer to title, but to actual accomplishment. This is what we must have, not just the title. The power is in real capacity and ability. However prominent the government leaders look, they are in darkness and will follow light if you really possess it.

### **How to have true ability and Power**

The Unification Church is a factory to create people of true capacity, true ability, and true power. The person that I am cannot be replaced. For eternity, I am the only one. But it is the Unification Church where, like in a factory, we remodel people born in the Satanic world into people of heavenly character. We must go through suffering, through sacrifice to become this person of true ability and power.

In this time I have explained, based on my eight years of experience, that if we go in hope, with 100 percent effort, we can realize what we desire. We cannot foresee our future too clearly. But my eight years of experience shows clearly that if we march on with hope, conviction and 100 percent effort, we will reach our goal. Don't worry about hindrances, otherwise you can't move a step.

If you have this faith, try to develop yourself. Nothing will be impossible. God created us to make everything possible within His power.

I want you to have self-confidence and strong conviction.

With obedience, sincerity, earnestness, continue your work and there will be victory. Deny yourself, identify with the purpose of the whole. With such faith, trust, conviction, and effort, I'm sure we can fulfill what God wants us to accomplish.