

The Benefits of Pure Living

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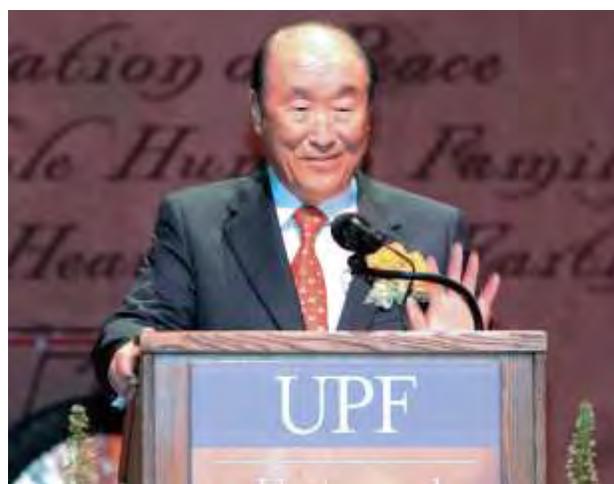
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During your life on earth, your every action and movement, without exception, is recorded on your spirit self, with the public laws of Heaven as the standard. Accordingly, you will enter the spirit world in the form of your spirit self, which has recorded your life on earth with 100 percent accuracy. Your spirit will show plainly whether you have led a ripe life of goodness, or a wormy, rotten life of sinfulness. What this means is that God will not judge you; you will be your own judge. If you were truly aware of this astonishing rule from Heaven, would you spend the remaining days of your life on earth in selfishness and immorality, succumbing to all the temptations of Satan, in pursuit of only pleasure? No. Rather you would abstain from injuring and scarring your spirit body, even at the risk of your earthly life. Please bear this truth in mind: Whether you are bound for heaven or for hell is determined by your thoughts, speech and behavior in each moment. Nevertheless, when you look into your life, your outer self and inner self are undeniably in a relationship of ongoing conflict and struggle. How much longer will you allow this fighting to continue? Ten years? A hundred years? In contrast, there is undeniably a proper order for all forms of existence in the universe. This indicates that God did not create us in this state of conflict and disorder. You have to know that it is your duty and responsibility as a human being to dispel all temptations directed at your outer self, your physical body, to work to perfect absolute sexual morality, and to gain victory in life by following the way of your inner self, your conscience. Heavenly fortune will be with those who lead their lives in such a way. They will attain perfection of their spirit selves.



Heaven and the family

What kind of place is the kingdom of heaven? In brief, it is a world overflowing with God's true love. True love is its axis. True love is everywhere, in the outward expression as well as in the inward thought. Everyone's life is filled with true love from beginning to end. In the kingdom of heaven, people are born through true love, live in the embrace of true love and follow the way of true love until the day they pass into the next world, the spirit world.

The kingdom of heaven is a natural world where all people live for the sake of one another. Consequently, antagonism and jealousy cannot be

found anywhere in that world. It is not a world governed by money, position or power. In that world, the

success of every person represents the success of the whole, the likes of every person represent the likes of the whole and the joy of every person represents the joy of the whole.

The kingdom of heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where everyone breathes true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time. All the citizens of that kingdom link together through their common membership in God's lineage. There, the whole world and its people connect in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. True love, the love that is God's essence, is the kingdom of heaven's only governing power. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.

When seeking the lost ideal of the original family, there has to be someone in the position of perfected Adam, someone in the position of Jesus, and someone in the position of the Lord at his second coming. From that starting point, we can establish the family in which God will dwell. The three generations in that family -- grandparents, parents and children -- will live in harmony. Parents and children will serve and attend the grandparents because grandparents represent the family's ancestors, its historical root.



The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony and unity. In the model, ideal family, there is love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings. This means that you are to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and ambassadors for peace to seek and establish these families of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of God. You need to form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after he has been away. He wants to feel comfortable visiting your home, like any parent coming to visit his or her children. This is what it means to live in service to God.

Within such a family, God is the vertical subject partner of your conscience, and your conscience is the vertical subject partner of your body. Thus, unity with God brings your mind and body into unity. Family members who have established that vertical axis can perfect the four realms of love and heart -- parental love, conjugal love, children's love and siblings' love. That family links all directions -- up and down, front and rear, right and left. They revolve around each other in everlasting spherical motion. This is God's eternal, model, ideal family, which is the foundation for ideal model nations and God's peace kingdom. If only the entire world were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people governed themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

Who would be most fully aware of your good and bad deeds? It would be your grandparents, parents, spouse or children. Is there anything that cannot be resolved within the family? When parents and children, husband and wife, and older siblings and younger siblings set an example of living for the sake of one another, how could they do anything unforgivable? What reason would they have to commit crimes? A world governed by the heavenly way and heavenly laws is a natural world, an unobstructed world of truth and pure reason. It is a world at the "high noon" of absolute values, without any dark shadows.