

## True Father and True Mother's messages when celebrating True Children's Day

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*Children's Day was declared on the first day of the tenth month of 1960 on the lunar calendar (November 19, 1960) at the former headquarters church in the Cheongpa Ward within Seoul's Yongsan Borough. Later, at the pledge ceremony of the 35th Parents' Day in 1994, True Parents decreed that the word "True" be placed before the names of the four major holy days, and thenceforth the day has been observed as True Children's Day.*



### Sun Myung Moon:

A long time has passed since the first celebration of True Children's Day. The intervening years have been like the passage from dawn to dusk, but still the world remains in darkness. The suffering of individuals and families continues, and families find themselves, as they always have, in circumstances of spiritual oppression.

This oppression comes even from the national and world environment. We recognize that Satan is controlling everything even to the threshold of God's throne. We must return to liberate ourselves. This is the course of children whose ancestors fell, and whose history has been one of disgrace and suffering.

This Holy Day refers to the true children of God: have any lived until now? Let us look at the development of this history, to see if we have lived as true children of God. From the first True Children's Day until now, was there any sinless day, any day free of shame and disgrace?

Centered on God, who can be a true son? What kind of person? Who is the king, father, master and teacher, owner of this world? Without being a child, we can't be a father; without being a disciple we can't be a teacher. We have to gain authority to stand in those positions. Even to be a first grade teacher, we must pass exams. To be an owner, we must be recognized. In each of these areas, the most important qualification is the gaining of recognition by the superior. Why? Centered on love, in true love, we must be recognized as victorious. Then we can inherit the position of children of True Parents, or teacher, or master, or owner. The only way to inherit is through love, true love. What is true love?

True love is love which never changes through the 365 days of the year. It is constant, every single day. It doesn't change in ten thousand years. It wants to be connected to the original cause. The tradition of the Unification Church should be established by the parents, not by children. The children themselves say the parents should establish the tradition; and parents say the children are the center of the tradition. True love thinks of the other.

In daily life, who is a filial son? In Korea, we know the tradition of filial son; it is someone who is worried about his parents day and night, even about what they are going to have for breakfast. A filial son is one who is worrying about his parents and wants to give to them first.

That relationship of give and take action cannot be established through money or knowledge. It is difficult to be equal centered on power. The only element for development is true love. The more give and take action of love, the more one can grow. The world of love is one where we have power to develop. This is the principle through which history develops.

Are you true children yourselves? In order to be so, your mind and body must be eternally united, with the mind subject. Would you not like to have God live with you? You must create a loyal trinity with your children (God, parents and children). It is the way to Heaven, throughout the generations, centered on

absolute love, only then can we establish the kingdom of God on earth and in spirit world, and be eternal.



### **Hak Ja Han:**

Today is the 61st True Children's Day, right? If it were a person, we would say it has reached its "hwan gab" [completion of a sixty-year cycle]. Those of you present here today that have passed your "hwan gab," are you the children of God and of True Parents? Are you filial sons and daughters? Are you loyal? But to be honest, you can't say you are so 100 percent, right? What God expects, as he expected from the first human ancestors, is absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. This does not allow for self-centered thoughts or comments.

Even if you have learned something for decades, if the word says that it is not so, you have to believe that 100 percent. That is the duty of a true child.

Isn't the mother the one who has 99.99 percent responsibility for the birth of a child? You must have heard this a long time ago. From that point of view, when after sixty years I said, "I am the only begotten daughter," were you one with me? No one united with me. While the communist regime in the north was being strengthened, when I was six years old, Ho Ho-bin testified about me as "the daughter of God, the Creator" who "will become the mother of the universe."

As we celebrate Children's Day, do you realize that you have spent more than sixty years...? The time has come to overcome reality and assume responsibility for all periods of stagnation and failure to fulfill your duty of filial piety to God and True Parents. Do not make God wait. Every day, every hour, is urgent during this period.

You, blessed families, must make God's chosen people able to fulfill their responsibilities. You must teach that [the center] is God and True Parents. Being tribal messiahs does not make you the center. The attitude and responsibility of a blessed family and tribal messiah is to let go of everything and give back to God and True Parents. Do you understand? I hope you understand that only by being in that position can you be called "true children" who celebrate True Children's Day.

There are too many tasks that you, from our Family Federation, citizens of this country and citizens of Cheon Il Guk, now have to take on all over the world. If we can teach this country and the world that when united under God, we can correct everything that is wrong one by one, we will have hope for the future.