

True Father's Desire To Build The Temple In 1978

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Here is something you might find interesting. My wife and I both have a testimony about True Father's desire to build the temple.

Back in 1978 at one morning service in the center I was in we read one of Father's speeches. In it he talked about wanting to build a temple and that in the temple he wanted to have a gold pillar with all the names of those who contributed to God's providence. It should be made of gold so that even in a thousand years when the temple had disappeared the pillar would remain. I suspect Father used a certain amount of poetic license there. I remember wondering at the time whether my name would be on that pillar.

Also in 1978 my wife, Chizuko, was sent on a special three month fundraising condition to raise funds to build temple. She received a medal for each month for achieving a high result (two gold and one bronze). For many years she carried these rather heavy medals around with her wondering when the temple was going to be built.

Both these show that True Father wanted to build the temple from at least 1978 probably much longer. It was so inspiring for us to attend the ceremony at the Cheon Won Gung last time. We could see how grateful True Mother was to be able to offer the temple to God.

Here is a photo of the medals. Google translation of the one on the left: Temple Construction Commemoration No. 229 Most Distinguished Service Award Chizuko Nishimura 1978-December