

- If you have negative thought, then you will be low-spirited
- If you are arrogant, you will be frivolous.
- If you always remember what others do wrong, you will bear grudges
- If you like to gossip, you will be judgmental

- If you always greedy for cheaper things, you will be narrow minded.
- If you are calculative, you will be narrow minded.

Hence, your heart should think more about the truth.

He knows, the busier life is, there  
should be more prayer,

Otherwise, life will fall into chaos;

He knows, the more work there is,  
you

should pray even more frequently,

Otherwise, one's spirit will wither;

He knows, the bigger the mission, the prayer should be more in depth,

Otherwise, one will slowly lose their way.

Therefore, no matter how busy or tired He is, prayer is an important part of Jesus' life.

Because of prayer, He has a clear mind to **reject** the crowd's uplift;

Because of prayer, He has a clear direction in **planning** work strategy;

Because of prayer, He has enough spiritual power to **complete** daily work.

Psalm 90:12 “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

- Only when God considered it as useful, then it is taken into account.
- Only those days lived following God’s will is numbered, the rest is not taken into account.



# Seven heart to be beware of

**1: Greed** -the source of all evil (Timothy 1 6:10)

**2: Discouraged** -the beginning of failure

(Galatians 6:9)

**3: Laziness** -the mother of poverty (Proverb 6:6)

**4: Wickedness** -the root of crime (Galatians 5:24)

**5: Malignity** -the malignity of not believing in the Lord (Hebrews 3:12)

**6: Jealousy** -the tumor of the spirit (Proverb 14:30)

**7: Arrogance** -the slide of falling behind

(Proverb 16:18)

“There is much  
people but no depth”  
is today’s churches’  
scene.

(Pastor John Stott)



## We shouldn't be:

- Sleepy when reading bible, but awake when watching movie
- Sleeping during prayer, but talking on phone for a long time
- No time for worship, but there is always time for hanging out
- Always chatting during gathering, but unwilling to sing hymns

- Lazy to bring bible, but always have your handphone
- Late but leave early, never stop gossiping
- No money for offering, but there is money for entertainment
- A believer of God for many years, but never drop the bad habits

Always say “no”, then you’re spectating, not participating, a typical “siting down” worshippers.

# Going towards maturity



# We need to know the one we follow well

Do not follow blindly, we must know

- Jesus never mind who many people follow Him, what He wants are real followers.
- What Jesus care about is not the number of followers, but how well those who follow know Him.
- It doesn't matter what others say, but how well the disciples know and understand Jesus.

- Paul said: “forget what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead”, don’t live in the past, what matters is what to do now.
- Moses wants us to
  - “commemorate”
  - “recall”
  - “do not forget”

# 1. Bible study, obey the word of God

God has repeatedly told, do not “failed to obey His commandments, decrees, laws”



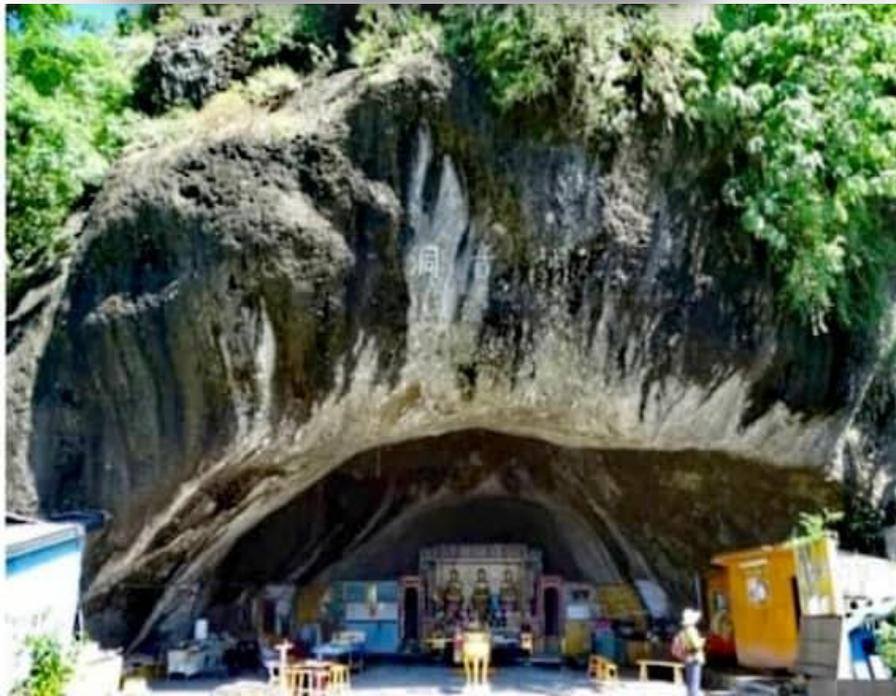
Listen to God's word is **“knowing”**,  
Understand God's teaching is  
**“understanding”**,  
Learning God's truth is **“living”**.



# 黃健庭 former magistrate of Taitung



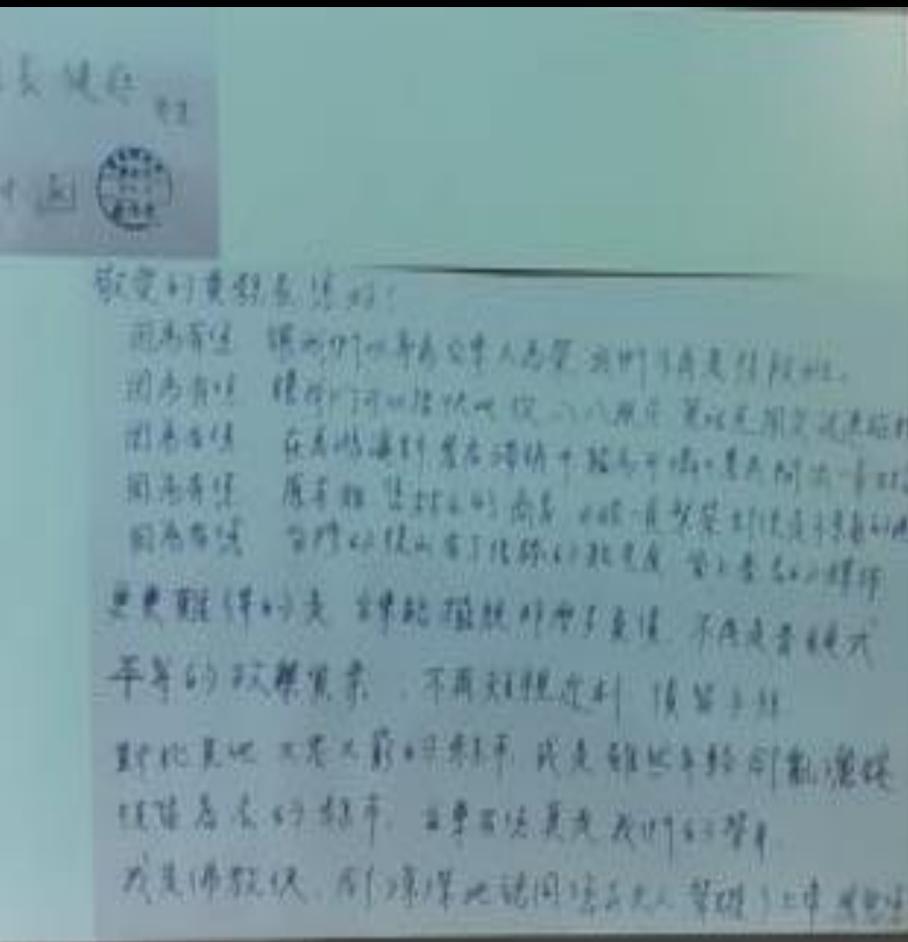
# Recovering the national historic site of Baxian Cave



# From poverty to abundance Beyond what was prayed for

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance. (Psalm  
33:12)





10 years of service, birthday gift:  
I am a Buddhist, but  
I agreed with you  
wholeheartedly,  
may glory be with  
you & your wife's  
God, I am thankful  
for you.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

## To learn

Let them listen, Let  
them learn (Law)  
(Deuteronomy 31:12)

## To be near

Come near to God and  
he will come near to  
you (James 4:8)

## To train

Train yourself to be  
godly (1 Timothy 4:7)

## To pursue

Let us therefore make every  
effort to do what leads to  
peace and to mutual  
edification. (Romans 14:19)

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Week 34

The entire Old  
and New  
Testament

"The mark of a  
disciple" &  
commit to being  
a disciple

Week 32

Genesis,  
Exodus, Luke,  
Acts

"Sabbath"  
& serving the  
world

Week 32

The Prophets &  
Paul's Letters

Being God'  
people & put  
God first

Week 32

The books of  
wisdom,  
John &  
Revelation

Towards a  
wholesome  
lifestyle

Practice daily devotion,  
start from 15 minutes:

**1** minute of silence

**2** minutes of hymns

**3** minutes of bible study

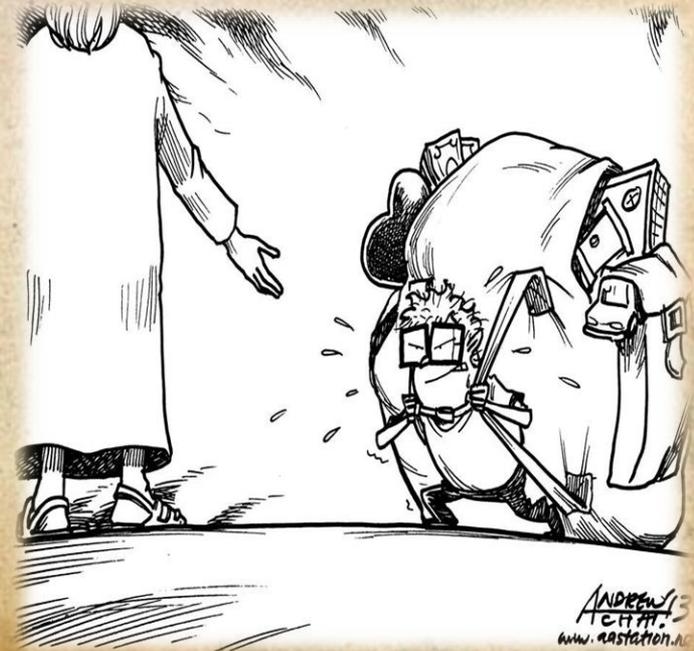
**4** minutes of meditation

**5** minutes of prayer



## 2. Worship, serving God

“Do not follow other gods to serve and worship them.”



## We should:

- Study bible for spiritual food, be moderate with entertainment
- Praying is sweet like honey, chatting is meaningless
- Worship to be near to God, try to be away from hanging out
- Focus during gathering, sing to praise God

- Always bring your bible, handphome to spread God's love
- Be early to be in front of God, pray & read God's word
- Be willing to offer, use money according to God's will
- Start to believe in God, get rid of bad habits

### 3. Give thanks to God

God said, do not forget what He has done, the grace He has given.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit...”

(Psalm 103:1-4)

# Ordination



Inferiority

Freedom

**Lord!** Please help me to forget the victory and failure in the past

**Lord!** Please help me to forget the glory and shame in the past

**Lord!** Please help me to forget the proudness and dejection in the past

**Lord!** Please help me to strain toward what is ahead, to press on toward the goal for which God has called me.

- Take the past as the “stepping stone”, not the sofa.
- Even when you are on the right path, if you only stay still, you will never reach your destination.



1, Passive & Avoiding—No goal, much excuses, live just to live? (cop-outs)

2, Afraid & stop—Feeling inferior, stay safe, do not dare to commit? (holdouts)

3, Give up halfway –Weak determination, no perseverance, start but never finish? (drop-outs)

4, Always try your best – Set a goal, pay the price, go all out? (all-outs)