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In the age of grace, what we exercise is not the judgment of people’s degree of law-abiding (spiritually or worldly), but **the supply of life of Christ to others**; our witness to Christ is not through the correction of external behavior, but **through the outpouring of Christ’s life within us**.

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“If one desires to give to others, there will be something given to him”: This is the principle for us to receive God's grace: we must first treat people with grace before we can expect God to treat us with grace. The secret of the believers’ abundance is “to give to others.” A selfish person is in general a poor person, material or spiritual wise. Our God is a mighty, vast, broad God, and He is never stingy; the rewards He gives us are always far more than what we give to others (Eph.3:20). **In the church life, we do need to enlarge and elevate ourselves continuously as a vessel to be filled with Christ.**

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1Timothy 4:16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

To take the lead is not easy. Sometimes, we like to take the lead in order to lead others who we feel are “blind,” that is, they may lack vision, or their life level is low. What about us? **If the Lord has not spoken to us this week, if we have not come to Him to pursue His word with the brothers and sisters, if we do not accompany people, we may be blind.** For example, we may like to prophesy during the meetings, and explain or expound the Bible or give a teaching. Do we know the saints to whom we are speaking? Do we know their situation? We may think we are inspired and in spirit, but we may be “blind” concerning the needs of the saints.

This can be a big “pit” in the church life. **The more knowledge and the more experience we have in the church life, the more blind we may become. We ourselves need to see our true condition (receive the Lord’s speaking) before we can “lead” others to be elevated to have more revelation. We first need to be saved before others can be saved (have the increase of the life of Christ).**

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- When I have an important decision to make in my life, I always need to fellowship with the brothers whose life is relatively mature. If I come to the saints who are relatively young in life, it is just like finding a blind man to lead me. We will have a good chance to both fall into a pit.
- But why do I like to find someone young, or with relatively immature life in Christ, to fellowship with?
Because I like to hear what I want to hear and try to find the support to “justify” the decision that I would like to make based on my flesh. But when I fellowship with elders or relatively mature brothers, they will say some words that are against my own will and even that I hate to hear. However, what these brothers said to me is indeed to prevent me from falling into a pit. Even if I don’t like what I have heard, and the fellowship did not work out for that moment, it was a real fellowship. I can come to the Lord to seek Him again and go back to fellowship with brothers again until the fellowship works out for both of us in the Lord. If the fellowship went my way, it might be a good confirmation for my decision. Either way, I really benefit from the fellowship, get protected and gain experience in Christ. **I really treasure the mature brothers, even if I “don’t like” them. But they are really a protection for me and the church.** Otherwise, I should have fallen into pits many times even with a good feeling about it.
- I need to be “wise” in spirit. I need to come to those relatively mature brothers to fellowship and avoid “blind” ones. **But I need to be careful and have a trembling feeling in fellowshiping with young saints. I might be the blind one. I need diligently come to the Lord to seek as Him as well.**



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People without a **fresh revelation** will perform a work without a fresh Christ. As a result, both the leading ones and the followers will be in darkness without any light, and there is no chance to go forward to gain Christ in the church life. **Therefore, this is a warning to the serving ones.**

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“Teacher“ can refer to the Lord Jesus and “disciple“ to us the believers; **Luke 6:40** means that Jesus will be slandered and persecuted, and His disciples will experience something similar. Therefore, this verse also shows that we are disciples of the Lord, and the extent of being slandered and persecuted by others will never exceed the slander and persecution suffered by the Lord. **However, we need to follow our Lord closely without much fear of these persecutions.**

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2 Timothy 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

A disciple, according to the Greek word, is not just a follower, but a **learner** (*mathetes*, a pupil or a learner). Timothy knew from whom he had learned. Paul was his example. Do I attach myself to older brothers or sisters? Do I attach myself to the servants of God? Or am I independent? In order to be trained (perfected), I must continue with those from whom I have been learning.

No matter how much I have been perfected, there is always room for more. If I think that I have attained to my maximum capacity, I may have the thought that I am like the brother or sister who is shepherding me. In that case, I will be full and will stop growing.

Those who are willing to grow recognize that they are not above their teachers. They will then have room to be stretched more and take more grace to be enlarged even beyond their capacity.

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The more we know ourselves as sinners, the less we will dare to condemn others. The spiritual principle is to deal with ourselves first, to repent and confess to the Lord. Our real help to others is based on our personal experience which is the lesson of death (the cross) and resurrection that always starts with ourselves.

There is also a blessed exercise in the church life, which is to not "see" others' weaknesses as faults, but rather **as an example to grow Christ's life in us in the church life, and focus on supplying Christ in His love to others.**

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- Why do I have a log in my eye? From my understanding, “log” and “speck” will be with every saint, if I myself am living in my flesh, which happens often in my church life. **John 8: 3-11** portray the experts of the law and the Pharisees attempting to trap Jesus through a woman caught in adultery. In **John 8: 7**, Jesus replied, “Whoever among you is guiltless may be the first to throw a stone at her,” and the result was that no one was left in the temple except Jesus and the woman. It means we all are sinners, and we should realize this point at all times. We also need to pay attention to what Jesus said to the woman: “I **do not condemn** you either. Go, and from now on **do not sin anymore.**” If we have the love from God, we won’t condemn or judge our brothers and sisters, but rather help them out of their situation in Jesus Christ.
- How can I take out the log in my own eye as much as possible? Increase Christ in my heart. It reminds me of **Phil. 1:9**: “And it is my prayer that your **love** may abound more and more, with **knowledge** and **all discernment,**” and **Phil. 1:10**: “so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.” This was Paul’s hope for the saints in Philippi, which could help them to maintain a healthy church life. Here, love is originally from God and supported by knowledge (related to God’s word and revelations) and discernment (insight in the affairs of the Spirit). Thus, I need to truly know God through His word, through the help of His servants and spiritual books and fellowship, and through serving with the saints in the church life.