

(love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).

But the reality is, most of us suffer from the “hurry sickness.” We’re impatient by nature, sometimes without realising it. Or, perhaps we’re just too proud to admit it. Here’s a simple checklist:

- Do you tailgate cars while driving?
- Do you get irritated with slow lifts, computer response and traffic lights?
- Do you get impatient with the people closest to you?
- Do you take time to develop quality relationships?
- Do you fume when in a long check-out line or waiting to be served?

The preacher in Ecclesiastes equates impatience with pride because it works around the “me first” mindset. When we’re impatient, we can only see things from our own perspective and time-frame. Impatience is about preoccupation with self.

Moses was proud when he railed against God over his apparent nonchalance — “Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all” (Exodus 5:23). He was working within his own time-frame and expectation of what God should do.

That impatience casts a disparaging shadow over God’s character. It implies that “God promised but He hasn’t fulfilled it!” It reckons that God’s actions must be compressed into Moses’ limited time-schedule and must be done in his way. It’s the frustration of a spoilt kid who can’t get his way, who cannot cope in an adult world. In his frustration Moses tried to bring God down to earth and force Him to obey earthly laws instead of the laws of heaven.

Are you a sulking Christian? Do you flare up like Moses, sulk like king Ahab who couldn’t get Naboth’s vineyard or reactive like Jonah who insisted on his own way? Do you expect the people you love and the organisations you’re involved in, including the church, to function and grow in the way you feel should happen? Expectations are prospects we look forward to happening. They can be healthy or unrealistic.

They usually develop when we compare ourselves with others. When those expectations are not met in the ways we want them to be met by others or God, the emotional reaction is often anger. Be warned – “Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the laps of fools” (Eccl 8:9). Your spiritual growth can be measured by your patience. The length of your spiritual experience is neither a valid nor reliable measurement of your spiritual maturity, as there are many people who are still impatient and childish in their later years. Don’t give in to flimsy excuses that you’re wired that way. God expects you to cultivate patience as you would with other graces of the spirit.

Pastor Song Cheng Hock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all guests who have come to worship with us this morning. If this is your first visit, please fill in the Visitor Form so that we can keep in touch with you.

REMINDERS

Please remember to park your car at **Bedok South Secondary School** so that we do not inconvenience our neighbours who have been very understanding.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!

Seven-Eleven Gospel Rally

Pastor Caleb How is organising a Gospel Rally at People’s Park Center in Cross Street, #06-15, on July 11 2009 at 7.30 pm. Pastor Neville will be their evangelist and would like us to support this effort by inviting unbelievers to attend.

PRAYER ITEMS

1. Please pray for **Pastor Song** as he brings God’s Word to us this morning. Pray for ourselves too that we may not be hearers of the Word only but doers too.

2. Pray for the **Worship Team**, the **audio/visual support group**, as well as the **ushers**. Pray that God will continually refresh them as they experience deeper worship themselves, leading others to worship God in spirit and in truth.

3. Please continue to uphold **our Pastors and their family** in prayer. Pray for their health, that they will enjoy the Lord’s rich blessings of good health, peace and joy as they serve Him.

4. Thank you for praying for **Auntie Alice** who has undergone surgery recently. Her condition is stable and she is grateful to God for seeing her through, and to all who have prayed. Please continue to pray for God’s total healing for her and for her to trust the Lord completely.

5. **Pray for Spiritual Growth.** Remember our theme for the year is to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Col 3:16). Pray that we may be saturated in the Word and grow into the full measure of God so that “we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming” (Eph 4:14).

6. **Pray for our Families.** Pray that marriage will always be held in high honour. Ask God to protect families against ungodly distractions. Pray that spouses and parents will be guided by

the Word and the Spirit of the Lord to lead their homes in paths of righteousness.

7. Pray for our new service worship arrangements, the Bible Classes. Pray that every church member will be involved in the programs and classes that have been organised for our spiritual development.

PASTORAL PRAYER. Should you or someone you know need prayer, please send your email to chggod@churchofgodsg.com or speak to the pastor.

Pray for little Children

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there (Matt 19:13-15).

Praise God for the little ones in our midst. Bring them before the Lord for His blessing – that they will grow up in the fear and love of the Lord, grow in grace, faith and wisdom, and be protected from the evil one. Pray for their parents too – that they will continue to stimulate, encourage and inspire them with their faith and example.

*Within the seed lies God’s creative power -
He’s given us the joy to see it grow;
And when He puts new life within our heart,
His wonder-working power we can know.*

Spiritual growth depends on the water of God’s Word and the sunshine of His love.

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Income and Expenditure Report

Month ending: May 2009

	Bldg.Fund	Gen.Fund	Missions	Total
Income	\$4,737.14	10,051.25	2,510.81	17,299.20
Expenditure		-13,788.41	2,394.72	16,183.13
Income/Exp	\$4,737.14	(\$3,737.16)	\$116.09	\$1,116.07

Last week’s Memory Verse: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - **Romans 8 : 28**

This week: Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. - **Psalm 96:2**