

**Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying**  
**Message Six : Allowing the Peace of Christ to Arbitrate in Our Hearts, Letting the Word of Christ Dwell in Us Richly, and Persevering in Prayer for the Genuine Church Life**

**I. Overview:**

The Greek term for arbitrate can also be rendered "umpire," "preside," or "be enthroned as a ruler and decider of everything". If we allow the peace of Christ to arbitrate in our hearts, this peace will settle all the disputes among us; we will have peace with God vertically and with the saints horizontally. We need to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. We need to allow the word of the Lord to have the first place in us and to inhabit us so that we may experience the functions of the word of God operating within us and ministering the riches of Christ into our being. One way to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly is by singing it; in addition to pray-reading the Word, we need to learn to sing-read and psalm the word of God. We need to allow adequate time for prayer, which will enable us to absorb more of the riches of Christ as the all-inclusive land. When we pray, coming forward to the throne of grace, grace will become a river flowing in us and supplying us.

**II. Truth and Enlightenment:**

Day 1 —

A. Expound in Colossians 3:15 the meaning of "arbitrate", and the experience of it.

The Greek term for arbitrate can also be rendered "umpire," "preside," or "be enthroned as a ruler and decider of everything." The arbitrating peace of Christ in our hearts dissolves the complaint. This peace refers to the peace of Christ. We were called to this peace in the one Body of Christ. Our having been called to the peace of Christ should also motivate us to let this peace arbitrate in our hearts.

B. Explain that an arbitrator is always needed to settle our inward conflicts.

Often we are conscious of three parties within us: a positive party, a negative party, and a neutral party. Before we were saved, we were under the control of the satanic party. We could indulge in worldly amusements and entertainments without any sense of controversy within. But now that we are saved, needing someone to preside over the conferences that take place within our being. This arbitrator is the peace of Christ.

Day 2 —

A. Expound that the peace of Christ calms down all the opinions.

If we allow the peace of Christ to arbitrate in our hearts, this peace will settle all the disputes among us. The saints in Colossae were troubled by different isms, philosophies, and practices. It is significant that only in the book of Colossians, a book that deals with culture and its isms and practices, does Paul speak of the inward arbitration of the peace of Christ.

B. Explain how to apply the arbitrating peace of Christ.

Let us take as an example a brother who is offended by one of the elders. In His mercy, He will cause him to set his mind on the things above that he will experience the divine transmission, bringing the arbitrating peace of Christ. The brother is ruled by the peace of Christ, admitting that even though the elder might have been wrong, he himself was wrong to a greater degree. Then, he will confess to the Lord, receive grace, and have love for that elder.

Day 3 —

A. Explain what the functions of the word of God are.

First, the word of God enlightens us, making us very clear about many different things.

Second, the word of God is food, full of nourishment. This means that God's word nourishes us while it enlightens us. The word of God also quenches our thirst, which is even more serious than hunger. If we do not have water, we simply have no way to live. The word of God also strengthens us.

B. Expound the word of God affects our three parts of whole being.

If we experience the word of God nourishing us and strengthening us, we shall be strong not only in spirit, but also in our soul. In other words, we shall be strong psychologically as well as spiritually. Furthermore, God's word will even strengthen us physically. God's word in my spirit makes my spirit strong and happy.

Day 4 —

A. Fellowship the practice advocated by Paul in Colossians 3:16.

We enjoy pray-reading the Word. Now we must go on to sing-read the Word of God. If we sincerely desire to be saturated with the living Word so that we may live Christ, we need to follow the practice of singing and psalming. Psalming the Word includes musing upon it and enjoying it. As we psalm the Word, we dwell upon it, muse on it, and enjoy it, thereby giving more opportunity for the Word to saturate us.

B. Explain how we should be whenever we come to the Word of God.

All Scripture is God-breathed; therefore, the words of the Bible are God's breath. Furthermore, as the embodiment of God, the Lord Jesus is Himself called the Word. Thus, coming to the Word should be the equivalent of coming to God. The Word of God contains all that God is. This is the reason the Word of God is so rich, substantial, living, and enlightening.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the words in Colossians 2:7 and how to apply, experience it.

We are plants rooted in Christ as the real soil. Christ is the earth in which we grow. Furthermore, Christ is all that we need for growth. God gives the growth by getting into us. The more God is added to us, the more growth He gives. The growth of the Body depends on the growth of God, the addition of God, the increase of God, within us.

B. Explain how we need to learn to contact the Lord in a definite and prevailing way.

God's side everything is ready. God is ready and is waiting for us. The first thing we must do is to go to the Lord. To do this we need to learn how to contact the Lord in a definite and prevailing way. We must go to the Lord to have a definite time in which we allow Him to search us, enlighten us, and meet us. We must go to the Lord in a purposeful and definite way to have such a time.

Day 6 —

A. Know persevering in prayer there is a great deal of current in opposition.

In order to fight on God's side against Satan, we need to persevere in prayer. This perseverance is needed because the course of the whole world is away from God. To pray is to go against the current, the trend, in the fallen universe. Persevering in prayer is like rowing a boat upstream. upstream. No doubt, to persevere in this way, either in rowing or in praying, requires a great deal of energy.

B. Expound to persevere in prayer, we should make a deal with the Lord.

Before you try to persevere in prayer, you should first make a deal with the Lord concerning your prayer life. Pray to Him in a definite way and say, "Lord, I mean business with You about this matter of prayer. I call heaven and earth to witness that from this time forth I will have a life of prayer. I will not be a prayerless person. Rather, I will be a praying person."

### **III. Conclusion:**

We must first allow the arbitrating peace of Christ to work in us. Instead of asking the Lord to rule over your wife or husband, pray that the Lord will rule over me. If we allow the peace of Christ to arbitrate in our hearts, our marriage life, our family life, and our church life will be kept in oneness, and the Lord will have a way to build up the new man and prepare the bride for His second coming. If we are people of prayer, on the one hand, we will give thanks to the Lord, and on the other hand, we will speak with grace and become wise people who know how to redeem the time. For this course, we are to be willing to make a deal with the Lord and even make a vow to Him, saying that we will be men of prayer. If all the saints make a deal with the Lord in this way, Christ as the living Person will also become our experience and enjoyment.