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Performing Artists Empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Performing Arts Committee cultivates young performers



Manmin Central Church's Performing Arts Committee has given inspirational performances for many church occasions including overseas crusades, pastors' seminars, handkerchief healing meetings and Easter, Church's Anniversary, and Christmas and opened the new era of Christian performing culture (Photos: Sweet Rain Chorus, Miracle Junior, Manmin Korean Traditional Music Team, Beautiful Aroma Dance Team, Aurora Dance Team, Clear Sound Chorus).

Manmin Central Church's Performing Arts Committee chaired by Rev. Heejin Lee is preparing for the Church's 32nd Anniversary Eve Performance and Celebration Performance entitled "The Castle of the Shepherd in New Jerusalem" and "Invitation Card" respectively.

The Committee's singers, dancers, and Nissi Orchestra members will render outstanding performances with God-given songs on the stage with a scenic design which represents the gorgeous city of New Jerusalem.

Every year their presentations of beautiful praises and mixed-genre performances have received rave reviews from guests both in and outside of South Korea as well as the local church members.

They have contributed to the national evangelism and the world mission performing traditional Korean dances as well as those of other nations and offering praises in many languages before hundreds of thousands and even millions of people in Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's overseas crusades such as those in the U.S., India, Kenya, and Israel.

The Committee is made up of five

choirs—the Immanuel, Shalom, Nazareth, Golden Light, and White Stone choirs; Nissi Orchestra; 25 performing teams; and several soloists. The Committee is composed of more than 1,000 church members in total.

The members voluntarily joined the committee to glorify God with their talents and have created great pieces of performing works in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks to Dr. Lee's prayer and support, they have grown greatly in spirit and increased their skills. In addition to trying to develop themselves, they now offer training programs for children in cooperation with Manmin Kindergarten. They also train students' performing teams thereby producing many professional quality performers for the future ministry.

There are students' teams such as Sweet Rain Chorus, Clear Sound Chorus, Beautiful Aroma Dance Team, Aurora Worship Dance Team, Miracle Junior (musical instrument team), and Manmin Korean Traditional Music Team. They've presented great performances with pure and beautiful aroma offered to God during worship

services.

Sister Yejin Jeon, age 15, of Manmin Korean Traditional Music Team said, "I was happy to hear that the church members enjoyed the grace given through our performance. But I think that I have to practice harder to improve my abilities. I'd like to help my Senior Pastor and deliver the Lord's love in the Canaan Sanctuary era."

Sister Soohyun Shin, age 18, of Clear Sound Chorus, stated, "I feel very joyful after practicing hard and giving God my special praise on the altar. I am preparing myself in spirit and body to glorify God and open the hearts of souls in church events throughout Korea and overseas crusades through praises."

They take private singing and dance lessons together with instruction in music theory. They learn how to perform in ensemble during team practices and get performing experiences on the altar while giving special performance during services. Other professional team members, as full-time performers, receive systemic and intensive training for further improvements to their ability.

The praise team singers learn chords, practice sight-singing and melodic

dictation, and take piano lessons and private singing lessons. They learn Korean traditional dance, jazz dance, and other kinds of dances as well. The dancers are being trained by professional instructors and learn many genres of dance including the traditional dances of Korea, ballet, modern dance, and jazz dance. They also learn yoga, acrobatics, and rhythmic gymnastics.

Deaconess Jin Lee, Administrator of Performing Arts Committee, age 40, said, "The Performing Arts Committee will demonstrate to the world Manmin's holy and beautiful performing arts and raise best-skilled performers to spearhead the world Christian performing culture. We are set to have pleasant and well-equipped training facilities too. We hope the best-ever performers trained in the Committee—instructors-to-be will spread the world's best Christian performing culture to the whole world."

You may have great expectations for Manmin Performing Arts Committee's future, when they will purify the performing arts world that is so steeped in sins and darkness and deliver the love of God and the Lord.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“So He [Jesus] said, ‘A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, “Do business with this until I come back”’” (Luke 19:12-13).



Jesus did not speak to people without using a parable and He taught them things hidden since the foundation of the world through parables.

Among them there are two parables many people mistakenly deem identical: the parable of the ten minas and parable of the talents. Each of them carries different spiritual connotation. That of the talents tells us that we will get more of the Lord’s recognition to the extent of fulfilling our duties well with spiritual talents given to us. Let’s then look into the parable of the ten minas (Luke 19:11-27).

1. The spiritual meaning of the ten minas

Luke 19:12 reads, “So He [Jesus] said, ‘A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return.’” Jesus referred to Himself as ‘a nobleman’ in this parable. In fact, though He came down to the earth in flesh, He is the Son of God who existed in the form of God. No matter how powerful or wealthy they may be, no one will ever be nobler than He.

He used the expression of ‘a noble man’, not ‘the Savior’, because at that time He had not yet fulfilled the providence of the cross.

Even though He had no sin He was hung on the wooden cross so that all people could be saved. On the third day He overcame death and resurrected. He completed His duty as the Savior and ascended into heaven to prepare dwelling places for believers.

The first half of Luke 19:13 says, “And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas...” A mina was worth of about one-sixtieth of a talent, and here the mina represents the Holy Spirit. Just as the ten slaves received one mina each, when people accept the Lord, each of them receives the Spirit with no partiality. Speaking of parable of the talents, some receive two talents while others five, the number of which depends on their faith, hope, and love—the spiritual talents. As for minas, everybody can be given only one mina equally.

After giving the slaves ten minas, the noble man went to a distant country to receive a kingdom. In practice, however, the Lord ascended into heaven first, and then sent the Holy Spirit to people. The sequence of the events seems to be reversed, but this also includes spiritual intention.

In the parable, the noble man gave them ten minas and went to a faraway country to acquire a kingdom. Here it meant Jesus would go to ‘the country’ to restore the power of believers over the kingdom, not to regain His power over it. In fact, He already had power over the kingdom since it was after His resurrection. However, on the earth, believers still have no power over the kingdom. They must have time to recover the image of God throughout human cultivation while living in this Satan-controlled world. Their royal power will be restored after the end of human cultivation and when the Lord comes in the air.

2. “Do business with this until I come back”

Jesus said in the second half of Luke 19:13, “Do business with this until I come back”. He told us to do “business” with the Holy Spirit until He comes back.

Matthew 13:44 reads, “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Here, ‘all that we have’ symbolizes such things that belong to the flesh as lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and boastful pride of this life. To the extent we ‘sell’ fleshly things and remove them, our heart-fields will be made better ones. Then whatever we sow, we can bear great fruit. Furthermore, if we

fill them with spiritual things, we can enter better dwelling places in Heaven.

To cast off flesh and become a person of spirit, it is ‘doing business’ in a spiritual sense. The Holy Spirit helps God’s children do this spiritual business well. The Spirit in us lets us discover our sins and helps us cast them off when we pray (John 16:8, Romans 8:26).

Simply put, ‘doing business with a mina’, that is ‘doing business with the Holy Spirit’, means casting away sinful nature and flesh from our hearts and cultivating them into spirit by the Spirit’s help, thereby recovering the image of God.

3. The Lord repays us according to what we’ve done

The noble man returned after receiving the kingdom and called the slaves to know what business they had done (Luke 19:15-19). The first appeared, saying, “Master, your mina has made ten minas more.” And he praised him and gave him the authority over ten cities. The second came, saying, “Your mina, master, has made five minas.” And he gave him that over five cities without compliment.

Let’s see what each of these situation means: to make ten minas and to make five minas. If one makes ten minas, he has cast off all works of flesh and all things of flesh by the Holy Spirit and achieved sanctification. The Lord praises and gives him the power over ten cities.

“Ten” symbolizes the size of his heavenly dwelling place. One who makes ten minas (who has become sanctified) can enter the 3rd kingdom of heaven. If he is also faithful in all aspects, he can enter New Jerusalem located at the center of the 3rd kingdom of heaven.

Now to the man who made five minas the power was given to rule over five cities. This slave stands for people who practice the Word of God over 50%.

Now another came, saying, “Master, here is your mina which I kept put away in a handkerchief” (Luke 19:20). He said he kept the mina and did no business due to the fear of the noble man since he was a man who required much. Then the noble man reprimanded him saying, “By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man,

taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow?” (Luke 19:22)

This slave symbolizes evil people who neither cast away sins nor struggled against them though they received the Holy Spirit. They just practice the works of flesh and keep things of flesh. They also have misconceptions about God. They may feel that God is just to be feared or just likes to punish people. When they meet with hardship, they say that God struck them.

4. He who has much, will receive more, but from he who has little, even that will be taken away

Jesus told the bystanders to take the mina away from him and give it to the one who had the ten minas. And he added in Luke 19:26, “I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.”

If we cast off all sins and become sanctified through the Spirit, then we are the one who received a mina and made it ten and we also work faithfully for God’s glory. Then He will want to fulfill our hearts’ desires and give us great blessings.

On the other hand, even as they learn about sins during sermons, those who are evil won’t repent. They rather pass judgment on the speaker thinking he pointed them out and even feel uncomfortable. Note that though you have received the Spirit, if you don’t follow the desire of the Spirit but keep seeking the desire of flesh, the Holy Spirit in you can be quenched.

Jesus said in Luke 19:27, “But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.” In Jesus’ time, there were people who didn’t want Him to be the Savior. Now there are still people who do not accept Jesus as their Savior. They are to be put to death in the end and suffer eternally in Hell.

Therefore, if you are blessed to be saved by believing Jesus Christ, you should give thanks for the love of God and keep on doing ‘business’ until you make more than ten minas by the Holy Spirit. I pray in the name of the Lord by doing so you will be God’s true and sanctified children.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by

the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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Walking the Right Path in Integrity

Proverbs 10:9 says, "He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will be found out." If you walk the right path in integrity, God will be with you and guide you to peace and blessing. If you deviate from the right way, however, your unrighteousness will be found out to bring shame to you. Worse, you may get involved in evil deeds. Let's examine how to achieve an upright heart and always walk the right path.

You must cast away changing mind

Throughout history you can find people who followed the right path. Most of them didn't change their mind. For instance, there were the six martyred ministers of the Joseon Dynasty. They had served King Danjong who was dethroned by his uncle, who became King Sejo. The six were executed by King Sejo in 1456 for plotting to assassinate him and restore the former

king Danjong to the throne. Their faithfulness towards their king and country did not change until the very end, death.

Many of King David's servants and people also remained loyal to their king even when he was being pursued by his son Absalom.

They chose to be with David and showed unchanging fidelity to him even

in danger of death. God saved them and blessed them and their descendants as well.

As Psalm 106:3 says, "How blessed are those who keep justice, who practice righteousness at all times!" if you unchangingly walk in righteousness before God and practice His Word, you will be blessed in everything.

You must remove wavering mind

James 1:8 talks about 'a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways'. Such persons swing indecisively from one course of action or opinion to another since they have a wavering mind. They often fail to carry out their plan or change it with no scruples. They look faithful, only to shortly betray.

Apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:10,

"For Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica..." Demas had learned the Word of God and seen many signs in the course of Apostle Paul's ministry, but he swayed and left him due to his love for the world. In the end, he forsook the Lord and cut himself off from salvation.

If you have such an unstable heart

in your ways, you are much more likely to fall into worldly temptation. If so, then you must cast it away by trying not to swing to the right or to the left for personal advantage nor act with partiality. You must adhere to the promise you made with others or even yourself.

You must cast off the mind to seek your desires

Galatians 5:24 says, "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." To put it another way, you cannot say you belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify the fleshly affection and desires.

What if you hear something good about yourself? What if you are offered something you want? Many of you may just accept the word or take the offer since it sounds or seems good. However, if you are truthful you won't simply get it, though you like it and can take advantage of it. Though the decision causes loss to you, you will always discern in the truth and won't pursue it if it is against the truth.

Let's examine Abraham's example. Once the ally of four nations defeated Sodom and Abram's nephew, Lot, in Sodom was taken captive. Abram pursued and crushed them, and brought back all the goods and all the people including Lot. The king of Sodom went out to meet him, saying, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself." But Abram wasn't enticed by a desire to seek his benefit, but just

thought about what would glorify God.

He replied to the king in Genesis 14:22-23, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.'" He hoped all glory would be to God and felt afraid that people might think he became rich thanks to the king if he received them. So, he took nothing.

When she died he bought a burial site for his wife, Sarah. Though the local people said they would give him the land without charge he still bought it at full price to preclude possible future trouble (Genesis 23). Knowing such a perfect and righteous heart, God gave him great material blessing and blessed him to become the father of faith.

Worldly people say you are more likely to suffer loss when you are nice and sincere. However, God the Almighty is alive. If you just walk the right path and please Him, He will lead you to prosperity and give you answers. Then you can shatter Satan's camp everywhere

you go and reveal the glory of God.

Joseph was sold as a slave, was imprisoned under false accusation, yet it is recorded as follows: "...God was with him; and whatever he did, He made to prosper." He walked the right path but seemed to be faced with continuing hardship. Consequently, however, it was the path to his becoming the second ruler of Egypt after the Pharaoh; saving his parents, brothers and 70 others and their entire families; and establishing the foundation of Israel.

Hence, it doesn't matter what circumstance or position you are in at present, but whether you walk the right path or not really matters. When you walk the right path, God is with you. Then you are on the way to prosperity and blessing though you are walking through the valley of the shadow of death for the time being.

Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Let's achieve an upright heart according to the Word, walk the right path, and enjoy God-given peace and blessings in life always.

I started video gaming on the console at home in the first grade. It was great fun and I was immediately occupied in playing them when I got back from school. I was drawn to them more and more and ended up becoming addicted at the age of 19.

In the meantime I spent little time talking to my family, talked imprudently, and often argued with my parents. I got a job when I was 20 but I quit in three months because I had no idea how to interact with others. I buried myself in games rather than seeking another job.

I devised methods to gather good items in games and constantly upgraded my skill level. I played games all day and I once played for 40 hours without sleeping.

My father advised me to go to church and I did so in March 2006. But I still played games with my handheld game console even as I was in a church gathering. I was often late for the service and sometimes skipped it. I landed a job again, thereafter I didn't go to church for a month. Soon enough I quit the job.

I heard from a brother in the church about Dr. Jaerock Lee in January 2012. He recommended Dr. Lee's message saying it was a great blessing to him.

I began listening to Dr. Lee's messages on www.manmin.org. I was greatly touched by his explicit explanation on profound messages of the Bible—'This is the authentic interpretation of the Bible!' I listened to more than a sermon a day and prayed to be renewed. I wanted to manage my believing



welcomed me.

I eagerly desired to transform my life by the Word of God, so I left home without any of my game consoles and game software. Now I am leading a joyful and happy life in the Lord, though I have no TV, no game console, and even no Internet access.

As I kept the Lord's Day and prayed in Daniel Prayer Meeting, God blessed me. I could rent a house near the church a month later and got a computer-related job three months after that. In fact it had seemed hard for me to get a job because I hadn't worked for almost ten years, since I was twenty. However, God opened the way to blessing for me as one who was merely trying to practice

life in the church where the holiness gospel is preached.

I finally went all the way to Osaka Manmin Church in November 2012. Osaka is five hours away from Matsuyama in Ehime Prefecture where I had lived. Pastor Channngmi Lee, ministering to the church, and the members cordially



His Word.

I experienced a healing work too. Since high school, I had got my hands chapped and frostbitten every winter (the picture below). Even worse yet, my ten fingers became so swollen that they cracked severely when bent, and were painful when touched even in light passing.

I had tried to treat them by all means. I tried diet and helpful work-outs only to have no improvement. However, since I began learning the holiness gospel and leading a diligent Christian life, my hands have never again been frostbitten in winter.—

I feel joy overflowing when I played the guitar with my hands which God had touched and healed and I praised with the members. I serve as a teacher in Students' Sunday School. I deliver the love of God and testify to my experiences, hoping that students will not have such pain as mine. Above all my parents are very happy to see me become renewed. They are proud of me since I am working diligently and living a healthy life. They visit Osaka very often to see me.

I give all thanks and glory to God who blessed me to live a healthy and happy life through the holiness gospel.

“Despite infertility caused by fallopian tube obstruction, I conceived by prayer!”

In August 2011, I finally got pregnant after two years of marriage, but it led to miscarriage a month later. The hospital said it was caused by my weak uterus. I had a hard time because I had lost energy and got anemia as aftereffects.

In October, 2011, Deaconess Keumsuk Mang introduced Manmin Central Church to me. She said, “Many people have been blessed to conceive and become healthy by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer.”

During my first visit to church, I felt peaceful and then I enjoyed my Christian life. My faith grew up as I saw and heard proofs of the living God every week. I had no aftereffect any longer and became assured of the blessing of conception.

My husband suggested that I have a medical test in a big hospital in October 2013. He hadn't attended church yet. We went to a large hospital in Gangnam. The results came out. The problem

was not my husband's, but my both Fallopian tubes were blocked, which made it impossible for us to have a baby in a natural way. The doctor talked about a test tube baby operation and my husband made the surgical appointment for the last day of October.

As the situation was going in a different way from my desire, I became more eager to receive God's blessing of conception. On October 13, 2013, I received the prayer of Dr. Jaerock Lee. Two weeks later I felt something in my body and went to the hospital with a fluttering heart. It was determined that I had been pregnant! My uterine tubes were blocked, I wasn't able to conceive a baby naturally, and I was about to have the test tube baby surgery. But God fulfilled my heart's desire dramatically! I eventually delivered my healthy boy who weighed 3.6kg on July 10 in 2014. Hallelujah!



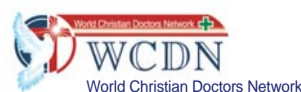
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