

From the editor

For this issue let us share "Pray from the True Heart" written by Pastor Peter. We believe that God has entrusted us *heavenly praise* to fulfill His love upon all the creation.

Let us pray from the true heart and worship Him in Spirit and truth.

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## Pray from the True Heart

Peter

The other day, I got really sick and nausea after a long while. I was in a bad condition. I earnestly prayed to get healed as everybody would in sickness. Fortunately, I started feeling better on that night, and in the morning I almost got well. At that time I never said, "I don't care if I get healed or not." From my true heart I wanted to be healed of the sickness.

The word true heart seems easy to understand, but actually it is very hard. The prodigal son in the Bible wasted all his money and came to himself, which I think means that he was awakened to what was in his very bottom. When he played as he wanted, it can be called his true heart because he was surely honest to his desire.

However, at such times the true heart is accompanied by emptiness. The shadow thickens, because it is not the true heart in a real sense. The real true heart has no shadow of emptiness. You should only be honest to your heart. Once you start wondering which thought is of your flesh and which thought is of the Holy Spirit, you will get confused.

You should rather learn to be honest to your heart if you stand on the faith to believe that it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

To know your true heart is to be honest before the Lord. Then there will be no shadow in your prayer.

It sounds contradictory, but if you pray from your true heart, you will trust in the Lord wholeheartedly and say, It's OK if I get healed or not.

To live being honest to the true heart is to be honest to God. It is childlike faith. As for me, I go fishing and I work in the church, both of which are from my true heart. There is no need to make a distinction between them. In the deepest sense, I no longer live for myself, but I live my life only to rejoice in Christ who lives in me.

It is such a joy to live being honest to the true heart.

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