

**Guide-Book of the
Second Generation Blessing**

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Part 1

Theory of the Second Generation Blessing

Let's understand the outline of the
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I. Understanding of the Second Generation Blessing

We want to lead our children to the Blessing. It is a common wish for the parents of all Blessed families. However, when you as parents try to lead your children to the Blessing, you notice that your children have a different feeling from your feelings, and so you may get confused.

It is not just the result caused by their immaturity or the lack of family education. We can say that the providence of the second generation is different from that of the first generation, and moreover, “God’s Will” for the Second Generation Blessing is quite different.

Here, we will explain briefly what the Second Generation Blessing is.

1. The Blessing in the Era after the Coming of Heaven

◆ The change of blood lineage is not our goal.

From the viewpoint of the “Principle of Restoration,” the ultimate purpose of fallen man is to attain the Tree of Life and get out of the realm of sinful blood lineage (liquidation of the original sin) and to “return to be His son/daughter in the realm of God’s blood lineage.” Therefore, the “Blessing” is the ultimate goal that mankind has aimed for through which we are engrafted to the original Adam (Messiah) and attain the “true love, life and blood lineage of God.” Since the significance of the Blessing is to remove the original sin through the Messiah, namely, the change of blood lineage, we need to put great emphasis, when we try to lead someone to the Blessing, on the awareness of sin (original sin) and the need of changing the blood lineage by the Messiah as the most important issue.

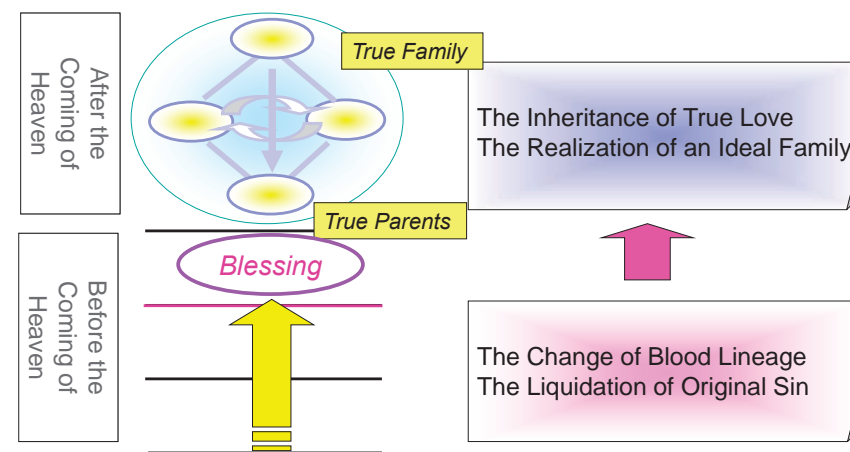
However, we notice the limitation in these points when parents try to lead the second generation children to the Blessing. For example parents say, “You have original sin,” children will answer, “I heard that I don’t have original sin.” If parents emphasize “You need to change blood lineage”, children would answer, “Must I change blood lineage again?” This is very strange talk. The second generation children were born through a change of blood lineage of the first generation. Therefore, it is obvious that the purpose of the Second Generation Blessing is not for a change of blood lineage. Here, the viewpoint of the “Era after Coming of Heaven” is necessary beyond the Restoration Age (Era before Coming of Heaven).

Then, what is God’s wish resting on the second generation? It is the same wish God had for Adam and Eve at the beginning. In short, they were to inherit God’s True Love and realize a true family on the earth. The second generation children don’t receive the Blessing to be saved. They don’t receive the Blessing in order not go to hell or to go to the heaven, either.

When they think, in the end, “A couple united with true love is wonderful.” or “I also want to have a family full of God’s love.” through a lecture about an ideal family or the true family, then they get to understand; they feel the motivating power to receive the Blessing. This view is necessary even when we lead the first generation to the Blessing. Now that we have reached the Era after the Coming of Heaven, the ideal that we aim for is not only liquidation of original sin but also the realization of a true family that is God’s original ideal of creation.

Of course, in order to realize a true ideal family, we will have to solve various serious problems. However, we must tell the second generation youth that Blessing is not “Indemnity” but it’s that which their original mind yearns for and hopes to receive. Era after the Coming of Heaven is the age to talk about the realization of God’s ideal of creation rather than the history of restoration filled with God’s sorrow.

The View of the Blessing in the Era after the Coming of Heaven



The blessing of the second generation is an original Blessing!
Let us aim to have an ideal family!

2. The Blessing of the Family Completion Standard

◆ The Second Generation Blessing is a family level challenge.

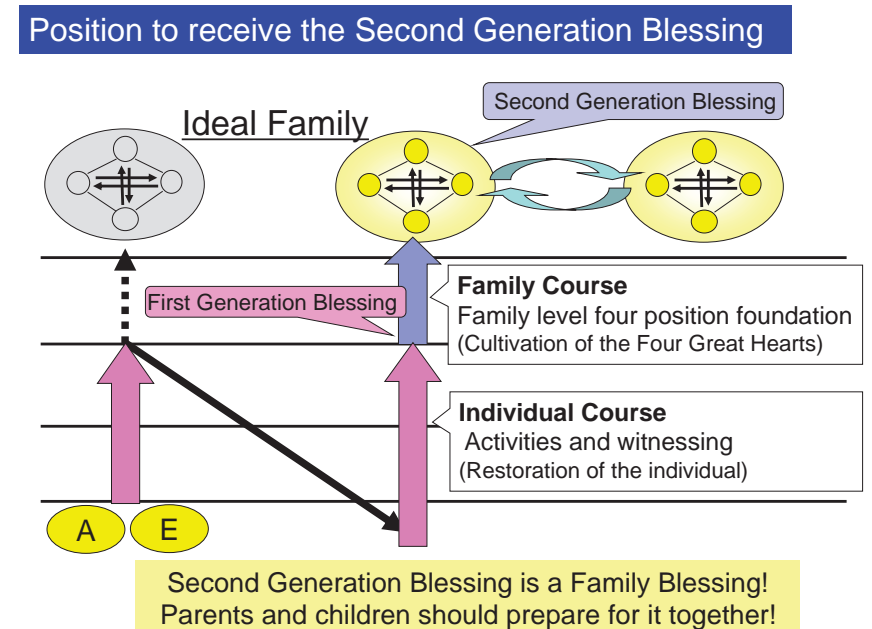
One of the remarkable characteristics is that there is the giant power of parents that pushes the second generation youth to the Blessing from behind. Sometimes, there are cases that only the parents are excited apart from the Blessing candidate. Who will receive Blessing, the parents or their child? When we think well, it is natural that the parents realize the value of the Second Generation Blessing more than their child. In fact, the Second Generation Blessing is not given to the individual, but is given to the child and the parents who have raised the child and have led the child to the Blessing. In short, it is a Blessing given to the family.

From the viewpoint of the Principle, in order that fallen men receive the benefit of the “Blessing” and inherit God’s True Love, first of all, we had to restore ourselves to the level of Adam and Eve that had been lost by the Human Fall (the top of the growth stage) as an individual. Before the Blessing of the first generation, they took an individual course (official 7 year course) to rid themselves of their fallen nature, and to understand God’s Heart through religious life and practices. It was necessary because a fallen “individual” had to restore the original position.

Then, on what position do the second generation children receive the Blessing? From the Principle viewpoint, the first generation family that received the Blessing is considered to have realized an ideal family through their religious life. So, the level is an ideal family. A complete family and a complete family meet, and make the realm of three generations (vertically) and build the realm of family (horizontally). That is just the original standard to receive the Second Generation Blessing. In other words, the standard to receive the second generation Blessing is the standard of family completion. And, the family step to try to build the four position foundation of family is just the preparatory course to prepare for the Second Generation Blessing.

Just as problems unsolved in the individual course appeared in the first generation Blessing, problems unsolved in family course are sure to appear in the Second Generation Blessing. In fact, there is a case where “I can’t love my partner, as I couldn’t love my own father (or mother).” There was also a case where parents remarked about their second generation child, “Their conflicts are the same as our couple has had all along”.

It is not a problem that there is a problem at home. I think that it is important to face the problem for the sake of the children’s Blessing. More exactly, imperfect beings received the Blessing by God’s forgiveness and benefit. It is natural to take much time to achieve the ideal. However, parents and children should aim for an ideal family together. Such a way, itself, is valuable so as to lead the second generation to the Blessing.



3. The Realization of the Ideal of the Three Generation Realm

◆ The purpose of the First Generation Blessing is for the Second Generation Blessing.

True Father's education to the second generation is quite different before and after Blessing. In fact, before the Blessing True Father says, "Never eat the fruits of the tree," and suddenly he says "Be fruitful and multiply" after Blessing. It is natural in the Principle, but for the second generation it will be a radical change. However, we can feel the parental heart that "I want to see the fruits of the Blessing!" from his words. When God blessed Adam and Eve, He must have had the same feeling.

In True Father's words, he says that God blessed Adam and Eve for the purpose of seeing their "children." God's love that appears on earth through the couple becomes a child's life and blood lineage, and settles on the earth for the first time and lasts for eternity. Just as God loved Adam and Eve and rejoiced to watch every move Adam and Eve made, God wanted to rejoice to see that Adam and Eve love their children and feel pleasure as parents.

Moreover, Adam and Eve relive God's Heart through the process of raising their own children, and then bestow the Blessing on their children (they have their children inherit true love). God wanted Adam and Eve, that had inherited God's perfect Heart, to stand on the same position as God, and God was to live in their hearts eternally. Therefore, the completion of three generation realms means an ideal family. That is to say, the ultimate goal of God's ideal is precisely the Blessing of Adam and Eve's child.

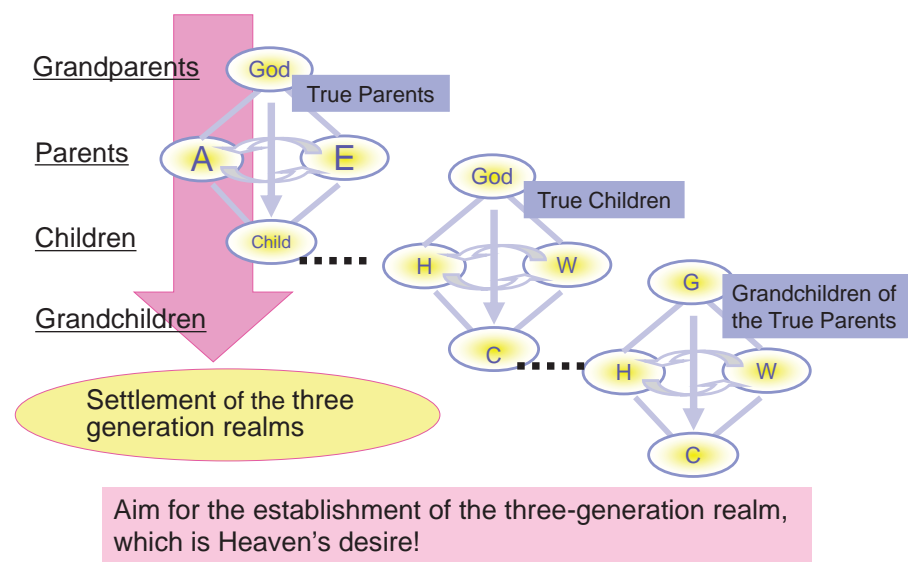
For God, the Blessing of True Parents' child in the True Family is for the establishment of the ideal of the realm of three generations and for True Parents, the Blessing of True Parents' grandchild is the first and most perfect rejoicing and the establishment of three generation realms. In the same way, the purpose for

which True Parents bestowed the Blessing on the first generation was to bestow the Blessing to the second generation that was born and grew up there.

Once, True Father said: "The real inner unity between the first generation and me will be established in the course of performing the things that they swore at the Blessing. The evidence is that the second generation raised by blessed families will receive the Blessing themselves..."

True Parents' wish for the first generation will be fulfilled through "the Second Generation Blessing." Also, their wish will be inherited by the third generation, too. From the past to the present, then to the future, it shall be succeeded. Seen from the viewpoint of the "Blessed Family," the "Second Generation Blessing" is a process that each family must go through to realize the "Three Generation Realm Ideal" that Heaven desires, and a process that every family has to complete.

Establishment of the three generation realm of the True Family



4. The Culture of the Unification Family

◆ The blessed families become a clan.

When True Father bestowed the Blessing on the second generation for the first time, he was pleased with it and said: “In the time of your parents, I conducted the Blessing in the violent opposition of their parents, brothers and sisters. On the contrary, nowadays parents bow to me and send their children to Blessing. It has become truly a good time”.

On the very day of the Blessing ceremony, the second generation bride and bridegroom are surrounded by many parents, brothers and sisters, and here and there in the halls we can see that both families greet each other. It is no exaggeration to say that it is just like family festivities.

The Second Generation Blessing is not an encounter between individual and individual but an encounter between family and family. Also, blessed families that received God’s Blessing some decades ago create a “family connection as a clan” under Heaven’s desire again. Such a moment is exactly at the Second Generation Blessing. The realm of Heaven’s lineage (Royal Family Realm) begun by the True Family will expand from family realms to clan realms by the Second Generation Blessing, and then will expand to the national realm.

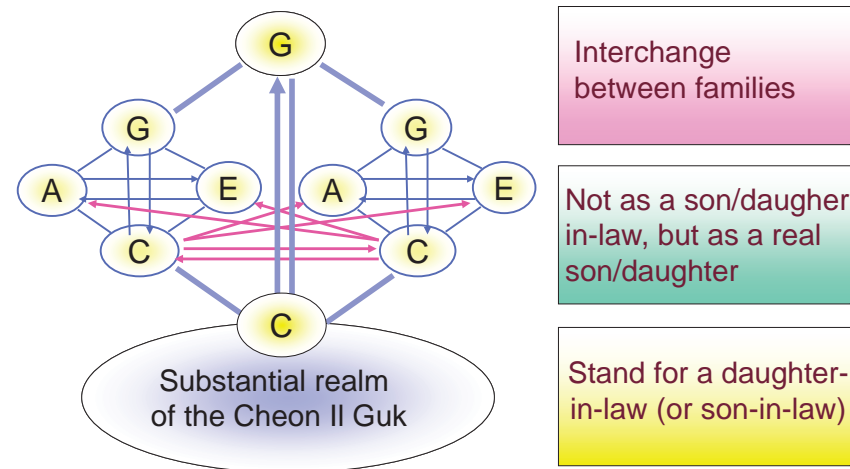
Sometimes I receive a question like “How much should parents be concerned with their children’s Blessing?” I suppose it is a parental solicitude in thinking, “Since our child has received the Blessing, we should not interfere with their business.” However, if you think well, the Second Generation Blessing is not just “the children’s issue (= other people’s affair).” Through Blessing, as two families are connected as one family, both parents need to try to enhance their friendship and trust each other more than they do with their children. International Blessing is the same. It is not the case that parents look at their child and just think objectively, “Oh, my child is going through a rough time!”

In fact, if both parents relate well, then any discord and quarrel between the young couple may be solved easily with a few words such as, “Sorry, my son is immature...”, “No, no, my daughter is childish...” However, if both parents don’t trust each other, trivial complaints from their child may cause a big problem between the two families.

Of course, even if both are blessed families, the conditions that they have lived through are quite different, and the courses that they have gone through are also different. It is quite natural to not be able to see and understand some part of the child of the other family.

However, even if we are quite different, we are all unification family and children are the same second generation. We should regard each other’s child not as my son’s wife or my daughter’s husband but as “our daughter,” “our son” (see, pp. 64, 154), and with the heart of “I can finally meet with my brothers and sisters, my children again, who have been living apart from each other,” let us welcome the new family.

Expansion of the Unification Family



Spreading the tribal realm!
The Second Generation Blessing is an encounter between families!

5. A model of Global Family

◆ Two antagonistic families meet.

For the First Generation Blessing, two individuals of extreme opposite meet each other, and for the Second Generation Blessing, extremely opposite families meet each other. As two families exchange more and more, they'd be more surprised to find, "I can't believe there is a family like this..."

True Father says, "Two antagonistic families meet" about the Second Generation Blessing. In fact, I often think, "Hatred may arise after meeting." As two families that have different cultures and historical background meet, it is natural that a wall hard to get over is born. I think common sense is sometimes absurd for a partner. Kindness is sometimes rude to a partner. The things that we can't understand in each other or can't accept, change to "hatred". Even a Japanese and Japanese Blessed couple sometimes says, "We can't communicate with each other." much less will an international Blessing couple easily be able to do so.

However, the reason why such families met is that God must have wanted to build a unification culture beyond nationality, culture and different senses of value. The culture that we want to create is not Japanese style, Korean style or Western style, but the culture of Global Family.

"Precisely because Korean people are..." or "so, we are troubled by Western people" and so on. We shouldn't bring national problems into a family. On the contrary, through the bond of two families, we want to build a peaceful bridge between the two countries. International blessing or cross blessing is not a mere slogan. We need to make sincere effort to learn the differences of the other family background, and deepen the understanding and love of the other national culture and history.

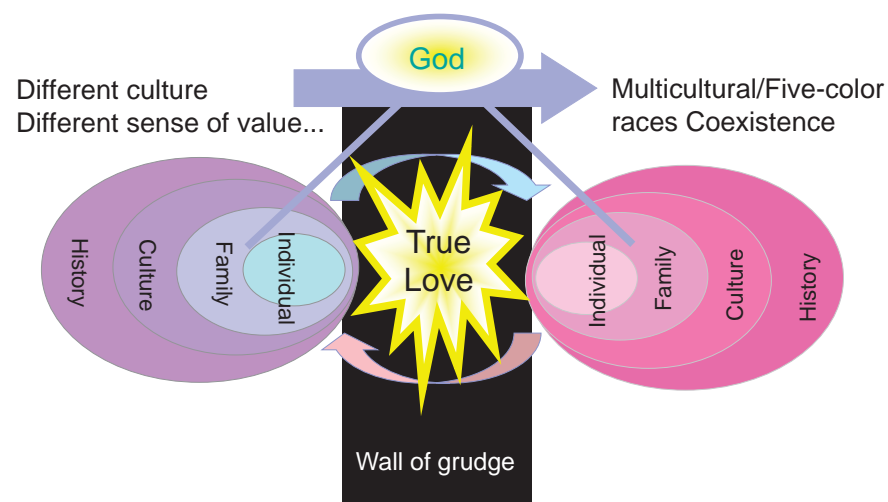
Nowadays, there exist many international blessed families in the world, and quite a few children of the second generation are bilingual or trilingual. The first

generation that received the international Blessing had a hard time as pioneers. In terms of the difficulty, at present, international Blessing seems to be more familiar to us.

The nationality of Blessed children is heaven. Through the first, second and third generation, let's build a borderless world; that is, a one family world. Planet Earth is our common hometown.

The Blessing is exactly God's providence that aims to unite two different worlds. Let's try to understand each other's differences, and aim for a richer and broader unification culture. Even if the Blessed couple is Japanese and Japanese or international, both families, each having different views of value and life-styles, unite to become a family under God. If we can create such a culture, we will be able to show a model of peace in the world full of strife and conflict.

Overcoming the wall of grudge



Let us make a model of Peace, a model of the Global Family!

6. The Reciprocal Realm of True Family

◆ The second generation throughout the world has become a candidate for holy marriage.

Once, in Korea, the person in charge of the Second Generation Blessing had a cell phone call about the Blessing directly from one of the True children in regard to one of True Parents' grandchildren. He heard, "Is there any second generation child who is ready for the Blessing?" Then he thought that the mother of a regular family wanted him to introduce a good young person to her. He answered, "Madam, has your child participated in a training seminar before consulting such a thing?"

Immediately, he understood what was happening, and needless to say, he was so embarrassed. However, in the future, such an episode may happen in countries other than Korea.

Once, during the age of True Parents' children, a partner was sure to be chosen from among the second generation children in Korea. It meant to establish True Family's tradition based on Korean tradition and culture. On the other hand, it was also said, the international second generation will be partners of True Parents' grandchildren. This became true when True Family's Holy Blessing was held in August 2006.

Starting with the engagements of Miss Shin-Suk Nim, the next engagements of Shin-II Nim, Shin-Bok Nim and Shin-Won Nim were decided in quick succession, and the Holy Blessing Ceremony for the four couples was held. Three out of four partners of True Parents' grandchildren were chosen from among Japanese blessed families' children.

Every time the blessing of True Parents' child was bestowed, the Second

Generation Blessing was given as the foundation. In other words, the Second Generation Blessing was the foundation for the Blessing of the True Children and grandchildren more than the blessing for the second generation. Also, as Cheon Il Guk Blessing, the reason why True Parents assembled pure children of the second generation was to build the foundation to find partners for the True Parents' grandchildren.

True Family's three-generation realm and the realm for the Blessing candidates

Holy Marriage Blessing
August 2006

Candidates for the True Children
= Korean second generation children



Candidates for the grandchildren
= Second generation children in the world

= Foundation to find candidates for the True Family

Cheon Il Guk Blessing
December 2004 -



Raise the all second generation to be Candidates for the True Family!

II. True Parents' Matching and Parents' Matching

Currently for the Second Generation Blessing there are two kinds of matching, the matching by True Parents (True Parents' matching) and the matching by one's physical parents (parents' matching). They are conducted in parallel.

Some parents say, "Since it is difficult for parents to find a good spouse, True Parents' matching might be easier." Others say, "Since True Parents' matching requires us to go over higher hurdles, it would be better to rely on parents' matching." In fact, however, each of these methods used to match was conducted with deep wishes of Heaven.

Here, I would like to explain the differences and the significance of the two kinds of matching.

1. Significance of the Parents' Matching

◆ Parents' matching is a providential mission.

In 2001 the method of matching was changed from matching by the True Parents (hereafter referred to as "True Parents' matching") to matching by physical parents (hereafter referred to as "Parents' matching"). We were told that "True Father said that he would no longer conduct the second generation matchings. From now on parents must do it." In those days, some parents, who had heard this asked "Then, when will True Father conduct the matching of our children?"

Looking back, however, 2001 was the year when the Beginning of the Age of Cheon-Il-Guk was proclaimed. It was emphasized as very important for blessed families to inherit all the traditions established by True Parents as Blessed Central Families (Owners of Cheon-Il-Guk) who are supposed to inherit True Parents' realm of victory. I think you also remember that since that year we were authorized to close our prayers in our own name as Blessed Central Families. In other words, the shift to parental matching was part of the providential transformation for the blessed families to inherit True Parents' realm of victory and their providential responsibility.

In addition, when True Father conducted the second generation matching for the first time, he said, "Originally, the second generation matching should have been conducted by your own physical parents. However, since I cannot entrust the task to them yet, I am going to match you on behalf of your parents." In other words, parents' matching is the original style of the Second Generation Blessing. Up until now, however, True Father has been bearing our responsibility on our behalf. That is the correct understanding.

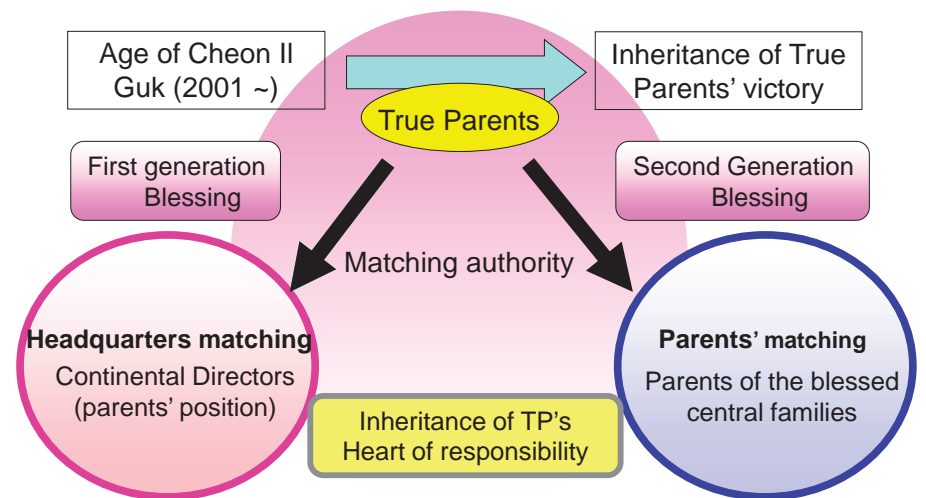
Since Parents Matching began, we can imagine that a growing number of parents across the nation have had to spend sleepless nights. However, when we think that True Parents have been bearing on their shoulder the serious burden of conducting the matching of our children, we should think that parental matching is

a providential task which blessed families cannot avoid in the process of inheriting True Parents' heart of responsibility.

As a matter of fact, it takes time to conduct parents' matching. Therefore, nobody can deny that one's physical parents are required to bear considerable burdens to conduct a matching. However, because physical parents had to invest such care and heart for the matching of their children, they strongly feel the heart of responsibility for the matchings they have accomplished. Actually, there are testimonies that some second generation children, who were apprehensive about receiving the blessing, changed their minds and came to desire it after having seen their parents tackle the matter very seriously.

Through parents' matching, we also understand the value of True Parents' matching because by conducting parents' matching, we can truly realize how "miraculous" it is and really feel the suffering and sincere effort required giving birth to one couple." (See, page 248)

Transition from True Parents' Matching to Parents' Matching



Let's inherit the tradition of the True Parents' heart!

2. Significance of True Parents' Matching

◆ Reason for resuming True Parents' matching

At the end of December, 2004, we received from the Family Department of the UC in the United States urgent news informing us that “True Father is going to conduct the Second Generation matching. Please come to New York with blessing candidates by tomorrow.” We were informed of the strict requirements for qualification starting with purity and “internal attitude. Within less than half a day we decided on about 50 candidates to be sent. They were able to receive the Heavenly Blessing.

This incident came as a great surprise to us because the idea of parents' matching was finally beginning to settle in our consciousness after five years of continuously receiving the instruction that physical parents should take responsibility for the matching of the second generation. On the other hand, some parents seemed to be very happy to hear the news, saying “We have been waiting for this news because we expected the situation to become like this.” Upon deeper consideration of True Parents' words, however, we finally realized that True Father decided to resume True Parents' matching not only as the Blessing of the Era after the Coming of Heaven but also because he must have reflected on the problematic reality of the parents' matching conducted in the past.

One of possibly two reasons for the resumption of the True Parents' matching was that True Parents regarded the on-going parents' matching as damaging the tradition of the Blessing. Needless to say, many parents were sincerely trying to deal with the task of conducting the parents' matching determined to inherit Heaven's wish and responsibility based on the ideal of the Blessing. As a whole, however, some parents were driven by self-centered motivations based on family interests and/or the external conditions of their children. As a result, they tended to consider proposed partners on the basis of external conditions and in some cases let their children associate with other children of opposite sex irresponsibly. Thus, there occurred some undesirable situations which did not accord with heavenly tradition.

True Parents took those problems as their own responsibility and decided to

resume conducting True Parents' matching with the purpose of establishing the tradition of the matching. That was the absolute standard of matching by True Parents. Therefore, the attitude we should have toward parents' matching must be none other than to guide our children correctly and to establish the correct tradition of the parents' matching in accordance with the Heart of True Parents as mentioned above. Our motivation of conducting parents' matching should not be to match our own children before they are sent to the True Parents' matching. Since True Parents cannot be responsible eternally on earth, their Heavenly wish is to establish and continue the tradition of the True Parents' matching to be conducted by the Owners of Cheon-Il-Guk.

Another reason why True Parents' matching resumed is that, in the Era after the Coming of Heaven when the original ideal of creation should be actualized, True Father intended to establish in front of Heaven the Ideal Marriage of the Original Creation which God originally wanted to see in Adam and Eve. Originally, the Second Generation Blessing signifies the blessing of the original creation which Adam and Eve should have received after completing their growth stages without the fall. With this regard, I would like to explain more, later. (See, page 34)

Significance of the True Parents' matching

① Original Standard in the Era after the Coming of Heaven “Establishment of the Original Ideal of the Blessing”

Father speaks to the second generation children:

Your age is different from your parents' age.
The “Era before the Coming of Heaven, and the Era after the Coming of Heaven.” A page of history has changed.

② Responsible heart toward the Second Generation Blessing “Re-establishment of the matching tradition”

Father speaks to the second generation children:

When I told the parents to encourage their sons or daughters to get married, they told their children to 'Do as you like.' Did God say to Adam and Eve, 'Have a date' in the Garden of Eden?

Establish the original tradition of creation
for the Second Generation Blessing!

3. The Cheon-II-Guk Standard and The Extended Standard

◆ The establishment of tradition or the salvation of all people?

In December 2004, when True Parents Matching was resumed for the first time, True Father decided the standard of qualification in terms of purity and internal attitude of the person to be matched. He matched only those persons who were regarded as qualified to meet the standard. In 2005 a more detailed standard was established. That standard became the standard of qualification for those who can participate in the True Parents' matching. This standard is called the Cheon-II-Guk Standard of the Blessing (hereafter referred to as the "Cheon-II-Guk Standard").

When this standard was announced for the first time, many parents and those engaged in the education of the second generation recognized once again the importance of the absolute standard. At the same time, however, they wondered about the possibility that this standard might become the measuring stick of judgment for the second generation and blessed families. In fact, True Parents' direction was clear.

The Era after the Coming of Heaven refers to the age when people have nothing to do with sin and indemnity, and God forgets all sacrifice and sadness of the past, deletes even traces of tears, and starts anew the Age of the Original Creation. True Parents were now going to dedicate to Heaven the original state which God originally wanted to see in the first Adam and Eve. That was the Cheon-II-Guk Blessing!

Therefore, Father was very strict with regard to this standard. Of course, Father must have wanted to embrace all the second generation with the heart of a parent. As evidence, regarding those who had even a slight degree of intimate relationship with opposite sex and those who had cancelled the blessing in the past, he said, "I have to match even those children if they have repented deeply, and, have been firmly resolved to start anew". Thus, He matched them by extending the standard

to a relative standard. (Referred to as the "extended standard") Still, True Father repeatedly emphasized the absolute standard. His motivation to resume direct matching came from his Heart of filial piety since he wanted to "establish the absolute standard on earth and return to Heaven the joy of creation."

When we think about the Blessing, we are also confused when weighing which is more important, whether to observe the absolute standard and tradition desperately established by True Parents or to expand the grace of the Blessing to all people (namely, the universal salvation).

However, since True Parents' matching began with the True Parents' wish to establish the tradition of the Blessing, we should also regard this as the public standard and observe it instead of considering individual situations of the second generation. At the same time, we should inherit the heart of True Parents with which they want to embrace all the second generation. So, we should insist on maintaining the original culture of the parents' matching when thinking about the Blessing of the second generation, and share the responsibility. (See, page 42)

Cheon II Guk Blessing Standard Requirements

- ① Single person's Blessing:
A person who has not dissolved their Blessing in the past.
(Blessing victim and the person who broke the matching after 2004 are not qualified.)
- ② Purity: A person who hasn't had a flirtatious relationship with opposite sex and has been pure.
(Amnesty, including the contents before "Training for a new start.")
- ③ Absolute Faith: A person who prepares for the matching with Absolute Faith.
- ④ Cross-cultural Blessing: A person who hopes for an inter-cultural blessing to realize a One World Family.
- ⑤ Public Activity: After the Blessing, a person who has a mind to lead a publically active life.
(Public life means belonging to church, going to church, and tithing.)
- ⑥ Health: A person healthy in mind and body.

The standard age for the Cheon II Guk blessing is from 20 to 24 years old. Even if a person is over 25, however, if he or she fulfills the above requirements, there is a good chance to participate in the Blessing.

4. Cheon-II-Guk Standard (1) : The Standard of Purity

◆ Is it true that those who have experienced dating even once are disqualified?

Among the Cheon-II-Guk standards, the most strongly emphasized is the standard of never having been married and being pure. That is quite natural because what True Parents want to show Heaven is the original state which God had wanted to see in Adam and Eve. In addition, being pure means not having had any relationship experience with the opposite sex. Accordingly, it was announced that any experience of having dated or kissed disqualifies one.

Currently, according to the standard commonly used internationally, relationship with the opposite sex is defined as having intentional association privately with the opposite sex. In other words, emotional feelings young children have toward other children of the opposite sex without the consciousness of them being of the opposite sex, the heart relationship as brothers and sisters among the second generation is not regarded as a problem. Also, association as a group (except for double dating and companionship aimed at leading to one-to-one relationships), and cases in which a second generation member had some love feelings toward a member of the opposite sex but he/she did not verbally express it nor did it lead to a one-to-one association, are not regarded as opposite sex companionship. Essentially, what is required is the standard that a boy or a girl did not share emotional feelings between a man and woman (namely, he or she has saved their first love) until he or she is given a partner by Heaven. This standard was declared as the required standard to be applied during the days prior to the New Start Workshop (for receiving the special grace). (See, page 86)

True Father opened the way for all Blessed Families and second generation to be forgiven. Yet, when it comes to standing in front of Heaven with necessary conditions, he is very strict. For example, there was a case of a second generation member who had been unable to confess a certain serious sin which he/she had committed in the past because his/her physical parents and the people around had so much expectation for him/her to be matched by True Father. However, as a result of having received True Father serious words at the time and place of True Parents Matching, he/she finally confessed past sins.

The cases in which physical parents do not know their children's past problems

are not rare at all. Those children cannot talk to their parents because they do not want to sadden them. Also, Headquarters has a rule that even if staff members hear the confession of second generation members, they do not inform the physical parents of the contents of the confession. This is because those children confessed it all to Heaven.

In the case where it is determined that a person is not recommended to be matched in light of the Cheon-II-Guk standard, it is inappropriate to unnecessarily ask for the reason even when it is necessary to ask for confirmation purposes. Doing so may alienate the person. We ask you to consider it more important to improve the Heart relationship between parents and children than to pursue the matching.

Across the nation, there are many second generation young people (young adults) who are working toward the Blessing even if they do not meet the Cheon-II-Guk standard. Those second generation members who are unmarried and pure will be able to return to God the joy of creation. On the other hand, however, God must find great comfort and hope in the second generation members who have experienced the pain of having had to be re-Blessed and those who have made up their mind to return to the right track toward the Blessing after various difficulties and hardships. Parents are kindly urged to guide their children in the best way possible centering on the Will of Heaven who is watching them rather than centering on parental expectation.

Purity/Single Person's Standard (Cheon II Guk / Extended)

Cheon II Guk: A person who hasn't had a flirtatious acquaintance with the opposite sex and has been pure.
"A person who had a flirtatious one-to-one acquaintance with the opposite sex intentionally"

Cases which do not fall in the opposite sex acquaintance :

Unconscious of the opposite sex ...

emotions of elementary school / as brothers and sisters of second generation / couldn't refuse the other person's offer / conversation without special affection

Unexpressed love... one-sided love/ only confession of love (love was refused)

Not one-to-one ... Group exchange/ camp with friends

No ulterior purpose in a friendship with the opposite sex ... going back home after a club activity together/ having a meal at a board meeting together.

Extended Standard:

Single person: A person whose previous Blessing dissolved before starting their family and is penitent for it.

Purity: A person who has cleaned up their past history with their opposite sex, and is penitent for it (No physical contact like kissing)

5. Cheon-II-Guk Standard (2) : Health Standard

◆ Why is good health a required condition?

Health Standard is an essential part of the Cheon-II-Guk Standard. Even a slight degree of disorder which does not particularly hinder the daily life is regarded as a reason for disqualifying the participation in the True Parents Matching. Also, even if a person has no disorder, in the case he/she suffered from some psychological illness in the past, or in the case he/she suffers from some after-effect of an accident, or in the case he/she has visible atopic dermatitis on the skin surface, the person is judged as disqualified in light of the Cheon-II-Guk Standard. (Confirmation is required: See the Extended Standard).

Any physical disorder is not a sin. It is not a problem in and of itself. Yet, the reason why the second generation members who have a physical disorder or health problem are not allowed to participate in the True Parents Matching is because they are required to have the correct understanding about those problems and receive painstaking care and support.

In the past when the health standard for the Cheon-II-Guk Blessing was not so clear, some second generation members with health problems were recommended to participate in the Second Generation Matching. This was because the person was considered to be qualified to receive the Cheon-II-Guk Blessing in light of the internal posture and the Heart attitude.

However, the partner matched with this person was uncomfortable with this person's health problem. It led to struggles between parents and child, and conflicts between the two families. The person with the health problem tried to correct the problem(s) for the sake of the partner, but instead the efforts confused the partner, resulting in being hurt.

In the case a person has a health problem, even if he/she doesn't consider it a problem, the partner could worry about it. There are many such cases. Some people may not mind such a problem, but others may find it unacceptable. In the case of the True Parents Matching, the matched partners don't have enough time before the Blessing Ceremony to share with and understand each other. In other words, they must accept the partner at the moment they were matched and instantly

accept. Otherwise, they cannot participate in the Blessing Ceremony.

When we think of the heart of True Parents, who do not want to lose any couple they matched at a Cheon-II-Guk Blessing, we think that a second generation member with health problems should be guided to receive the Blessing through their Parents Matching. This is because prior to the matching it is necessary to explain the problem(s) and if necessary ask for understanding from the partner. The physical parents should deal with the task of finding a spouse for the child with some problem with a responsible heart and prayerfully look for a family who can understand their situation. Parents with children with problems might more easily understand and accept each other, leading to greater acceptance.

On the other hand, in the case your son or daughter participates in the True Parents Matching, and because of some situation or for some reason gets matched with a partner with a health problem, the child and the parents are kindly requested to pray deeply so that the matched couple may get along well. In case you have concluded that it will be difficult to accept the match, you can cancel the matching (without declaring which side is the offender and which side is the victim). Still, if you alone have the posture with which to find some heavenly will in that matching, don't blame or accuse each other even if the matching is canceled.

Health Standard (Cheon II Guk/ Extended)

Cheon II Guk standard: A person who is healthy in both mind and body

Cases which are regarded as a Healthy Standard

- Hay fever, inconspicuous atopic dermatitis
- Complete recovery from a past disease (no recurrent problem), etc.

Extended Standard: Standard which requires confirmation

Where there is a health problem even though it is not regarded as a health disorder.
(Need confirmation and understanding of the other party)

Cases in which confirmation is necessary

- Asthma, Hepatitis B virus
- Partially missing body parts (level not regarded as a disorder)
- Complete recovery from past mental disease
- Traces of atopic dermatitis or an operation
(In case it appears on the face or on a surface)

6. Cheon-II-Guk Standard (3) : Standard of the Candidate

◆ How much determination is necessary?

Receiving the Blessing itself requires a strong desire for it and the sense of responsibility on the part of the participating person. Furthermore, when it comes to True Parents Matching, we must even more strongly emphasize the importance of the determination of the person participating. This is because, in the case of True Parents Matching, there is no time to think about it after getting matched or decide later. The state of mind necessary in this case is to leave it absolutely to Heaven to decide one's spouse. More concretely, it is necessary to have the attitude or state of mind that I do not put 'any such condition on my matched partner' as nationality, race, academic background, income, external appearance, etc.

Currently, the nations that can send candidates for the Second Generation Blessing are not limited to Korea, Japan, U. S. A., and European countries. Candidates are coming from South America and Africa as well. Please confirm whether or not the candidate child is prepared to accept anyone from one of those world areas as their spouse. On the other hand, in the past there were often cases in which the Japanese candidates who wanted to become an international Blessed couple were matched with the Japanese. In short, those who want to participate in the True Parents Matching should have the mind set on which they put priority on the decision by Heaven rather than their own wish.

Even if there is little time before the matching is going to start, the Family Education Department makes it a rule to guide any candidate to refrain from participating in True Parents Matching if he/she is not fully determined to go through with it. We observe the rule for the sake of the particular person and also for the sake of the person who may be matched with the person. If, during the short period of several seconds of the matching by True Parents a candidate is not firm and strong in his/her belief that this is God's wish and plan, it is he / she that will be confused.

Also, the second generation candidates for the True Parents Matching come from all parts of the world. Many of those candidates come from less wealthy

countries, spending far longer hours of travel. Japanese candidates must be educated thoroughly so that they are prepared to accept those overseas members as important brothers and sisters. From the standpoint of parents, they may want to send their children if there is some possibility. Still, they should seriously think of the situation of the other candidates who might become the matched partner of their children. Like your own children, they are also second generation children. Also, those candidates should be prepared not only to accept the matched partner (determined not to reject) but also expect to be accepted by others (preparation not to be rejected). The Blessing is marriage and requires responsibility. (See, page 62)

Finally, it should be added that the mindset with which to entrust to Heaven the matter to decide the partner includes the possibility of not being matched. According to past records, some women candidates usually remain unmatched because of the difference in the number of men and women candidates. Yet, if they have the mind to find God's plan in that case, they should feel gratitude for participating, regardless of whether they were matched or not. When you send your children to the True Parents Matching, you are requested to prepare your children internally to accept the possibility of that situation.

Standard of a person's attitude

Absolute Attitude: Criteria for recommending a Cheon II Guk Blessing
Both parents and child are prepared to leave, to God, the matter to decide the spouse

- You are prepared to love your partner as the only person. (Yes / No)
- You will receive a partner from any nation or geographic area.
Japan, Korea, the West, South America, Asia, Africa. (Yes / No)
- You will receive a partner from any race. (Yes / No)
- Your partner's character or appearance doesn't matter. (Yes / No)
- Your partner's height and age don't matter. (Yes / No)
Height and age are a basic consideration but a lady is rarely taller than the man, and in many cases a lady is older than the man.
- Your partner's income and academic background don't matter. (Yes / No)
Academic background is a basic consideration. Besides, a man who doesn't have an income (no ability to earn living expenses), except for a student, isn't recommended for a matching.

7. Culture and Tradition of Parents' Matching

- ◆ It is impossible to find a suitable person if you send your child with the purpose of finding a good wife/husband for him/her.

When a blessed family lived in an apartment in a building where some other blessed families lived, the mother said to herself, "as a mother, I have to discipline my children well". So, she strictly disciplined them both internally and externally. Then, one day she looked at the family next door, and found that the children of that family were not well disciplined at all in their daily life as well as in the life of faith.

In the beginning, she said to herself, "How terrible that family is ..." and did not pay attention further, for it wasn't her business. After a while, however, she came to realize that her three children were all daughters, while the children of the next-door family were all sons. When she said to herself, "one of my daughters may be matched to one of their sons", chills ran down her spine.

Then, when she said to herself, "Even if their sons are not matched with my daughters, sooner or later other families whose children are matched with those sons will have to bear the burden." She was reminded of the words "Blessed Families share the same destiny". She came to the realization that "I should not think that all I have to do is discipline my children only."

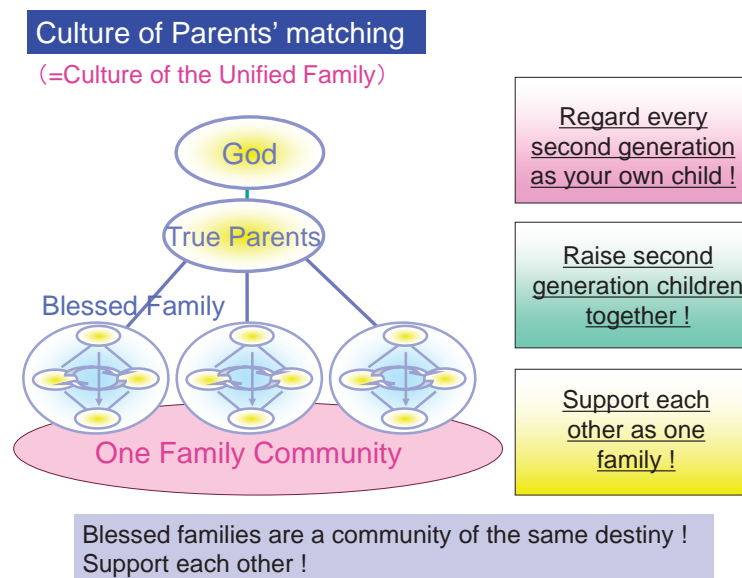
Originally, Blessed Children are equally True Parents' children. The parents of Blessed Children are in a position to raise them on behalf of True Parents. The parents must share the responsibility to work together to raise and discipline Blessed Children, regarding them equally as Heaven's children. That kind of Unification Family Culture must exist at the root of Parents Matching. (See, pp. 22, 64)

If all Blessed families are motivated by self-centered consciousness for the sake of my child only and participate in the parents' matching for the purpose of looking for a person with good conditions for my child, the culture developing would become cold and selfish. If participating parents boast about their own child,

and criticize the immaturity of others' children, there will be cases where parents fight to obtain a child with better conditions. Can the second generation children find at that place the value and significance of the Blessing marriage? We must create a culture in which parents agree that their children have many insufficient, unsatisfactory aspects, and that they must work together to raise their children and help each other by making up for their weak points.

If they participate from the viewpoint of looking for a well-disciplined and well-prepared son/daughter-in-law, they may end up having failed to find any matching partner. On the other hand, if they have a warm attitude where they look at all the second generation children as precious children loved by the True Parents, and determine to raise them on their behalf, they will surely be able to find a good matching partner.

Now that physical parents have to take responsibility, Blessed families' consciousness and attitude will decide the future of the Culture of Blessing in this movement. True Parents have always been the Parents for the second generation. If we inherit that tradition, from now on people will undoubtedly find the original culture of marriage which they cannot find in this secular world.



8. Prospect of the Matching in the Future

◆ Is the day coming when one can decide one's matching partner?

The October 2010 report on the True Parents' matching must have surprised everyone because the matching was made in an unprecedented way which was unthinkable in True Parents' tradition until then. On that occasion the candidates were told to choose their own partner. The second generation matching candidates had gathered and had determined to accept whoever True Parents may decide. Then, True Father said, "Go and pick a matching partner." Even the staff members were surprised to hear it. Even True Mother asked, "Do you mean that the candidates themselves make the decision?"

But, True Father never meant that you can choose your favorite person.

It is because Father said, "Look for a person who is 180 degrees opposite not only in terms of external appearance but also internally." In other words, there was essentially no difference from his viewpoint of the matching, namely, to find a person according to the Will of Heaven (see, page 50). Father said to the puzzled second generation matching candidates, "Choose the one you feel is most like your sibling" and strongly pushed them to follow his direction.

Since it was not easy to get along with the matching partner decided through the Parents Matching, it must have been an even heavier burden for the candidates to take this responsibility. But, we can imagine that Father must have trusted the second generation members who had met the conditions of the Cheon-Il-Guk standard. Also, Father said, "Originally, each one was supposed to know who his/her future spouse would be." In the future when the original ideal is realized, human beings must have a day like that. However, it will become possible only on the premise of the Standard in accordance with the Heaven's wish. As a matter of fact, it is impossible to choose one person out of many within a limited time. Bottom line, what is required, is the standard of becoming selfless in front of the Heaven's Will.

Actually, the matching went on as one candidate after another extended a hand to another one of opposite sex who seemed to be the right person and the person took the extended hand if the person felt "All right". In some cases, one felt intuitively that the person is the right one. In other cases, one extended a hand with no conscious feelings. Looking back, it can be said that all the cases were guided by Heaven. It is because the ratio of international matching was almost similar to the ratio matched by Father. Also, the more the matched couples knew each other's background, the more they realized the necessity for their matching.

On that occasion, Father said, without receiving the bow of gratitude, "report to your physical parents," and "you can bow to me after you have built your own family." He emphasized the five percent responsibility of each one in accomplishing the Blessing. The Era after the Coming of Heaven is the age when one takes responsibility for fulfilling the ideal of the Blessing and then gives a report to Heaven. We do not know how the matching will be held in the future, but let us determine to have the same attitude of standing in accordance with the Heaven's Will and build an exemplary family which can testify to Heaven.

The significance of Oct 2010 Matching

The age of the Blessed Family's responsibility

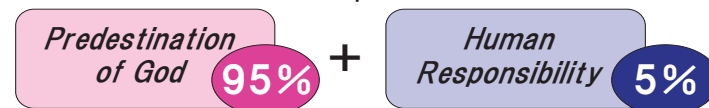
① The Decision of Oneself

■ True Father's Words : " Find your partner by yourself."

"The exact 180 degree opposite person"

"The person like actual brother and sister of your family"

■ View Point : To find the partner whom Heaven desires



② The Responsibility for the Fulfillment of the Blessing

■ True Father's Words : " Do report to your parents."

"Bow after starting the family."

■ View Point :

As the central Blessed family, to establish the ideal of the Blessing and testify before Heaven and Earth with own responsibility.

III. Attitude towards the Second Generation Blessing

Many Blessed families have great interest and anxiety as to how they can find candidates for their children's Blessing. However, before considering finding candidates there are important internal considerations: how parents should prepare themselves before the child receives the Blessing, what the adult child needs to do to prepare and qualify, and what previous discussions parents should have with the child, etc. Parents and child have to address the Second Generation Blessing together.

I would like to list some points which are required as internal preparation for a “family” to prepare their children towards matching and Blessing. Please check these points one more time.

1. Children's Ownership and Parents' Awareness

◆ Should you entrust the Blessing responsibilities of your children to others?

Here's a story of when I interviewed a second generation who applied for True Parents' matching. I asked the person, "Are you really prepared to apply for True Parents' matching?" The answer was "yes", but it came not from the person but from the mother who accompanied the child. The parent's (in this case the mother's) resolve is understandable but it is difficult for the child to complete the Blessing as long as he/she isn't ready and determined to go through with it. No matter how much parents want their child to receive the Blessing, parents cannot overcome the Blessing challenges on behalf of their child. Respect the child's ownership and wait for his/her decision.

Of course, it is natural that parents want to support and take responsibility. Parents' matching started in 2001. It was then that blessed families began to be aware of their responsibility that the second generation's Blessing is our matter. On the other hand, there are still some parents who feel, "Parents' matching is impossible," "I don't understand the Second Generation Blessing so well...", or "I hope someone introduces a good Blessing candidate for my child..., etc." They may feel it is "someone else's matter," and not their own.

However, True Parents gave the authority to match, not to children, nor to church pastors, but to "parents." No matter how long parents just wait for a good Blessing candidate, they cannot make children go to the Blessing. Furthermore, the final determination must be made by the child. However, the matching will not be successful if parents are just watching the child's mood. It is understandable if the child be worried and hesitates whether the matching is good or not since the decision will affect his/her eternal destiny. But this is one of the very reasons why parents should have a sense of responsibility and determination to look for and introduce the partner to the child for the Blessing. So, parents should keep in mind that looking for the spouse Heaven has prepared for the child and guiding him/

her to the Blessing, while respecting the child's will, are the responsibility of the parents. Even in the event of an introduction from a third party (e.g. church leader, elder blessed family, etc.), still parents must understand that it is the parents who must have absolute responsibility for the child's Blessing.

If a child isn't interested in the Blessing at first, it would be good for parents to participate in Blessing seminars. It might be beneficial to listen to testimonies from other families who already guided their children to the Blessing. Time might be needed to find the Blessing candidate for the second generation candidate, but parents' sincere heart can definitely help move the child's heart.

True Parents' matching is the same. Please be prepared; be aware that the responsibility to guide the child to the Blessing lies on the parents. You must not "leave it to True Parents' responsibility."

Required Change in the Way of Thinking

- My child doesn't have faith...
⇒ If the parents begin to act, the child will change!
- Our church doesn't help us...
⇒ Heaven helps those who help themselves!
- If there is a chance someday...
⇒ There is something you can do now!
- I don't know how to begin the matter...
⇒ Eagerly seek learning opportunities!
- That family was excellent, that's the matching that went well.
⇒ Listen to successful cases!
- As it wasn't decided easily, we gave up...
⇒ Persevere for 3 years! You are sure to be guided!

2. Review of the Viewpoint on Matching

◆ Do you think you choose your child's spouse?

In many cases, families attending parents' matching feel they are choosing the spouse. Since they can choose from many candidates they hesitate and are anxious about how to choose. That is because choices and human judgment are not absolute.

Even when applying for True Parents' matching the applicants sometimes tend to believe they can decide if they will accept the chosen Blessing candidate after being matched. Matching is not the correct understanding. Blessed Children see True Parents matching as an absolute commitment while parents' matching is choosing with one's own responsibility. Thus they tend to deal with parents' matching as something relative. However, this view misunderstands True Parents desire.

It is a fact that the 5% portion of responsibility of the second generation's parents and children was emphasized. However, True Parents never taught that finding a marriage partner was a choice. The viewpoint of Unification matching is that God has already prepared a particular spouse for each of us, just as God predestined Adam & Eve to be future spouses. It is not changeable, no matter if the children are matched by True Parents or by their parents. There is no difference whether it's the parents or True Parents who are looking for the spouse God has already predestined. The principle where God decides one particular spouse does not change. So the responsibility that God asks of us is not to decide our spouse, but to fulfill parents' 5% portion of responsibility, which is to seek one particular person with God's guidance through our preparedness, and to complete our own 5% portion of responsibility, which is to love the spouse chosen as the only spouse given by God.

Of course, neither do we have a complete character, nor do we have the heartistic caliber to be acceptable to just any Blessing candidate. If parents don't explore their own internal aspects before applying for the matching it might be irresponsible for them to accept just any Blessing candidate. However, if you limit your choice of spouse to your own caliber of love you can neither expect your personal growth nor find God's desire for the Blessing. That is why God's desire through the Blessing is to realize true love on earth through Blessed couples. If you have the right mind/heart to accept God's Will for the child's Blessing, then you will find his/her ideal spouse.

Comparison of the View of Marriage (View of the Matching)

Secular view of value

- Find your partner yourself
- Look for a person you can love
- Choose a person based on mutual ideals or needs
- It's important to have common hobbies or interests, etc.

Values of the Blessing

- There's a spouse for me that God decided.
- Become a person who can love the partner.
- Cultivate each other aiming at God's ideal.
- Respect the difference in each other and expand your own world, etc.

Don't think to 'choose a person from among many,'
but 'look for the person God has prepared for me'

3. Four Position Foundation (1) : Stand on God's Will

◆ Do you pray well recently?

Second Generation Blessing means Blessing on the perfected family level, given to the family that has completed the ideal family (see, page 18). So, an important preparation for the Second Generation Blessing is to prepare to achieve the family level four position foundation. Parents must think they need to evaluate what level of mind/heart their family is at to prepare for the Second Generation Blessing and to see the standard God desires.

First point is to align with God's desire. Generally speaking parents first think of their children before themselves. Some parents become reckless when it comes to the Blessing of their own children, but it is most important for parents to "Stand on God's Will" first.

All second generation children pay close attention to their parents' actions and how they proceed towards their children's matching and what they are centered on. One second generation child expressed worries about his/her parents matching as, "It is hard to commit myself to my parents because they are very humanistic..." It is important that the main motivation for the Blessing be God's Will, a standard which children can trust in parent's matching.

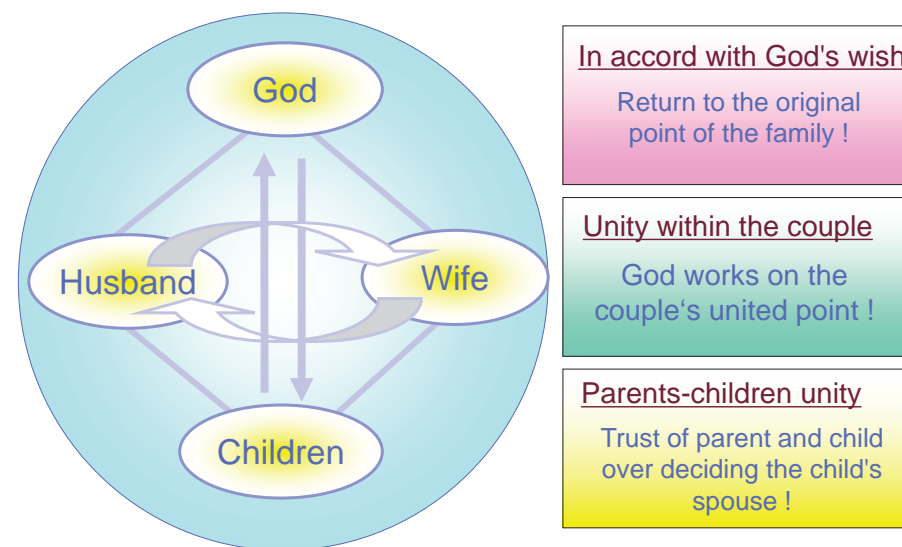
Actually, if parents are not aligned with the central axis, centered on God's Will, they will realize they aren't being guided, no matter how hard and desperately they try looking for their child's spouse. The Blessing affair is eternal, so heavenly guidance is imperative. In the end parents realize that it is important to go back to the root of the Blessing in addressing their child's matching. They then change their mindset to address their child's matching with prayer and a sincere heart.

One mother reflected after the parents matching in this way: "It has been a long while since I offered a prayer." Also, one Blessed Child said: "My parents' attitude towards life has changed since they started to address the parents' matching."

Thus, to correct the parents' life of faith is most important for parents to prepare for the Second Generation Blessing.

In the case of True Parents matching it is most necessary to be internally prepared. In other words, a successful matching depends on the child regarding the future spouse given to his/her from God's point-of-view. The starting point of a Blessed family is precisely God's Will. First, we must go back to the roots of the Blessing which is the fundamental mindset for the Blessed child's Blessing.

Restructure of the Family Level Four Position Foundation



Let us return to the "Origin" through the Second Generation Blessing!

4. Four Position Foundation (2) : Unity between Husband and Wife

◆ Do you, as husband and wife, often talk with each other?

The second point to reflect on in the family level Four-Position Foundation is, needless to say, unity between husband and wife. Traditionally, husband and wife often have opposing ideas to each other. For example, if a husband says I will go right the wife might say I will go left. However, husband and wife are there to build a relationship and help each other. For this reason, when they reach a common answer they hear God's voice.

In proceeding with parents matching, if the husband's opinion is different from the wife's, what happens? Let's take as an example, a mother who is trying to do a parents' matching and cannot agree with her husband on their child's Blessing. She says to her child "I recommend you to choose family A, but your father wants family B. Which family do you think is better for you?" These parental divisions would definitely confuse the child.

Recently, participants in parents' meetings, where husband and wife attend together, have increased in number (see page 110) to fulfill parents' matching. How difficult it is if either parent tries to fulfill parents' matching alone without consulting the other. This is because husband and wife learn together and offer prayers as one so their child's matching is destined to be successful. This is the same when one of the parents has passed away. A wife whose husband has gone to spirit world testified that she felt her husband's guidance from spirit world while she addressed the parents' matching.

This important matter is related to your child's eternal destiny. If it is difficult for husband and wife to communicate, all the more husband and wife should discuss their child's situation before the child applies for the matching. Actually, I heard a testimony that a husband and wife, who had not talked with each other for a long time, started to communicate again. Thus, the child's Blessing is a good

opportunity to rediscover the husband and wife relationship. Let me mention other testimonies. Husband and wife who had been separated were brought back to live together again. In another case, a husband, who had been away from his family for 12 years because of his job, came back to his family, and so on.

In case a second generation child is matched when he/she is too young, the parents need to offer more support for them immediately after the Blessing. Parents from both families must prepare a foundation to be able to support their children. The closer the relationship between husband and wife is, the sooner the children's Blessing. Communication between husband and wife seems not directly related to their children's Blessing, but actually, it is the shortest road for their children's Blessing.

Talk between the Husband and the Wife

- Make the child's blessing as the theme -

- ① About the time the child was born.
- ② About the expectation for the child's future.
- ③ The most memorable episodes in the child's life.
- ④ The most beautiful words the child said to you.
- ⑤ The hardest part of raising the child.
- ⑥ That which you thank your child the most for.
- ⑦ What you wish the most for the child.
- ⑧ What type of family you want your child to make.
- ⑨ The child's 3 good and 3 weak points.
- ⑩ Message you want to convey to the partner's family.

5. Four Position Foundation (3) : Trust Between Parent and Child

◆ Do you understand your child well?

The final element to consider in a family level Four Position Foundation is the unity between parent and child. In the case of parents' matching, we often hear that parents don't understand their child well. Parents have to know exactly what their child thinks about the Blessing, and when, how and where the child hopes to start family, etc. Without understanding the child it is definitely difficult to find the spouse only by depending on spiritual sense. Also, if parents don't understand their child then the child might be confused when the parents proceed towards the matching together with their children then the other parents may think, "Well, this is quite different from what his/her parents told us about their child..."

In many cases parents believe that they understand their child, but the child has deep feelings which he/she doesn't tell the parents, an aspect that the child doesn't show. Therefore, it is necessary for parents and children to talk to each other deeply before starting to look for your children's spouse.

When talking about parents matching we don't mean "Don't ask your child about his/her desire for the spouse." Quite the opposite, it is necessary to discuss between parents and child about the child's wishes. Of course when the child has secular values on marriage, parents have to guide the child correctly. However, first, parents need to listen to their children's voice. When the child realizes that his/her parents understand him/her well then they will commit themselves to the matching. True Parents' matching is the same. Based on the parent - child relationship where both can talk about anything to each other, the child can confidently overcome any difficult obstacles.

One Blessed Child said: "My parents don't listen to me. They just try to persuade me one-sidedly." "No matter what I say they always give me the same answer. So, I don't want to talk to them anymore," etc. Parents feel frustrated at their immature children's ways and ideas. Even if parents feel their children

are immature and childish, if the parents say, "Why are you like this?" "It's unbelievable," "You don't understand the Divine Principle at all," then there is no room for a dialogue between you and your children. First, please accept your children's current state and feelings as is, and try to show your understanding of them. When your child feels, "My parents understand me and share my feeling," then more internal guidance becomes possible.

In many cases because parents were too busy devoting themselves to God's

Will, they might not have had time to talk with their child. If you feel the heartistic distance has become widened between you and your child over the past 20 or so years, determine to fill the gap no matter what it takes, even if it takes 10 years. If parents are prepared to do so, the period will be greatly shortened. When parents and children address the matching centered on God's Will, God will definitely guide the family in creating the new Four Position Foundation. It is not because we are perfect so that we can participate in the Second Generation Blessing. I believe, through the Second Generation Blessing, our family can develop towards that standard.

Talk between the Parents and Children

- Before entering into the parents' matching -

① Thoughts on the Blessing (in a straightforward way)

② Image of your future spouse (yourself & parents)

③ Criteria of thinking about a spouse:

- Nationality, race, • Residence • Mother tongue
- Age range • Height range
- Single or re-blessing:
before starting a family or after starting a family
- Amnesty problem in the past (It matters or doesn't matter?)
- Health/disorder problem (It matters or doesn't matter?)
- Other conditions to hope (Academic achievement, occupation, appearance, etc.)

④ Future dreams, family plan

- Future prospects, how to be involved in God's Providence
- Time and place to start a family
- Number of children. Couple's role sharing, etc.

6. “Becoming a Family Member (Establishment of Faith)” and “Becoming a Blessed Family”

◆ Do you think the Blessing is the “Goal”?

The Second Generation Blessing is a fruit which True Parents raised while tenderly watching over the child's growth. Thus, the day when the child receives the Blessing must be a hopeful time for parents. However, a point I want to make is that the Blessing is never the final goal. Generally speaking, the secular view of marriage is a final destination after a man and woman feel well-disposed and then fall in love. However, the Unification view on marriage means to stand at a starting line toward the realization of an ideal family through the True Love God desires.

In other words, it doesn't mean that “As soon as we receive the Blessing, a happy married life can start,” or “If my child receives the Blessing, we will be liberated from the role of the parents.” Marriage (Blessing) is the starting point of new battles and challenges of love toward an eternal ideal family. In this “Second round” of our life, both your child and parents are asked to have the strong motivation and maturity of heart to overcome the challenges. Are you ready?

As long as we are not perfect, we inevitably are in a battle of love toward the perfection of the personality and family. Generally, human beings become most selfish when they face love and marriage. If we don't have the heart of living for the sake of others and can't raise our level of faith centering on God's Will, marriage is the tomb of love for us, too.

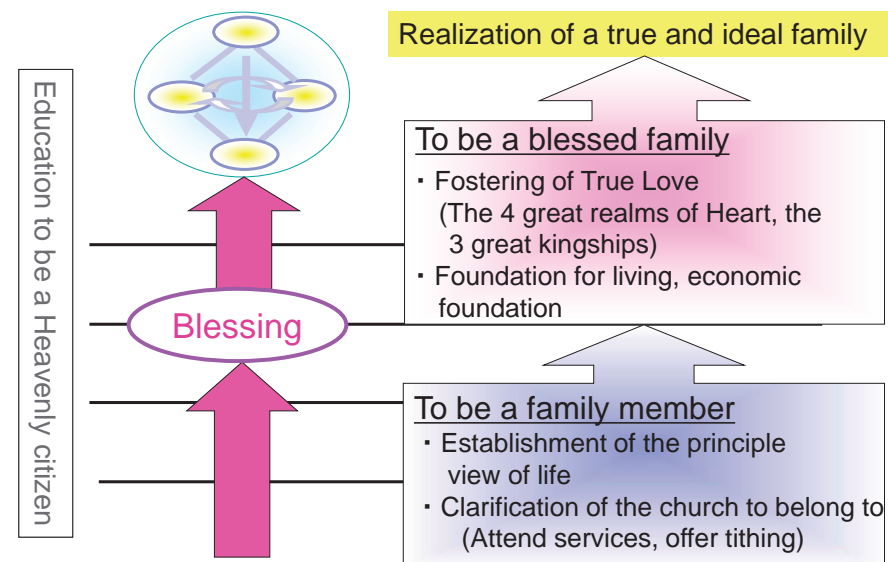
Being at the headquarters, we often hear the following voices: “Now is the time for my child to receive the Blessing because he/she came to want it” and “I want my child to participate in the Blessing this time because I heard this is the last of True Parents' matchings”... We can understand the parental heart which desires children's Blessing. However, parents have to surely understand that much harder realistic problems are waiting after receiving the Blessing. For example, it is

dangerous for the adult child to jump into a pool without some warm-up exercises, and it is impossible for someone who doesn't exercise every day to suddenly run a full marathon.

Rev. Hyun Jin Moon mentioned that the process from the Blessing to actually realizing an ideal family is to become a Blessed Family. As a precondition to receive the Blessing, the test of becoming a family member (establishment of faith) has to be previously passed; that is, the Blessing is the destination to become a family member and a starting point to become a Blessed Family.

In the next section, we would like to summarize briefly the standard of the Blessing candidate which is required to receive the Blessing from two viewpoints; “Becoming a family member” and “Starting of the Blessed Family.”

Position of the Blessing Seen from the Viewpoint of the Growth Process



7. Children's Standard (1) : Establishment of the View of Life based on the Divine Principle

◆ Are you thinking “I just need to receive the Blessing”?

The first requirement for a Blessing candidate who prepares for the Blessing is his/her firm establishment as a family member, that is, the establishment of a life based on the Divine Principle. Some parents say their children may receive the Blessing by believing in their parents because the second generation doesn't have to pay indemnity. However the Blessing (marriage) is one “major theme” with life-long effects, so this matter should be seriously considered.

A religion professor who is a Unificationist mentioned that “When I introduced the view of marriage in the Unification Church, a student surprisingly asked, ‘Could there be a religion in this kind of age which intervenes in marriage, a most private matter? Are there any people who join in a religion which puts up this incredibly high hurdle?’” Even for the priests and monks, “Love between man and woman” is a hard thing to control.

Some parents tell their child, “You don't have to understand the Divine Principle, nor do you have to do Hoon Dok Hae, nor pray, either. You don't have to go to church or to Sunday Service, either. Just go to the Blessing...” Such parental comments and attitudes are the deadliest for the second generation children. Without accepting the view of life based on the Divine Principle, if a child receives the Blessing only because of parents' desire for them to be blessed, the Blessing will restrain the child.

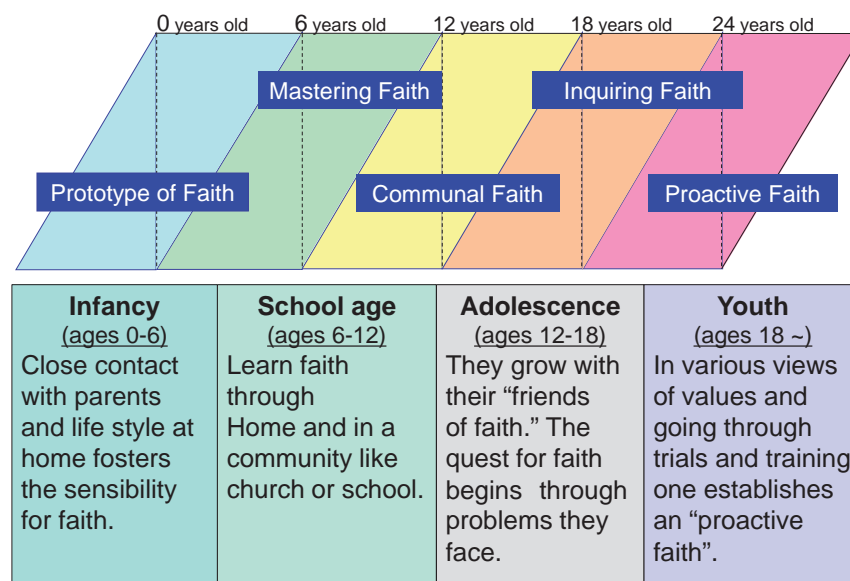
The second generation children also need a “proactive faith.” The Blessing requires the second generation to have their own independent faith, not unduly depending on parents. Many second generation children who applied for the Blessing began to face some challenges in considering a spouse. They were asked during the interview, “Do you believe to the core in God and the True Parents?”, “Do you really believe that the Divine Principle is the truth?” and “Will you raise

the third generation as a blessed child?”

Establishment of faith for the second generation means establishment of identity as a second generation. The motivation which the second generation should have for the Blessing is not a personal desire for a love affair, or some expectation from their parents, or pressure from the surrounding environment. It should be heartistic and faithful; I am a true child who can receive life by fulfilling God's and True Parents' desire. So, I will receive the Blessing based on Heaven's desire. If you self-centeredly seek a lover then you have a 99% chance to fail in your Blessing.

As of a few years ago the education system for the second generation became more organized, and it became available to more young second generation to learn the grand picture of the Divine Principle. Now the second generation can come prepared when applying for the Blessing based on experiencing a life of faith through field activities. (See, page 76) Therefore we ask parents to take responsibility not by asking how to send their children to the Blessing but by first establishing the faith of their child.

Growing Process of Faith for the Second Generation



8. Children's Standard (2) : Preparation for Married Life

◆ The Blessing is not “engagement” but “marriage”.

The second requirement for the Blessing is precisely the preparation for married life. Thinking like this might surprise some people. However, the Blessing is genuinely a marriage. In the case of an international Blessing some couples might have disagreements with each other after starting family because of differences in culture, etc.

For example, because Koreans generally equate the Blessing to marriage they ask the husband to-be to have income and financial resources as well as a sense of responsibility toward the family; and the wife to-be to have housekeeping skills to be prepared to start her family promptly.

While Korean parents may be tolerant in terms of faith like “because both of you are young and your situation is special, there is no choice.” But they often become very hard on the practical issues such as, “She isn't yet preparing to start a family,” or “Why he has no stable job and is not preparing for financial foundation?” Compared to Korea, Japan has the opposite tendency, like strict in terms of faith and tolerant in terms of practical life. For this reason, in Japan it is necessary to understand that the “Blessing is marriage.”

Generally, it is natural to ask for the male Blessing candidate to have financial power and potential. If a male Blessing candidate can't depict a clear picture to his intended wife of his future course and plans, this could be a source of anxiety for her. If you have a son please guide him to have the mindset that he will stand as a pillar in the position of taking responsibility for his family.

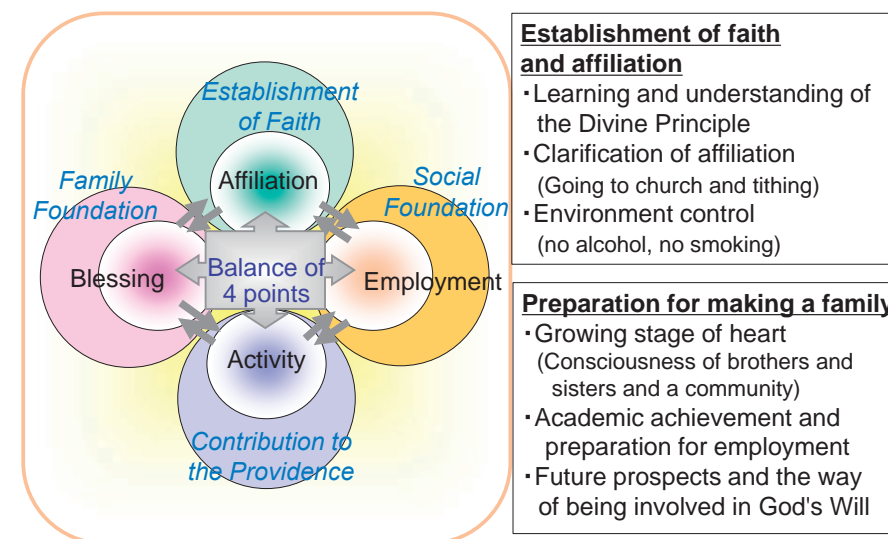
On the other hand, if you are preparing a daughter, guide her to prepare to start a family and to inherit the tasks and roles of a mother before she applies for the Blessing. In Korea, as a preparation for a second generation's Blessing for daughters, they sometimes go to cooking class. To live for the sake of others and to

build an ideal family need to be practically realized and are the first steps toward becoming a blessed family.

Life of faith and practical training before the Blessing are good opportunities to learn about society. Communal life with others who have different backgrounds and customs, teaches one to understand and respect others, and to train in self-control, endurance and dominion over all things. Also, widening the realm of heart among brothers and sisters is a good step in learning to connect to the realm of heart in your couple.

In the future, you will build a family with your spouse. Of course some second generation children might apply for the Blessing even when they are young. However, please send these younger Blessing candidates to the Blessing after they understand their responsibility for their own life course, career choice, and future family. They should be thinking, "I will prepare in such a way before starting my family."

Checklist before Blessing



9. Build a Community of Unified Family

◆ It is important for families to get together on a regular basis.

Parents' matching, which started in 2001, reminded worldwide Blessed Families the importance of mutual communication and understanding. First, Blessed Family means unified families, united as one world family, connected to True Parents throughout the world. In reality, however, families got involved and separated into many different missions and living environments so relationships became far distant from each other.

It is wrong to look for your child's spouse thinking "I wonder who deserves to be matched with my child" once the child reaches the age when they can receive the Blessing. Before the child thinks about the Blessing it is important for parents to build a community as a unified family which can live together and can communicate with each other. (See, page 42)

To begin with, just one family cannot deal with the education of the second generation, no matter how great the parents are. Generally, when children reach puberty they become independent, so there are more possibilities for children to be disobedient to their parents. At this age, they begin to get involved in various thoughts and social activities. Because they are in their adolescent years, support from second generation friends, elders and other families, (other than one's own parents and siblings) is needed to help guide them to find their direction.

Actually, if a father tries to give a testimony regarding his own experience of faith like, "When I was young..." then his child would leave his seat within three minutes. However, if fathers or mothers of other blessed families give their testimony of faith, the same child surprisingly listens to their stories with genuine interest. So, if you want to give your testimony to your child, participate in a second generation workshop and talk to all the second generation children directly. By doing so, your child will definitely listen to your testimony as a part of the workshop. A woman who was unable to guide her son to the Blessing felt, "It is not

only me who is having a hard time. We have to help each other." Then she called a daughter of another blessed family who distanced herself from the church, and after a while, guided her to a Second Generation Blessing. Then, later, the mother of the distanced child was so pleased that she said reciprocating, "from now on I will guide your son to the Blessing."

Even now there are many second generation children who can't face the Blessing. Also, some Blessed families suffer about their children's Blessing without asking anyone how to guide them. It is almost impossible for one family alone to guide their children either to the workshop or to the Blessing. So, let's start recreating some kinds of meetings (for example, parents' meetings, family meetings, etc.), where parents who have children in the same age group can gather, learn together, and cooperate with each other to deepen communication and friendship. We, blessed families, need to have a common understanding, reaching beyond the border of "my children's Blessing," where we are interested in each child of other families and, together, try to overcome the challenges other families have. By doing so, we can practically prepare for the Second Generation Blessing.

Local Parents' Meetings/Family Association

•Purpose:

- ① Learning and enlightenment to aim for a true family
- ② Friendship with other families and formation of a family community

•Unit:

Church diocese, by children's age (or by the year of parents' Blessing)

•Contents of the meeting (once every 2-3 months)

<Part 1> Forum for learning and enlightenment.

Lecture on second generation/family, the Second Generation Blessing.
Testimony by senior families, various guideline and information, etc.

<Part 2> Free talk and Information exchange.

Tea party in small groups, family introduction, discussions divided by different themes, etc.

Share mutual conditions and establish relationships to help each other!

IV. Visions for Second Generation Blessing and Family Education

By observing the process of the Second Generation Blessing, issues concerning the second generation education until the Blessing and those concerning family education become apparent. We can assume that questions about the Second Generation Blessing such as “How do we want to raise our second generation children?” and “How should we educate them at home?” are directly related to the vision of the education of our second generation and family. We would like to understand second generation education and Blessing education from the perspective of family education. With this vision, we can examine our basic understanding and current efforts to actualize this vision.

1. The Cheon-II-Guk Blessing Culture

◆ Branding the Blessing!

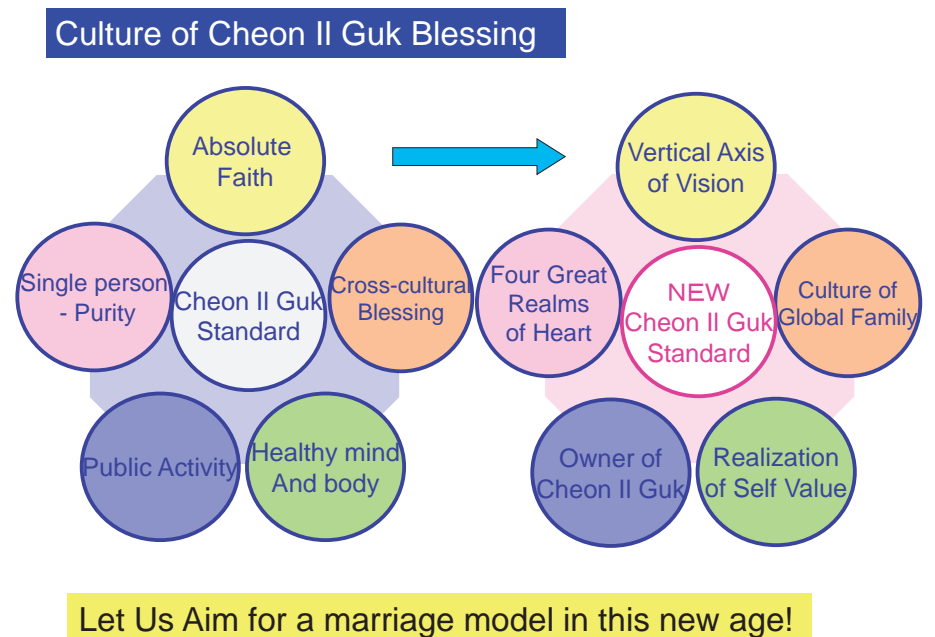
Hyung Jin Nim once spoke to us, “Why do you think Louis Vuitton is expensive? It is because they have been successful in ‘branding’ their products by creating a ‘luxurious-image and raising the value of its products.’ Then, do you think we can do the same?”

Originally, the Divine Principle and the Blessing hold an unlimited value, something money cannot buy. However, due to the merits of the age there is a chance that we have been selling them at a discount without being able to communicate their real value. If the Blessing is the marriage that Heaven and Earth have originally longed for, shouldn't we be demonstrating it's real value to the world?

True Father has set the Cheon-II-Guk Standard after entering the Era after the Coming of Heaven (see, page 34). Educators assembled and discussed the “original standard of the Second Generation Blessing.” Their thoughts have been organized into the New Cheon-II-Guk Standard as follows: 1) Not only to have the determination to accept the given spouse with absolute faith, but to stand on the vision of accomplishing God's ideal family together with the spouse. 2) To surpass the dimension of keeping one's purity, by truly loving one's parents and brothers and sisters, and to cultivate the four great realms of heart. 3) To surpass the dimension of accepting different backgrounds through an international Blessing, by bearing witness to the culture of accepting people from around the world as a global family. 4) To realize the importance of being the Owner of Cheon-II-Guk by supporting God's Will, rather than measuring how many public activities one has accomplished. Finally, 5) accomplish one's self-realization by bringing out the internal and external best of the individual, rather than just being physically and mentally healthy. Now, imagine that the Blessing is with these second generation children, who have prepared themselves well to meet these standards, are blessed

with Heaven's approval. Who can possibility wish for more?

In the past, there was a second generation sister who expressed her anxiety towards the Blessing as follows; “To tell you the truth, the second generation brothers do not look attractive....” Even people outside of our movement strive hard for self-improvement to marry someone attractive. So, if we are the ones holding the vision of living for God, and living for others, shouldn't we be the ones working harder? Our goal for the Second Generation Blessing is to create a culture where second generation children that have strived for self-improvement to realize God's ideal gather to live for the sake of others. Secular marriages face difficulties in their marriages because they base it on their own, individual desires. We believe, we can propose our view as a new marriage model to the rest of the world.



Let Us Aim for a marriage model in this new age!

2. “Cheon-II-Guk Founder Type” Family

◆ Ideal model blessed family for the second generation

When we ask our young second generation about their impression of the Blessing, we receive various feedback. Some describe it as being difficult or as indemnity. Some even think of it as their right to enjoy romance. As parents, we must not forget that it could have been family issues at home that brought about this wrong image.

If we break down these wrong images into four, the first refers to an image of the Blessed family as being limited to the level of individual faith. In other words, this is the case where the husband and wife are connected only through faith rather than love. Most of the second generation that hold this stuck-in-the-wilderness type image often mention that, I rather love somebody and get married outside of church than getting blessed without love.

On the other hand, there are cases where the Blessed family loses sight of their faith and God’s will, and concentrates only on my family’s happiness. We can call this a synchronized-into-Canaan type family. Real happiness is to live for the sake of others. If the husband and wife, and parent and child lose the spirit of living for others, for people and God’s will, they are likely to lose the gratitude of raising children, and become blind to the joy of life. This results in a family no different from the rest of the world, living a life between hope and despair.

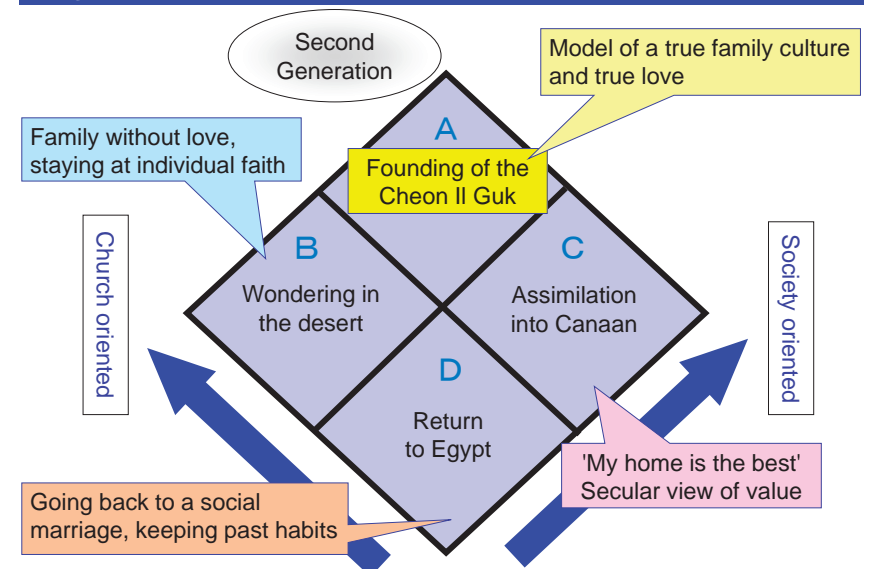
Furthermore, they may think of the Blessing as some kind of romance, which could lead to conflict with the spouse, or re-marrying outside of church. Alternatively, one may go back to their old habit of drinking, smoking or gambling. We refer to this as the returning-back-to-Egypt type family.

None of the different types mentioned above fulfill the ideal model of the Second Generation Blessing. Only the Cheon-II-Guk Founder type family can accomplish the ideal by all the members of the family living for the sake of others,

and by living according to God’s Will. We can see this spirit alive in the True Family.

Many second generation children mention that by seeing Hyung-Jin Nim and Yeon-Nah Nim together as a couple, they feel the beauty of true love between husband and wife. They even impress non-church members when they speak and show commitment towards our brothers and sisters. True Parents gave them the Chinese calligraphy CHEON-HWA-DANG or The House of Heaven's Harmony, meaning the united family. In response to this, Hyung-Jin Nim has stated “I do not think we are the Cheon-hwa-dang now. However, we are working every day to become the Cheon-hwa-dang, and I feel that every Blessed family must do the same.” What we are aiming for is to become the ideal Blessed family that people can find God’s love within.

Image of a Blessed Family that the Second Generation should Aim for



3. The Prospects of Heavenly Citizen Education (1) Vision Oriented

◆ Which is more important, faith or capability?

In response to the question, “How do you want to raise your Blessed child?”, some parents answer “We are pretty flexible, as long as they keep their faith”, or “We definitely want them to become excellent.” From this, we can approximate that the mindset of most parents in regards to second generation education is biased to either faith-oriented or ability-oriented.

In fact, it becomes apparent that the second generation children fall into either the church-oriented type that refers to those who are very passionate about church activities, but lacks interest in developing their education and skills, or the society-oriented type that refers to those who are interested in developing personal skills and succeeding in society, but lacks interest in church activities and faith, when observing the second generation as they grow up. Since the needs and issues differ for each type, it has been very difficult to educate the two different types together.

In addition, there is also an issue-oriented type, in which a child loses any motivation to develop one’s faith or potential when facing their internal and external issue. For this type of children, “understanding” and “care” may be needed before “education.”

When we think about the various situations in which the second generation children are placed, it is understandable to hear from parents or persons-in-charge of education throughout Japan the voices such as “We need more faith training for the second generation,” “Oh, they need more the social training,” or “Please solve their specific problem first.” It seems that a different approach for each area is needed.

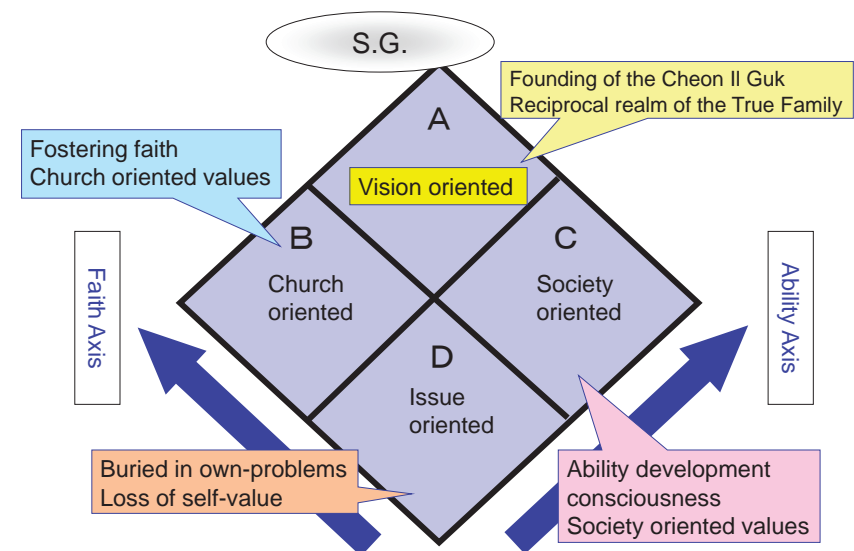
However, if we are aiming for the creation of Cheon-II-Guk, second generation education should be vision-oriented, in other words, raising a second generation that brings together the features of both determined faith and passion, and talents

that are qualified in society. Moreover, this is what the True Family want in second generation education.

Hyun-Jin Nim called it the education to become True Abel, and Hyung-Jin Nim called it ways to become a heavenly citizen (Citizens of Cheon-II-Guk). At first, Hyun-Jin Nim worried about the second generation that were society-oriented (neglecting faith),” and emphasized the importance of establishing your own faith first. Then, Hyung-Jin Nim noticed that the second generation education was too much church-oriented (neglecting to develop abilities), and emphasized the importance of developing your own individuality to reflect it well in society. Here we see that we are aiming for neither the society-oriented nor church-oriented education alone, but a vision-oriented second generation education.

We must change our views towards education. The goal of the second generation education is not just limited to educating them to become smart or to make them a church member, rather, it is to nurture them to become owners of Cheong-II-Guk, something the educators must aim for as well.

Current State of the Second Generation and the Direction of Education



4. The Prospects of Heavenly Citizen Education (2) Becoming Owners of Cheon-II-Guk

◆ Should the second generation children become full time members? Or advance into society?

To come right to the point, the goal of the second generation education is neither to advance into society nor to produce full-time members, but to educate them to become owners of Cheon-II-Guk. Both first generation and second generation share this goal, and Hyung-Jin Nim has named this education process as “Heavenly Citizen Education,” that is divided into the following three steps, “becoming a family member,” “becoming a blessed family” and “becoming the owner of Cheon-II-Guk.” This correlates to the individual perfection (education of heart), family perfection (education of standards), and perfection of dominion (education for dominion), as defined in the three great blessings (Theory of Education, Unification Thought) respectively. Becoming a family member refers to the establishment of life philosophy centered on God. For the first generation this refers to the process of being introduced to the Unification Movement and the Principle, to accept God and True Parents as the Messiah. Whereas for the second generation, this refers to the process of establishing the identity as true children with the base of accepting God and True Parents as their own parents (the root of life) and living according to their will.

In reality, one’s faith develops throughout life. So, in the “becoming a family member stage,” at first the emphasis is on becoming an official member of the church, attend Sunday service, and offer one’s tithing.

In the “becoming a blessed family stage,” at first we need to realize that just because we have been blessed does not mean an automatic completion of establishing a true family or realizing life centered on true love. True love needs to be nurtured with our spouse, by continuously living for the sake of others every day, as well as working hard to remove our fallen nature and self-centered love.

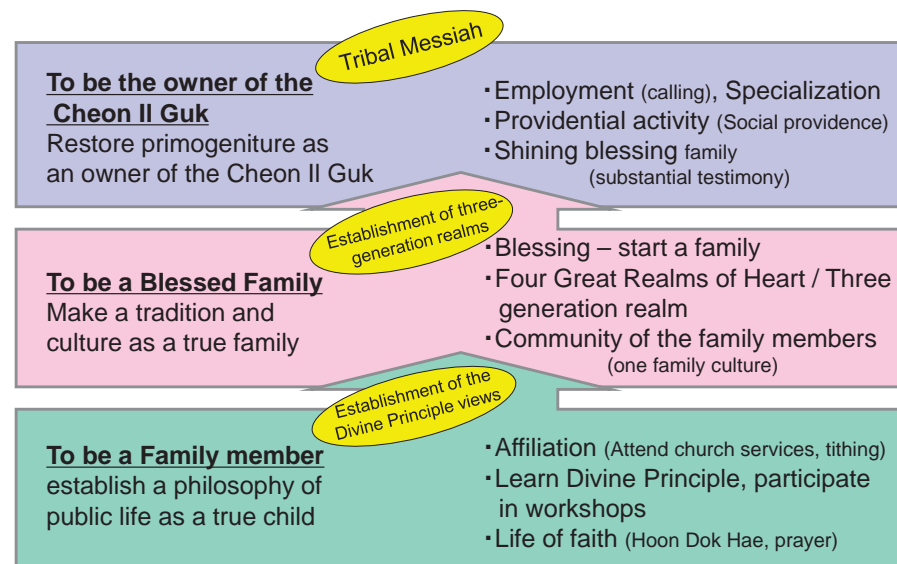
Actually, the full process of becoming a blessed family is not completed until

the establishment of the third generation. However, the most important step in this stage is emphasized on receiving the Blessing and starting a family.

Finally, the “becoming the owner of Cheon-II-Guk stage” refers to demonstrating one’s given individuality and creativity in society with one’s full internal and external talent/potential. Hyung-Jin Nim refers to this as social providence where we become a shining blessed family and change society into Cheon-II-Guk through “natural submission”. Becoming the leading expert in a certain field is also emphasized.

In other words, whether one is society-oriented or a devoted church member, there is no difference in the direction we are aiming. We are all family members with established strong faith, Blessed families with true love, and “owners of Cheon-II-Guk that leads society. One must never forget their devoted spirit when approaching society, and their professional spirit when becoming a full-time member. These are the ideal models that all young second generation blessed families should aim for (See page 255, “Aim for Holy Child”)

Prospects and Ideal Images for the Second Generation Education



5. The Prospect of the Heavenly Citizen Education (3) The Pipeline to Educate the Second Generation

◆ The second generation education has changed like follows!

As to the education to raise people to become heavenly citizens, various departments must cooperate and push forward together. According to the ages, we classify elementary, junior and senior high school students into The Second Generation Department and classify college students and youth into CARP or the Second Generation Youth and Students Department. These are the main educational departments.

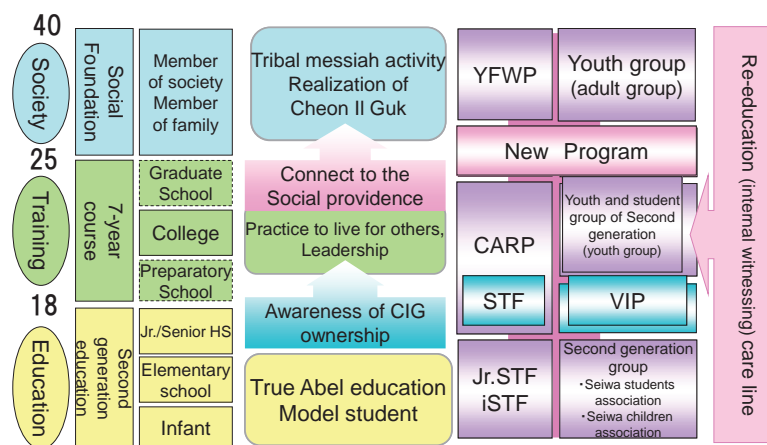
Once, children under 19 years old belonged to the stage of education and young people from the graduation of high school to 25 years old belonged to the stage of training and after that, people under 41 years old belonged to the stage to build the social basis. Especially, young people from 18 to 25 years old were in the period of the 7 year official course of the second generation, and mainly we have promoted education focused on the establishment of faith. Now, we don't limit it to a period of 7 years, and start the education as early as possible and move forward ahead of schedule if possible. We are thinking of arranging the education steps to accomplish to become "family members," "blessed families" and "owners of Cheon Il Guk."

Though the present educational situations are imperfect in many ways, to promote the heavenly citizen education, the people in the education department across Japan have been trying to change and improve the contents of education to realize the vision. Long time ago, concerning the education of the second generation until the graduation of high school, they had an inward view aiming at how they keep the second generation children inside the church or how to protect the second generation from bad social circumstances." Now, under the guidance of the True Family, the education pipeline (STF-CARP- MTF) was set up aiming for the cultivation of true Abel (the owner of Cheon Il Guk). Also, in the department of junior and senior high school students, the Junior STF Program (practice and life program) started, and came to encourage the early establishment of faith and came to turn their efforts to advance in scholastic ability for college.

Also, in CARP (education for college students), beyond the establishment of individual faith, they encourage the cultivation of leadership through practical activities on campus. Also, they hold explanation meetings for the Blessing, they do counseling concerning the student's future course taking his or her talents into consideration and also begin to have life planning lectures. After 2008, the youth and students department for the second generation across Japan started an educational program for college and vocational students who couldn't join CARP, and for the members working in society. In CARP and the Youth and Students Department, currently "to become family members" is the main target, but from now on, we are seeking to develop a more comprehensive program, aiming at becoming a "blessed family" and "owners of Cheon Il Guk" through "STF program" and "VIP program."

Nowadays, some young and middle-aged members have begun to work on the education of the second generation, having providential consciousness as volunteer staff. Independent of these programs, we will cooperate with Youth Federation (YFWP) and we try to develop projects in different fields and build networks. We are trying to create the circumstances where young people of the second generation, who have advanced into society, can take leading roles in the providence to build Cheon Il Guk.

Transition of the Second Generation Education and the Pipeline



True Family's Wish: Make all second generation children the owners of Cheon Il Guk

6. Family Education Department and the Lifelong Education

◆ Seiwa and Family Bureaus became one

In 2005, “the Second Generation Bureau” that has been in charge of the education of elementary school students, and junior and senior high school students (Seiwa children/students) was changed to “Seiwa Bureau” as a division to cover the education and mission of youth (Seiwa youth). Moreover, in 2008, “Seiwa Bureau” was united with the, then, Family Bureau and became “Family Education Bureau.” At present, “Family Education Bureau” is responsible for the second generation education, Blessing education and family education. Above all, True Family had a strong wish for this changed system.

First of all, we must establish “the lifelong education” In other words, different divisions are not in charge of the education of one believer in God “by generation”, but “consistent education system” is required covering “the whole life-cycle from birth to the end of life”.

Secondly, we have to establish “a continuous religious tradition beyond a generation”. The role of “the Family Education Bureau” is like this. We aim for “the establishment of three generation realms of Blessed families” thinking of “the whole generation” education from the first, the second and up to the third generation comprehensively beyond an individual lifetime.

Thirdly, we drive for “an atmosphere of the church that makes it easy for absent family members to come back.” In order to do so, we hope to establish “hearty community” (local community) recovering the bonds of “the Unified Family,” sharing each other’s situations, helping and supporting each other by vitalizing family and parents’ meetings.

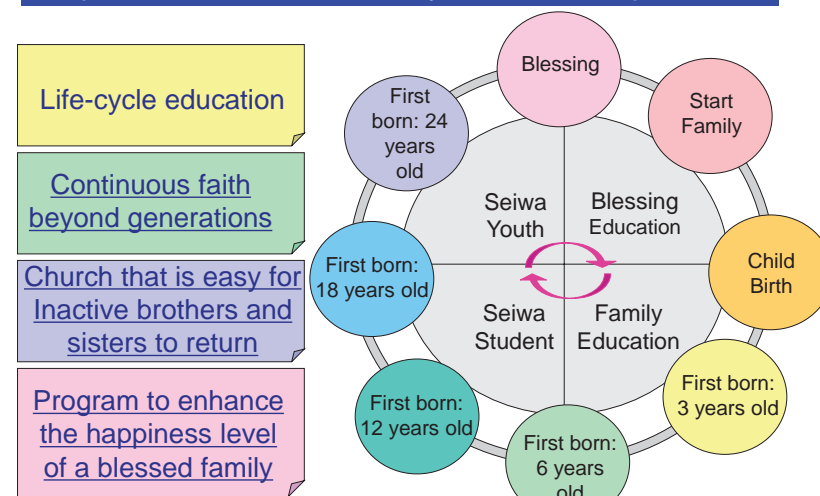
Finally, as the fourth point, we must develop “the program to enhance the happiness level of Blessed families.” The ultimate evaluation of the Family

Education Bureau shall be measured by “How happy the blessed families are.”

To achieve such a role, we made four main divisions in the Family Education Bureau, and we are promoting this education. Firstly, the “Seiwa Students” division is in charge of the education until junior and senior high school students. Originally, the Second Generation Bureau supervised them. Secondly, the “Seiwa Youth” division is in charge of the education and mission of the first and second generation youth groups. Thirdly, the “Blessing Education” division is in charge of the Blessing education, matching and starting families. And, finally, the “Family Education” division is responsible for the education after starting a family.

Especially, each division should concern not only “children” but also “parents” as the objects of education. We want to make up “the seven stages” of the family education program (See, page 159) from (1) starting family, (2) a baby under the age of one (primogeniture) (3) 3 years old, (4) 6 years old, (5) 12 years old, (6) 18 years old and (7) to a child’s Blessing as parents education. Although we haven’t reached to a level God wants us to be, we want to obtain cooperation and support from the people around us, and seek to develop a better education program.

Scope and Vision of the Family Education Department



Aim for the realization of the ideal family of the three-generation realm!

7. Setting up a “General Consulting Room”

◆ Consulting window for parents

Between one’s daily religious life and one’s social life, God’s will and child raising, blessed families may have various problems such as the worry of how to educate the child or conflicts between husband and wife. Under the guidance of True Family, a “General Consulting Room” was set up at the UC headquarters along with the starting of a “Family Education Bureau.” To “realize the happiness of the blessed families,” we thought it more urgent and necessary to understand the problems of the family members in the field and difficult situations that blessed families are facing, and make efforts to solve their problems and situations.

Surely, when we consider “continuous” support, it is the best for the church leaders (pastor and director of family department) in the local area to guide church members there. However, for example, as their relations are too close, they can’t talk over the matter. Also, as the pastor or the family department director is sometimes younger than the person to counsel, it may be difficult to talk over their children. Also, when it comes to a communication problem at the local church, it must be even more difficult for the church leaders to solve it by themselves.

In fact, it has been the church guideline for a member to be able to report/consult with Abels who are up to two levels above the immediate Able when it is difficult to discuss a problem with his/her immediate Abel (=three stages principle). Based on this principle, the General Consulting Room has been established under the cooperation of the Headquarters and the local churches to prevent problems from becoming more serious or to solve the problems at an early stage lest the problem become a trouble in the local area and develop into a legal court case by the opposition group, and aim for the realization of the blessed families’ happiness.

Currently, the General Consulting Room is placed under the Family Education Bureau, but as it is “a window for consultation,” we need to cooperate with (1) the

people in other divisions of the headquarters and with (2) the people concerned in the local area for the real solution. For example, if you want to consult about a legal issue or a church system related issue; we work with the Legal Bureau and the General Affairs Bureau. If you have delinquency or spiritual problems, we cooperate with the suitable divisions or experts. In that case, basically, to protect the said person’s privacy, we maintain the person’s anonymity. However, in solving the problem, when it is necessary to share the information between the people concerned and special consultants, we can’t help telling the situation upon the consent of the said person. Please understand this point. Even if you consult with us, (unless problems are revealed as real), the evaluation of the headquarters on said church will not be affected. So, please feel free to talk to us.

At present, the access is limited to E-mail and FAX, and we are not ready to have something like the “call centers” or hotlines of common companies yet. From now on, however, we will make our best efforts to develop our system to solve all the problems of the blessed families.

8. Blessing for Disabled Children

◆ Disabled children are also able to receive Blessing

The parents' perplexity and pain could be overbearing if they found their child had a handicap. "Why did this matter happen? What is wrong with me?" However, our seniors climbed out of the depths of despair and have found God's plan and launched "the meeting for the parents of disabled children in blessed families" (Fruit Basket). In this group the families that have the same problems could support each other and the children could achieve the three great Blessings. Moreover, in 2008, Hyung Jin Nim blessed this group and changed the name to "Tempo Kai".

Towards the Blessing of disabled children, the Family Education Department cooperates with "Tempo Kai" and we guide the parents as follows:

At first, as a basic standard, all the second generation children can receive the Blessing including "seriously handicapped" children. Even if the child is really bedridden and protected by each parent, the eternal marriage bond "tied by God" on the earth is the most valuable in the eternal world. Also, both families will be able to get power due to the bond of "a relative."

Secondly, when we have a matching, we must confirm "a family formation after marriage" with each other. Of course, as that is a parents' matching, a handicapped person and an ordinary person can get married in the agreement of both families. According to the level of handicap and the contents, it is important to reconcile each other's levels of wishes. (1) In case they have a baby and raise a child (= They need to be independent in their daily life and economically). (2) In case they live together but don't have a baby (can't have a baby). (3) In case they don't live together but have a heartistic exchange as a couple. (4) In case they don't live together or exchange, either, but both families become bonded as a relative. Thus, it is important to find an agreeable level to hope for between the two families.

Thirdly, we want to make the "environment to think that all of the Second Generation Blessings are the same value" as our Blessing Culture. Though we must reconcile the level of wishes and the parents of disabled children tend to think "It is better to find families who share the same worries ..." But it is not decided that "a disabled child should be blessed with another disabled child." The parents of disabled children can also join the national parents meeting (see, page110) and the Family Education Bureau will support them so that they can meet with "a partner that God wishes" through many chances.

Last of all, at present, Tempo Kai has parents' meetings grouped by the ages of children, and has begun to collect information about the children who have reached the age of Blessing. (See page 122) Be sure to learn and exchange in your area, in advance, as many times as possible, and have awareness for the Blessing along with your children. From now on, the Family Education Bureau will make a guideline for disabled children and seek to make a better environment.

Purpose of the 'Tempokai' and the Contents of the Activities (handicapped Second Generation Group)

Purpose

- A disabled child, the parents and Specialists meet together and aim at the child's completion of the three great blessings.
- We aim for a society and community where disabled children are raised by bountiful love and understanding.

Programs

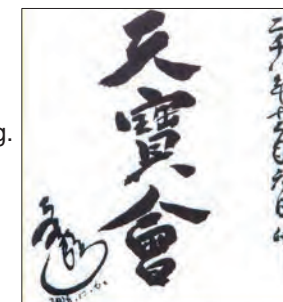
- Create a network of understanding and support.
- Regularly meeting to deepen mutual understanding.
- Research and study group by specialists.
- Foster supporters for handicapped second generation children.
- Other activities.

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9. The Fall of the Second Generation and Blood Lineage Problem

◆ Does the blood lineage problem mean an end to all?

When a second generation child causes the derailment or blood lineage problem, the parents must suffer from an unbearable shock as they know the value of the Blessing and the blood lineage. However, the problem is “how the parents face the problem” when it happens rather than “the incident itself”.

Until now, there were two wrong reactions to the problems. One is that the parents condemned their child by “the Principle” and soon their relationship was “severed” and “broken” The parents may think that their faces were lost and their holy life was spoiled. The problems will not be solved even if they vent their anger to their child. Have you tried to understand your child’s feeling? Have you listened to the voices of SOS from them? As long as the parents themselves don’t repent deeply and don’t feel responsible for the child, who can save the child?

On the other hand, due to the parents’ “affection” for the child, some parents lost their faith and the view of “the Principle”. Why didn’t God protect our child? Church leaders weren’t concerned with our child. There is no forgiveness in the Principle. The parents’ denial of faith is not any consolation but a contradiction to the child. They may feel “Was my parents’ faith so frail?” When the ancestors of human beings fell, God was in agony between “love” and “the Principle”. God couldn’t throw away His love for His children, but He couldn’t save them by ignoring the Principle, either. Then, “the history of restoration” began!

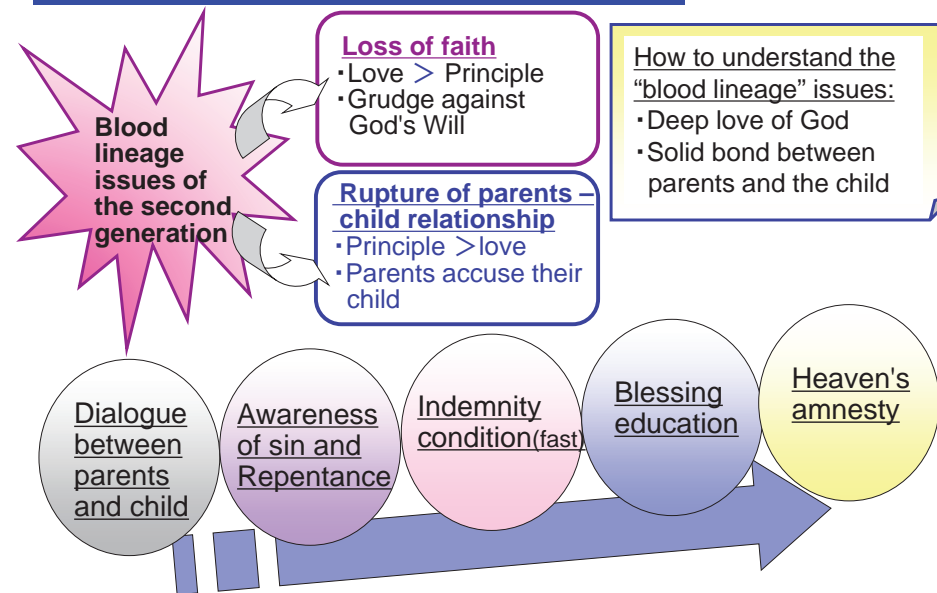
Some families felt God’s deep heart of love to human beings through their child’s blood lineage problem. Also, there were some cases that parents and child understood each other and recovered “the bonds of family” through this problem.

As long as the True Parents are the “Messiah” and “the Parents of all mankind,” the way of “forgiveness (amnesty/special pardon)” is sure to be opened. (See, page

86) The problem is whether parents and child can repent before God together, and recover the relationships and restart the way of restoration. Therefore, before asking “when can they be forgiven?” follow the following processes. (1) Repair the relationship between parents and child. (2) Confess your sin and repent. (3) Indemnity condition. (4) Blessing education (like Cheong Pyung 40 day training). If a confession is hard to do at your local church, it is alright to do it in another church or at the headquarters. It is very important to clean up the past problems.

If the relationship with the boy/girl friend is still not severed, all the more this process of cleaning up is needed. The problem of love can never be solved by compulsion or enforcement. A desperate prayer and practice of the parents to believe in God and love your child... is the only force which can save your child from the abyss of sin. Also, if necessary, consult with the person in charge, and ask for help even if you feel it is hard to do.

How to Respond to Blood Lineage Issues and the Guideline Policy



10. Amnesty(Forgiveness) and Marriage outside the Unification Church

◆ All the second generation children are sure to be saved.

In the past, “In case the second generation child born after Blessing (blood lineage change) caused a blood lineage problem again, there was no way to be restored.” However, as True Parents won the victory with blood, sweat and tears, several ways of salvation have been opened.

First of all, on the basis of Blessing in the spiritual and on the earthy world, and by the providence of Lucifer’s submission to God, an “amnesty Blessing” of the second generation has been held a few times after the year 2000. This meant that the second generation couples that had lost God’s blood lineage were able to become a blessed family (=the first generation family) again through the events of the blood lineage change (holy wine ceremony - indemnification stick - separation period - three day ceremony).

Second, on the victorious foundation of the world itinerary by True Family and by Heung Jin Nim/Daemo-Nim’s absolute devotion, “Special pardon (special amnesty)” of the second generation was held in 2006 and 2007. (See, pp. 91 - 201) This implies the clearance of sin of all the blessed families and “liberation/release,” and the second generation children that lost God’s blood lineage are restored to “the original position as the second generation.” This meant a special forgiveness that had been unthinkable before that.

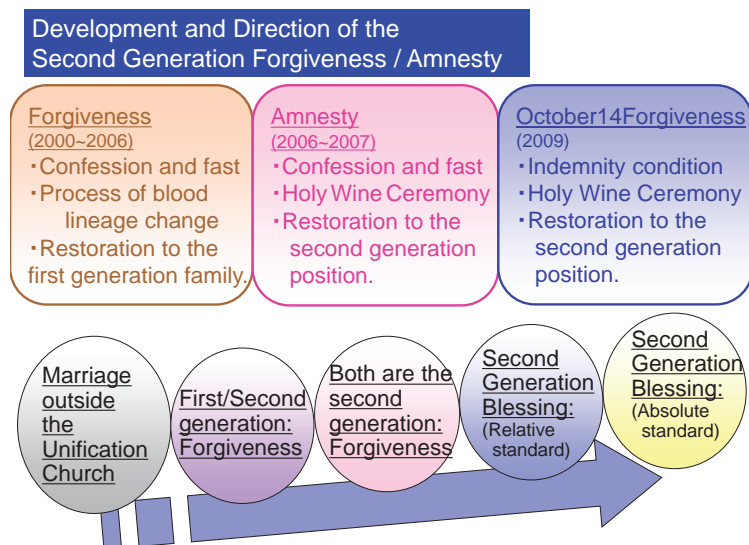
And thirdly, in 2009, as the “October 14th Amnesty”, the amnesty by the holy wine ceremony began and lasted to the next February. This was the second benefit of “amnesty” for the second generation after 2006.

At the present time, it is said that “there is no pardon in the future” and we can’t show the definite time. Whether “pardon” or “amnesty,” we believe that the way of salvation is sure to be opened, and we want to encourage parents and

children to follow the course of restoration through the suitable process.

Moreover, we are often asked for advice regarding the marriage outside the Unification Church of the second generation. We must encourage them to receive the Blessing in the future waiting for “Amnesty(Forgiveness) ” Unless all the families are blessed, the ideal of Cheon Il Guk will not be realized.

Though it is the best that their wrong relationship is liquidated and prepare themselves for the Second Generation Blessing properly, you may guide them with the following criteria upon considering the condition of the two people in terms of their ages, level of maturity, content of faith and the depth of their relationship; (1) First, the "criteria" should be the Second Generation Blessing Tradition centered on Heaven's desire, (2) (Even if it is difficult) they should remain in the framework of the Second Generation Blessing, (3) (Even if it is difficult) guide them to attend the forgiveness ceremony blessing with the other second generation person, (4) (Even if it is difficult) guide them to attend the forgiveness blessing as the first and second generation couple, (5) (Even if all are difficult) I want you to continue the effort of not refusing the relation between parent and child, and make efforts to witness to the other person's whole family.



Part 2

On Practice

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I. Requirements for the second generation Blessing

Some people ask us at the time the Blessing Ceremony is approaching "When will the next Blessing workshop be held?" Qualifying requirements to participate in the second generation Blessing are not only the Blessing workshops. It takes a considerable amount of time to complete all of the requirements; and to rush into the Blessing Ceremony may cause various problems afterwards. Once your child has reached regulatory age for the Blessing, parents and the child should become aware of the need to prepare.

First, we would like to briefly explain the qualifications to enable one to be a Blessing candidate, starting from the Blessing workshop.

1. Official age for the second generation Blessing

◆ From what age can you receive the Blessing?

Currently, the second generation Blessing can be received from if one has had his/her 17th birthday by the day of the Blessing ceremony. It used to be 19, but in 2005, True Parents changed the matching candidate age range for the second generation from 17 to 24 years old, hence the age for the Blessing consideration was lowered. However, this is not a lowering of Heavenly Father's Standard. Based on True Father's words, it can be said that the standard to receive the Blessing at the age of 17 means the standard which True Mother had when she received the Blessing.

Moreover, the range from 17 to 24 years old refers to the three years prior to and the three years after the age of 21, which was supposed to be the age that Adam and Eve were to receive the Blessing. Being young and flexible, it is easier for one to accept a partner who is different from himself/herself, and is able to develop his/her personality. On the other hand, however, it will not be easy to face the realities of the Blessing in such areas as having to establish his/her own foundation, and deal with career options.

We understand the desire of parents for the child to receive the Blessing as soon as possible to protect his/her from the influence of the fallen world, however the dangerous environment surrounding the second generation remains the same, whether before or after the Blessing. Be aware that there are cases where a young adult who received the Blessing without adequate preparation, later developed wrong relationships with the opposite sex as a result of conflicts with their partner. Based on such realities, the Family Education Department emphasizes fundamental principles of a clear sense of belonging to the local church, public activities, and thorough participation of prior education for those who are under 24 years old (See page 94).

On the other hand, the Blessing may not be easy for those who are over 25, and less so if they are in their 30s as they tend to be taking things easily. This age group

can understand the weight of the Blessing and the reality of taking responsibility to form a family, which is why they hesitate to receive Blessing (marriage) in the first place. Therefore, to begin with, as parents we need to consider not only the standard rules, but also the importance of providing them support and encourage them to commit themselves to attend the Blessing, and if possible overlook his/her self-doubts and reluctance, if the original standard has not been met. However, even in such cases, there's a need for the child to embrace three points, namely one's own choice, agreement with the principle viewpoint of marriage and, the sense of responsibility to start a family, while guiding him/her to education after the Blessing. Some parents tend to give up on the Blessing of their children when they reach 25, but based on our experience, certainly the chance for a turning point always comes to those children. Watch your children well in their daily life, and when the right chance comes, encourage them to go forward with the Blessing.

Everyone has his/her own time and it is difficult to say when it is the best to receive the Blessing. Do make conscious effort to prepare together with the children, and seek Heavenly guidance in prayer.

Guiding principle corresponding to ages

Under 24 years old

Before the blessing/start family, Emphasize education/formula course.

- ① Belonging to local church (Second Generation Youth-Students Department, etc.)
- ② Thoroughness in pre-Blessing education (Chiba 21-day workshop, etc.)
- ③ Encourage public activity (CARP activity, etc.)

High school student: Jr. STF more than 1 year and recommendation of the second generation director

Over 25 years old

Push blessing/start family and Guide public life after the blessing.

- ① Understand and agree to principled view on marriage
- ② Sense of responsibility to start family
- ③ Educational participation after the blessing and internal guidance

Over 30 years old: Guidance giving the blessing top priority

2. Clarification of affiliation and regular membership registration

◆ Is membership registration required for second generation?

When a teen graduates from junior high/high school he/she will be affiliated with the Second Generation Youth Department at a local church, even if the child involving in CARP or goes overseas to study. In the past, some second generation members stopped attending worship services after graduating from high school; and/or they alienated themselves from church community as he/she went to college, got a job, or moved overseas.

The Blessing application procedure will be conducted through the local church the child is affiliated with, so, the child needs to be clear which local church he/she is affiliated with. First of all, when in their senior year of high school (before graduation), the teenager needs to submit his/her Application to enroll in the Seiwa Youth Association to the second generation youth department of the church/region they affiliate with. If the child change their address or their contact information for any reason, please report the changes accurately so that they may receive information and guidance for the Blessing, in a timely manner, from the church they affiliate with.

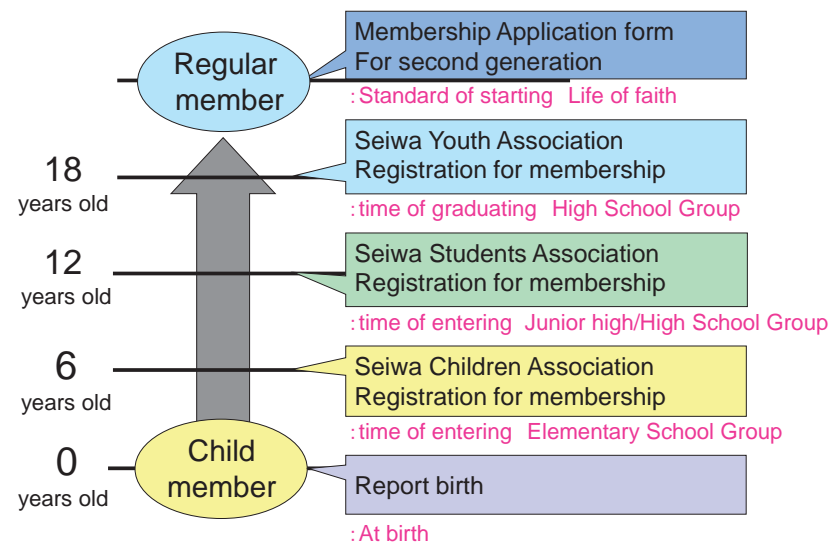
Next, the child needs to enroll as a "Regular Member" before the Blessing. Usually, parents submit a Birth Registration (a report of the child's birth) when the child is born, but this is a registering as a "Child Member", and is a different category from the Regular Membership. Therefore, each person needs to submit an Application of Enrollment as a Second Generation via the second generation youth department of the local church he/she is affiliated with after graduating from high school (above 18 years old), and complete the regular membership registration. In some cases, even the birth registration (registration of child membership) has not been completed. In this case, you will also need to complete the birth registration. For your information, the criteria to enable someone to submit the 2nd generation enrollment application (as of October 2010) are: 1) high school graduate who is

affiliated with second generation youth department; 2) attend worship service (at least twice a month; and 3) participate in a workshop for more than seven days (has studied the whole Divine Principle.)

We will make case-by-case exceptions if the child is above 25 years of age; regardless, we cannot recognize him/her as the Blessing candidate unless he/she has completed the regular membership enrollment, so please complete the registration before you participate in the Blessing. (Up to June 2010, Application for Seiwa Youth Association was regarded as the same as the application to enroll in the regular membership).

Through the regular membership enrollment, the child becomes independent from the membership of his/her parents in terms of the data processing, so the child may change his/her local church affiliation, and may be different from his/her parents' affiliation. In the case a child lives separately from his/her parents for reasons of going to college or getting a job, submit the report to change your affiliation church (Contact your nearest church for more details.)

Flow of the second generation's membership registration



3. Chiba 21-day workshop completion

◆ Is 21-day workshop a mandatory condition to participate in the Blessing?

True Parents re-emphasized the importance of Establishing the tradition of 70 days of workshop composed of a 2-day workshop, a 7-day workshop (Formation stage), a 21-day workshop (growth stage) and a 40-day workshop (completion stage). In Japan since 2006, the completion of the Chiba 21-day workshop has been set as a mandatory condition to participate in the Blessing for both first and second generation. We've seen that it is not easy for some second generation to complete the 21-day workshop, considering their commitment level, job responsibilities, financial situation, and distance needed to travel. However, it is also true that by not going it would be more difficult to achieve the purpose of the Blessing if one does not complete a 21-day workshop.

There was a time that the second generation Blessing workshop was the only mandatory condition to participate in the Blessing, but there were cases where some of them never attended other workshops, or it was the first time to hear the Divine Principle contents. In order to help those second generation children understand themselves more deeply, a 3-day workshop was too short. Not only as a condition to participate in the Blessing, but from a viewpoint of establishing one's understanding of life (Self-sustainability of faith), we began to insist that the second generation participate in a 21-day workshop. (See page 60.)

There have been many testimonies from some 21-day workshop participants who overcame many obstacles, deepened their awareness as the second generation, and/or returned to the original point of self identity after being away from the church. (See page 242). For those unable to make a 21-day commitment due to job considerations, etc, we offer a substitute condition. Take note that it is a very precious tradition that Japan has continuously held this 21-day workshop since the very early age of our church. We appeal to parents and church leaders to guide our second generation to take such opportunities for their education.

As the substitute condition for the 21-day workshop, we seek the completion of a three-lecture series; Divine Principle (overall), True Parents' Life Course, and the Significance and Value of the Blessing. If you cannot understand the Divine Principle, you cannot understand the True Parents, and without knowing the True Parents, you cannot understand the significance of the Blessing. Out of these substitute conditions, Divine Principle and the Life Course of the True Parents could be taught at a local education program (See below chart), but the Significance and Value of the Blessing has to be studied by participating in a Chiba short-term workshop held at the Chiba Training Center (Chiba special 4-day workshops are held in May, August and December).

We will consider the various circumstances that second generation children are placed in, but we would like parents and leaders to guide the second generation children to fulfill the original standard that is hoped for them to achieve.

Substitute condition for Chiba 21-day workshop

Course subjects	Divine Principle Whole contents	True Parents Life course	Significance of blessing and its value
Standard	Chiba 21-day workshop		
Substitute condition	CARP new members training (Cheju Island 14-days, Cheong Pyeong 40-day workshop, etc.)		Chiba short-term workshop (Special 4-day workshop)
	Local church	Local church	

Recognition of 21-day standard

CARP activities + CARP advanced 21-day completion
(Register at start of 3rd year of university)

Exemption of 21-day completion

- ① Over 25 years old: (The person's life of faith →) Recommendation of the Family Dept. director
 - ② High school student: Jr. STF more than 1 year + recommendation of the second generation director
- * Exemption is granted by promising to participate in 21-day at the time of high school graduation

4. Educational line up to the 21-day workshop

◆ What to do if a person does not have the qualification to participate in the 21-day workshop?

Along with the 21-day workshop as a mandatory formula course to qualify for the Blessing, the Family Education Department developed a 2- and 7-day workshop as the education line for young Unificationists to connect them to the 21-day workshop. In place of the 2-day (introductory workshop), we hold the Seiwa Youth Cheju Island 7-day workshops in March, August and December, three times a year. Participants are youth who have graduated from high school. We encourage, both parents and children to participate.

Originally this workshop was established as a 7-day workshop, but when we saw that many faith-related problems among the second generation are caused by parent-child relationships, we designed a new workshop program centered on the Principle and based on actual life. That facilitated parents and children to interact with each other to communicate from heart to heart, rather than just try to educate them systematically through the Divine Principle. In some cases, there were some second generation youth who participated in the workshop as if it were on an overseas trip, with complaints about their parents and/or church. After a while, their hardened hearts softened in the very rich grace of the Cheju Island natural environment. Many of them expressed the desire to further interact and discuss with their parents, and/or want to study the Principle once again from the beginning.

Also equivalent to the 2-day workshop for youth, we have the Freshman Workshop in March after they graduate from high school, for those youth who will go on to college or get a job. We urge your freshly graduated children to utilize such an opportunity.

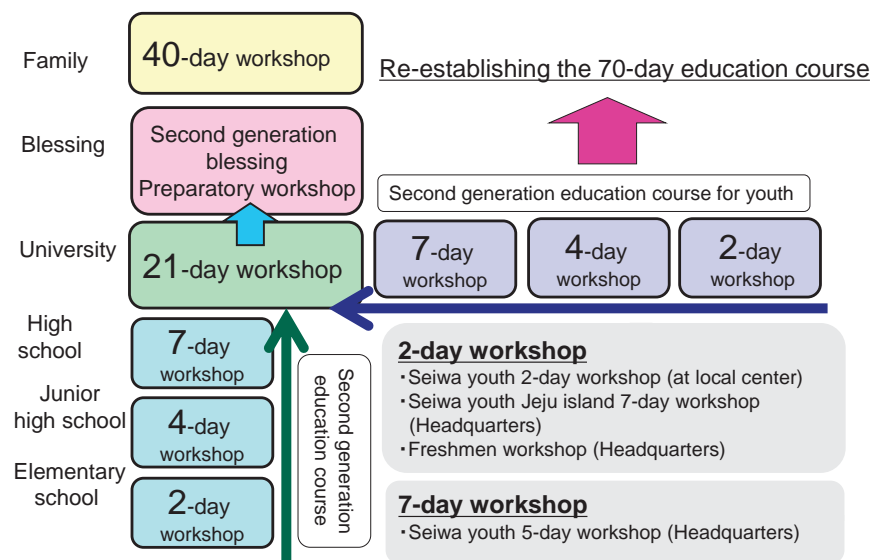
Next, equivalent to the 7-day workshop, we hold the Seiwa Youth 5-day Workshop in May, August and December, three times a year. In this workshop, while having the Divine Principle lecture at the core, we apply the principle to sports, entertainment and challenging activities to develop understanding of

the principle both intellectually and through experience. We guide trainees to participate in worship services (at their affiliated churches) and to practice the Principle in their daily life, as well as to participate in the 21-day workshop.

Currently for the education of the second generation during junior/senior high school, based on their scholastic level, we focus on education of heart and community-centered education through experiential studies. For this we developed a systematic curriculum for them to have studied the whole Divine Principle by the time they graduate from high school. This is to enhance their Principle education.

Since a 21-day workshop is long, it would be difficult to participate several times. In order for a 21-day workshop to be an effective experience, as an enhanced education course we have established an educational path of having teens participate in the Junior STF while they are in junior/senior high school, and participate in CARP, STF or the VIP program of the second generation youth department, after graduating from high school. The goal is to deepen their understanding of the Principle, and practice it in their life, and then participate in the 21-day workshop. (See pp. 238 - 241).

Youth education line up to 21-day workshop



5. Second generation Blessing preparation workshop

◆ What do you do in the Blessing preparation workshop?

In order to participate in the Blessing, upon the completion of the Chiba 21-day workshop you need to attend a second generation Blessing preparation workshop. These workshops are held in January, March, May, July, September and November; 6 times, in the odd number month of the year. Workshops in January, March, July and September are held at the Chiba Central Training Center, while workshops in May and November are held at Takarazuka Training Center, in two places for all Japan. For those students who are studying in Korea, we hold the same workshop in Korea in June.

In the workshop, there will be lectures on the significance of the parents' matching and the mission of the second generation in the age after Heaven and so on, this workshop specializes in the second generation Blessing, as well as provides guidance through individual interviews (confession) and devotional conditions (7-day fast). Since 2009 we have invited 6 to 10 families among second generation senior couples, to come to our workshop as couples with their children, and have one family for every group (one group consists of around 10 trainees) to develop a close relationship with the teenagers. The young students get to know the couples through their testimonies, questions and answers. (See page 244).

Basically, the participants are required to have completed a 21-day workshop (or its equivalent) prior to participating in this Blessing workshop, but to broaden the opportunity for other non-Blessing-focused second generation youth to participate in this education program, we allow them to attend this workshop for studying purposes only (not counting the participation in this workshop as qualification to participate in the second generation Blessing). However, if a participant commits himself/herself to completing the Chiba 21-day workshop (or its substitute conditions) within 6 months after the Blessing workshop, we will count his/her attendance in the Blessing workshop. Upon confirming the completion of the Chiba 21-day workshop, we will approve him/her as a Blessing candidate. In 2009, we expanded the participation qualifications for this workshop to include all second generation of strong faith, but for studying purposes only; so please take advantage of this workshop as an opportunity for the education of youth.

There is an international agreement that the valid period for participating in the

Blessing Ceremony after the completion of this workshop is two years. If a person wants to participate in the Blessing more than two years after the workshop, and/or the Blessing he/she received broke and he/she is trying to attend another Blessing, then he/she will need to participate in the Blessing workshop again. For your information, many children participate in the workshop for studying purposes only while still young, and then participate in the workshop again as the Blessing ceremony approaches.

In the case of young adults who are above 25 years of age, we may accept him/her to participate in the second generation Blessing preparation workshop without having completed a 21-day workshop, provided he/she has the recommendation of the family department director of his/her affiliated region.

In the case of students who belong to the Japanese church but are studying abroad, in principle, he/she needs to participate in the Blessing workshop sponsored by the Japanese church, but if his/her family has already moved overseas, or those who work overseas, we can recognize him/her as a Blessing candidate upon completing the workshop in their host country. If this is the case, please contact our Family Education Department in advance.

Participation category for the second generation blessing workshop

① Conditions to participate

- Chiba 21-day workshop completed (or substitute conditions)
- Recognition to participate in the second generation blessing in the next two years

② Educational participation after the Blessing workshop

- Submit a promise to participate in Chiba 21-day workshop after the Blessing workshop
- Complete a Chiba 21-day workshop within 6 months after the Blessing workshop
(→ Recognition of blessing qualification by reporting its completion of all requirements)

③ Study purpose

- Purpose for learning: Participation without intending to apply for the Blessing
- Participation without gaining blessing qualification recognition
- The headquarters interview (confession) will not be conducted
(→ interview next time)

6. Confession and 7-day fast

◆ Does the second generation need to do confession and fasting?

For the second generation, too, without exception, confessions of sins is necessary before the Blessing. It is not just for the Cheon-Il-Guk standard (matching by the True Parents) or to decide whether or not we can recommend him/her to participate in the Blessing. More essentially, it is a condition to liquidate one's past and participate in the Blessing in a sinless position.

Originally the Blessing was to be given to Adam and Eve who had nothing to do with sin, which is also the very same standard of the original second generation Blessing. However, because of being surrounded by a secular environment, the second generation is more or less affected by lust and sexual desires and is led apart from the Will of God. Sin is a condition that Satan can accuse, and even a minor one, if you leave it there, may cause a bigger sin later. In order to prevent a condition of sin from being an evil influence in one's life after the Blessing, we need to face it and separate from it. That is the purpose for the confession of sins.

For the second generation, an individual interview for such purposes will be conducted not at the local church he/she is affiliated with, but during the second generation Blessing workshop sponsored by the church Headquarters. The interviewer at the headquarters (a Senior Blessed family woman) will hear the confession on behalf of God and the True Parents, and will not inform the content, even to the parents, without the prior consent of the confessor. Contents of the confession will be; 1) Adam-Eve problems (relationship with opposite sex), 2) Problem of trampling of someone's heart (past resentment); and 3) Drinking, smoking problem. At the workshop, if a trainee does not want to confess, it will not be done, but in such a case, he/she needs to attend the workshop again at a later time.

A suggestion will be made in accordance with the content of the confession (indemnity condition), such as fast and/or cold shower. Even if he/she does not

need an indemnity condition, as a devotional condition, currently a 7-day fast (if difficult, then 21-day breakfast fast) is implemented. If a person is above 25 years old and /or has a health problem, we will discuss with the trainee and agree on an adequate condition. In general, the more devotion one offers, the more one can feel the value of the Blessing, and therefore, we need to encourage the trainee to establish a devotional condition as sincerely as possible.

The significance of fasting does not lie in a mere fact of not eating. Please watch and care for him/her during and after the fast to enable him/her to keep a right attitude of heart. After fasting seven days, the child needs to go back to a normal diet over at least seven days. Young people tend to start eating and drinking a lot after the fast is over, so please lead them to consider the after-period to be part of the period of devotion, too, and discourage them from eating/drinking too much. In some CARP centers and the Youth/Student Department may conduct their fasts together during the same period with others who are also preparing for Blessing.

Confession column and devotional conditions

Confession column

Three heavenly provisions	Internal challenge	External challenge
① Purity issue ② Heart infringement issue ③ Public funds issue	Drinking and smoking Spiritual problem	Theft and violence Criminal/injury case
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Standard condition before the Blessing

Fasting condition		Bowing (Kyongbae) condition	Cold shower condition
Seven day fast	21 days Breakfast fast	21 days 210 bows (120 bows)	21 days 40 times cold water
Three day fast	10 days Breakfast fast	21 days 210 bows (120 bows)	10 days 40 times cold water

Requirements for the 2nd gen Blessing

Before the family exchange (before telling the other candidate information to your child) the child must be qualified candidate.

If you are 'applicant' and not 'candidate' there might be following reason.

Requirements	Not qualified candidate	Requirement for becoming qualified candidate
(1) Membership Registration	■membership registration form is not finished	■submit 2 nd gen membership registration form to local church
	■birth registration form is not finished	■submit birth registration form to HQ and submit 'child member' registration form to local church
(2) 21 day Workshop	■didn't finish 21 day WS or substitute condition	■finish 21 day WS (or substitute condition)
	■didn't finish 21 day WS (or substitute condition) and attend the Blessing WS	■within 6 month after attending Blessing WS and attending 21 day WS (or substitute condition) report to HQ
(3) 2 nd gen Blessing WS (within 2yrs)	■2years past after attending Blessing WS	■attend Blessing WS again
	■attended Blessing WS as study purpose (didn't attend 21 day WS/ no interview confession)	■attend Blessing WS after attending 21 day WS (or substitute condition)
	■didn't do the confession interview	■attend Blessing WS again and do the confession interview
	■receive guidance for re education (or interview) from the interviewer	■attend Blessing WS again (or receive confession interview again)

II. Process of the parents matching

In the beginning of 2001, we heard from True Father that Parents should do the second generation's matching. Since then, we have been supporting the parents' matching, and so we now hear from some quarters that they want to know more specifics."

So, in this chapter we will introduce the specific process of the parents' matching; how parents can meet other parents, and start communicating among themselves, and at what phase they should move to make an engagement. Also, we explain the content of support we can provide if the matching proves to be too difficult to be made by the parents themselves.

1. Viewpoint of the parents matching

◆ What is the standard way to look for a spouse?

When we think about proceeding with parents matching, the first priority we should have is to seek and pray to know Heavenly Father's desire. Not from the parents' desire, but from the viewpoint of looking for the partner God wants the child to meet, by looking at the child with God's eyes is very important. The most convincing feeling for a parent and child to reach before the stage of making an engagement is the feeling that the result was truly guided by God.

In the past, there were cases that some parents tried to look for the child's spouse through name analysis or oriental fortune analysis based on the child's birth. There is no harm to use such fortune analyses as reference, but to be guided by such fortune telling is not reasonable. If a child faces some difficulties after the Blessing, can you say, "You are supposed to be a good couple based on Oriental fortune analysis?" It is absurd.

The second point is to have a consider Cross Blessing. True Father considers age, height and academic background compatibility in the matched couple, but also says that autumn for spring type, winter for summer type are good. In other words, it is an ideal matching if the two persons are from different backgrounds and worlds of heart so that each can learn from, and be complementary to the other. If the two are alike such as having the same kind of hobby and field of interest, it may be easier to have a close relationship, but by having totally different interests, they may be able to learn about a new world and have an eye-opening experience. Since the Blessing is to connect two totally different worlds into one, we hope you are freed from your own limitations and transcend national boundaries in looking for the ideal spouse God predestined for your child.

The last point is to stand as parent to all second generation children. I had asked a wife of a Blessed couple who had smoothly helped all of her children to be engaged, "What is your secret to proceed with the matching?" She replied: "I didn't

think too deeply. Since they are all second generation children, anyone will be fine as long as the Heavenly Father wishes the couple to be matched."

Since the child's whole life will be deeply affected, a certain degree of caution is needed. However, if you worry too much about the person's qualities and think too much, nothing will be decided.

One time True Father said, "Since the background of the second generation is not complex, they can be matched with almost anyone." For True Father, everyone of the second generation is a precious child of God. You need to be serious and look for one person. At the same time, it is important to have an attitude and heart that anyone is fine as long as Heaven desires it. After all, the content that we want to inherit through the parents matching is the heart and tradition of the True Parents. (See page 30)

Viewpoint of the parents matching

① Search the wish of Heaven!

It is God who decides the spouse!!

② Aim for an inter-cultural blessing!

Relationship that can complement each other!!

③ Have a parental heart toward all second generation children!

Be willing to accept anyone!!



Let us inherit the heart and tradition of the True Parents

2. Procedure of the Parents exchange

◆ How is the parents' matching started?

The parents' matching is divided into three stages: Parents exchange, Exchange between families, and Engagement oaths (See page 125). The parents' exchange is the stage where children are not included in their exchange of information. The family exchange is the stage where two families exchange greeting and get to know each other. This includes the children once an agreement is reached by both parents. The engagement oaths are the stage where engagement is established based on the consent of both families. Let's explain from the parents exchange here.

When you go for the parents matching for the first time, you may feel uneasy, thinking, "How will parents who don't know each other meet?" Currently Headquarters provides Parent convocation and second generation matching website as tools to facilitate the meeting of parents (pp. 110, 112). Of course we do not know where the Will of Heaven is. Beside the parents meeting and the website, you may meet with appropriate parents in your overseas mission work or by referral of a friend and so forth. There is no regulation for how parents are to meet each other, so please make use of all opportunities while seeking Heaven's guidance in prayer.

However, if parents do not fully understand the content of the parents' matching, in many cases, things do not go well even if you spend a substantial time and money. First of all, parents must study the correct viewpoint through parent convocation, seminars and textbooks.

For the parents' exchange, it is also possible to exchange with several families simultaneously. In other words, you may exchange information about the child with any number of families, but remember that it is an exchange among parents only, so please refrain from giving a potential candidate's information (name, picture, or any information which identifies the other child) to your child.

The steps that should be followed at the stage of the parents exchange are as follows. First, you need to understand enough about your child's intentions and hopes. If there is misunderstanding here, it will be difficult to advance the exchange (See page 56). Second, greet as many families as you wish through the Parent convocation and/or website and exchange information with as many parents as possible. If you feel intuitively you have found the right family, try to communicate more deeply. It is important, not to make comparisons but to find the guidance of Heaven. Third, it is very important that husband and wife agree. If the husband and wife have not agreed on a potential candidate, and then ask your child "how about this person"? It is not the right way. In the case that a candidate is introduced by a third person, you should not think "since he/she is introduced by Mr. So and So, then ..." Instead, directly communicate with the concerned parents, and then husband and wife decide whether to proceed to the family exchange (including candidate children of both families).

Process of the exchange between parents

Exchange between parents (information exchange)

- Parents exchange information before children.
- The exchange between two or more families (parents) is also acceptable.
- Do not pass on other person's information to your child

① Confirm the intention and the wish that your child has

② Among parents talk to each other and promote exchange

③ Talk between husband and wife and select one target family

Application

Exchange information joyfully.
There must be a prepared family for you.

"We saw the posted information and became interested. May I ask you for more details?
Could you please look at the information about our daughter, too. "

3. Parents Matching Convocation

◆ The first contact between parents

The second generation Blessing candidate Parent convocation is held twice a year, in June and in December, to support throughout Japan parents who want to match their children and want to prepare them to receive the Blessing. In the past, the convocation was held for only one day, so the parents who participated in the meeting tended to find it hectic to have to quickly exchange information with other parents, thinking "I need to find someone here and now..." Now the schedule of the convocation has changed to two days. Parents can now take more time to talk to other parents as well as hear testimonies and have discussions. This change for a longer schedule seems to help the parents face the issue of the second generation Blessing more calmly, and to build a culture of the Unification Family who shares common roots. (See page 246)

The approximate schedule is: from the opening till dinner on the first day, time to explain about the Blessing so that parents can learn about how to proceed with the parents matching. After dinner, panels introducing the information of candidates are set up and the introduction of families begins. To enable smooth conversation and exchange with other families, we first have group discussions to introduce themselves and to hear from other couples, and learn of the joys and difficulties in rearing their children, and so forth.

On the second day, we have a lecture by the director of the Chiba Central Training Center, currently Mr. Soichiro Nakamura. He speaks on family education, and explains the education course till the Blessing, and measures needed to be taken to deal with the various issues that the second generation youth have. This convocation, in recent years, has been held at Isshim Special Education Institute (Urayasu, Chiba), in a very relaxed environment, with a schedule to facilitate smooth communication among parents. In the hall you can witness here and there many lively conversations in a very harmonious atmosphere. Of course, Matchings will not be decided during the convocation, but as a forum for many parents to make

a first contact, an increasing number of parents now participate as couples.

For the children wishing to receive the Blessing and who are under 24 years of age, it is required for them to have completed either the Blessing workshop or a Divine Principle workshop of more than 7-days in order for the parents to participate in this Parent convocation, but if their children are over 25 years old (upper age group), parents' participation may be permitted even if their children have not completed the required education program.

Similar types of Parent convocation are also held overseas, and if one wishes, they also disclose information of foreign candidates. Information about Japanese candidates is also disclosed and introduced at Parent convocation abroad. We will consider holding the Parent convocation in other localities in the future. Currently, we are holding one-day parents seminars in response to the request of local church to let as many parents know about the flow and procedure of the parents matching. So, help yourselves to these opportunities.

Preparation to participate at the parents meeting

Set up a devotional condition.

: Above all, attitude is important.

Let's set it up together as husband and wife.

(Example) Bowing and Hoon dok hae, etc. .

Talk about the blessing

[Husband and wife] (Refer to pg 55)

[Parent and child] (Refer to pg 57)

Make an album for introduction

: Prepare from your child's birth to the present a small album which can convey the atmosphere of your family as a whole.

Write the profile: Both the parents' and the child's [Parents] Blessing category, family composition, how you joined the church, activity history, present living situation.

[Children] Age, relationship, and character, academic background, occupation, hobby, plan for the next three years, etc.

★ Items which will be convenient

- Cellular phone to contact
- Snapshot to distribute
- Memo pad and camera to record

4. The matching websites

◆ Chance of meeting on the web

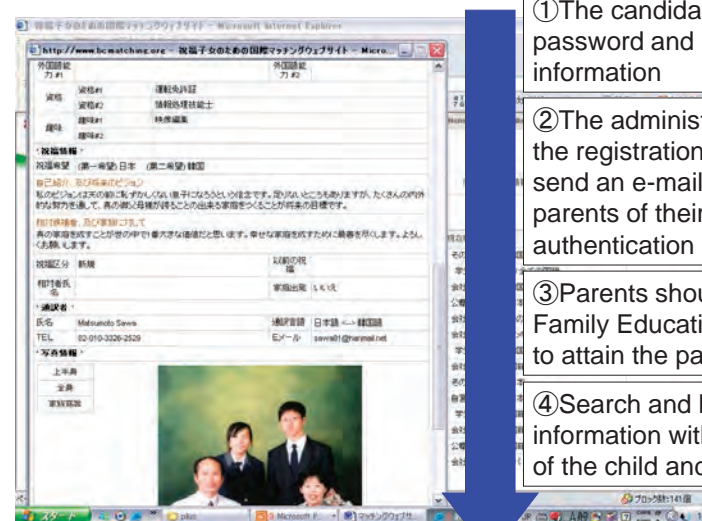
As a tool to support the parents matching, a common international matching website has been on line since 2007. This website was created through the joint effort of Korea, Japan, United States and Europe with automatic translations into Korean, Japanese and English. Wherever you live, you can still check candidates throughout the world 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Please utilize the site to facilitate meeting with other parents.

First, to register for the website, each candidate makes his/her own individual ID and password, and then update his/her own information (photograph information included). Through this website, we can now promptly deal with changes of a candidate's situation. Since the information management of each person's content is of course one's own responsibility, each candidate should be careful when uploading their information. (Even if the education requirements are not satisfied, if the candidate is over 17 and wants to be listed on the site, registration on the site is still possible)

A parent of a registered candidate can search and browse the information on the site by using the individual's ID and password (Set up by your child) and the parents' password that you attain from the Headquarters. That is, the search and browsing of information is being provided to parents only, so please resist from passing the parents' password on to the child. Out of security consideration, the parent password becomes valid only after the registered information of the candidate is "authenticated" by the Administrator. In other words, until your child's information and registration is complete, you cannot browse other children's' information. Since the registered information on the website is the information of those who wish for a parents matching, you may make direct contact with any of the registered families. (Since it is a website to facilitate parents' exchange, only the contact information of the parents is listed).

Third, the headquarters of each country has the responsibility to manage the information of the registered candidates. More specifically, newly registered information will go to a waiting room first, and when the information is authenticated, the category of the membership changes to either applicant (education not completed) or candidate (education completed), and the information will be disclosed on the website, and the parent password will become valid (enabled to browse information). Subsequently, once an engagement report is registered with headquarters, the candidate becomes engaged and the person's information becomes nondisclosure, and the parent password becomes invalid. For more details, please attain the Guidance how to use the Website from the church you affiliate with.

Registration method on the website



- ①The candidate should set the password and register the information
- ②The administrator will check the registration information and send an e-mail to notify the parents of their membership authentication
- ③Parents should contact the Family Education Department to attain the password
- ④Search and browse information with the passwords of the child and the parent

<http://www.bcmatching.org>

5. Procedure of the family exchange

◆ When is a good time to begin your family exchange?

Though it is called a parent matching, the final decision has to be made by the child himself/herself. After both parents reach an agreement, they should continue interacting, including their children (family exchange) and confirm what the child thinks. Notice, in order for a family exchange to take place, it is mandatory for the child to have completed the required education programs (21-day workshop + second generation Blessing workshop + confession interview) and has become an official candidate. (See page 102).

If parents go to a family exchange while the child has yet not completed their education requirement, there is a possibility that the child may have a wrong viewpoint which may lead to misunderstandings, and/or a problem may be found in a later interview which could cause a halt in the family exchange. Therefore, do please wait for the child's completion of the education program to then include him/her in the family exchange.

After the parents' exchange (exchange of information), in principle, you need to narrow down to just one family (family exchange) to include your child in the exchange. Choosing from among several candidates invites the relativization of the Blessing, and if everyone deals with two or three candidates, it will be so complex such as: A is waiting for a reply from B, but B is waiting for a reply from C, and so on. This will result in mistrust; so, in principle, the family level exchanges should boil down to one candidate, and if things do not go well, finish up, close the case, and then move on to look for another family and restart the family exchange.

The right procedure to enter into the family exchange level is to first - before you introduce the information of a potential partner to your child - inform the other family of your intention to have a family exchange, and make an appointment between the pair of parents. Then, each family may convey the information of the other family's child, and check the reaction of your child. At this point, convey to your child the process and reasons why you thought the other family's child is

a good candidate to be his/her spouse without showing some concrete reason for your thought as to why you thought it was a good idea. You could say something like, "Oh, the conditions don't look too bad, and why don't you meet him/her...". Then your child may not consider the meeting with the potential candidate as heavy as it might be.

Third, if the two children are open, then the two families meet. The first impression you give to the other family is very important, so try to adjust your child's schedule and make a date in order for your child to be able to attend the meeting in his/her best mind (See page 216). As a basic rule, both parents should attend the meeting when the two children meet, but if there is practical difficulty, at least one parent should be with them. In the case that the two families are in different countries and is difficult to meet directly, you may start exchanges through e-mail and/or Skype between the children. Eventually, they will need to meet in person for the engagement. If the family exchange work out, submit a Family exchange report. If it didn't work out learn something from the encounter with the other family and close the case politely, and then make a new start.

Process of the exchange between families

Exchange between families

- Confirm the intention with your child
- After narrowing down to one family, start the family-to-family exchange
- Your child should have completed the Blessing preparations beforehand.

① Request the other family to have a family exchange

② Convey the other person's information to your child and check the willingness of your child.

③ Parents and the candidates of both families meet and start the exchange!

Application

Let's talk if you feel heavenly spiritual guidance
You can't start anything if you are just wondering.

"We talked among our family members and thought of having exchange session with your family including the children, Do you have an exchanging family already?"

6. Procedure of the "Engagement Oath"

◆ What is the official procedure to make an engagement?

In parent matching, upon consent of both parents and both candidate children, Engagement is officially established by submitting the Engagement Oath. There is no regulation to specify the time period from starting the family exchange till the engagement, but from our experience, we suggest to exchange more than 4 months, and conclude within a year. Remember, the engagement is to be decided by the candidate children themselves. Once you introduce the candidate to your child, and then let them communicate without interference, unless a problem comes up.

Additionally, it is necessary for the children to meet each other to learn about how the other person thinks about life, the future, and so on. However, it is to confirm the preparedness of the person, and not for a dating purpose. Discourage them from going to places such as Karaoke or make a trip to a sightseeing site by themselves, at least until the engagement is established. The points you need to be assured are not whether they can like the person or have romantic feelings, but whether they can work together in achieving the purpose of the Blessing.

Before taking the engagement oath, the basic principle is to inform the other family about 1) health problems (handicap, specific illness), 2) history of previous Blessing if any (Started family, civil office registration, etc.), and 3) family situation (family members, economic conditions, etc.). Issues and problems can be overcome as long as both families give basic consent (it is possible to receive the Blessing between a person who had previously started family with a person who was never Blessed before). If one family conceals some facts and later these facts become known it is bound to create problems. There have been cases which brought distrust in the other family. Concealing problems or trying to find out more about other families' problems often destroys the base of mutual trust. With sincerity and tolerance, exchange your own family's circumstances, and accept the other family with open mind and heart.

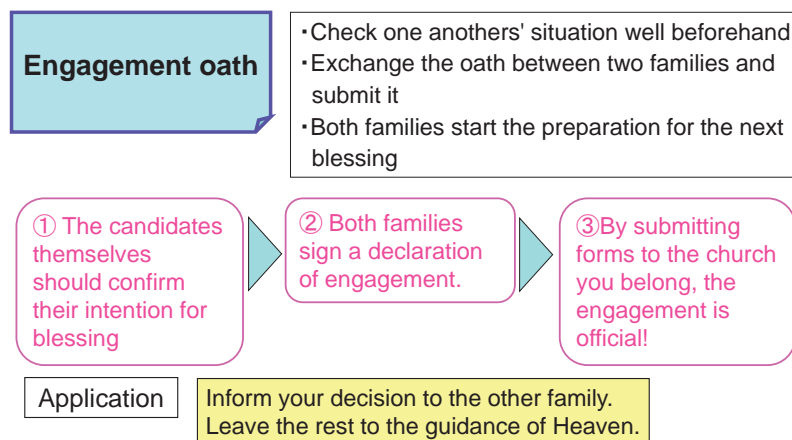
However, the problem of past sins which has already been confessed to

Heavenly Father, should not be shared with the other family. Especially, concerning the special amnesty issue of which Heaven said: "Forget the whole thing", and gave forgiveness including blood lineage problems. Headquarters guidance is no one should make an issue of this. (See pp. 191, 201)

However, there might be a family who thinks, "We cannot accept anyone who has a blood lineage problem." In this case, please inform the other family that "We cannot accept if such and such problem exists" before you enter into the stage of the family exchange (See page 217).

Sign and exchange oath papers, and then submit it to the church you affiliate with (with the other candidate's signature on it). At this time hold a simple ceremony including both families (parents' words, prayer, dinner, etc.) Additionally, if you wish, you may meet the director of the family department of the church you are affiliated with together with your child, and let people around you know about the engagement and have them celebrate the occasion. After the engagement, they need to prepare for the next Blessing Ceremony. Make sure the engaged couple does not go beyond the relationship of brother and sister.

Process of the engagement oath



"When I talked to my child he/she said, 'It's in your hands.' How is your child? We look forward to your reply. "

7. Support for international matching

◆ How to proceed with a matching between different countries?

Basically, parents should be taking initiative to proceed with parent matching, but there are three cases which seem to have practical difficulties if the things are left to the parents alone. For those cases, the Family Education Department has begun to support. One of them is support for international matching. We have placed staff members in each geographical area to deal with matters in Japan, Korea, the United States and Europe to mediate international matchings. We will need to add more to the international staff as the situation requires. Though it may still be insufficient, we currently support as follows:

First, we support through a Parent Convocation to introduce international candidates. Currently, Parent Convocation are periodically held in the United States, Europe and in some other overseas countries. We work together internationally to introduce information of parents meetings on the Website, and introduce those who wish international Blessings at the Parent Convocation in respective countries. Basically, registered candidates' information will be posted on the website and staff members in other countries will introduce them to parents in their respective countries. So, register on the Website in advance; later you may also add comments. However, these comments will not be translated by automatic translation to other languages.

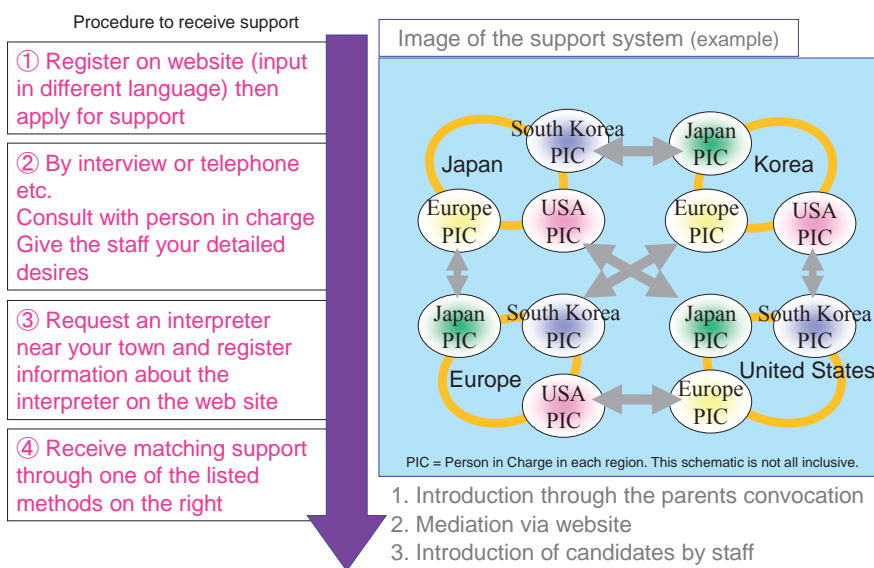
The second support is mediation via website. Because of language problems, a parent may find via the Website a family or two to contact but difficult to do so directly. In such a case, our staff can contact the other family on behalf of the interested parent (one or two specified families) to convey a wish to communicate, and check the response of the other family. Also, we can check if the concerned family is already in the midst of family exchange, and get the information back to the parents in Japan. Our second support is usually limited to "making a first contact" and cannot continue indefinitely as mediators for international families due to the limited resource of our staff. Therefore, we ask you to find an interpreter

of your own choice and register that information on the Website. (There is a column to input interpreter information)

The third support is to introduce a candidate via our staff. Briefly speaking, our staff who is in charge of international matchings will contact the staff of a specified candidate's country to convey the information of the Japanese candidate and the specific preferences of the candidate, and let the other staff introduce a seemingly appropriate candidate in the host country. Remember, our resources are limited. The staff of the other country will introduce someone from those who are registered on their Website. So, as much as possible, the parents themselves should look for a candidate via the Website.

In order for a parent to receive this support, the prerequisites are to: 1) have attended the Parent Convocation; 2) the child has attended the Blessing workshop; 3) register on the Website; and 4) submit an application for international support. For more information, please get hold of "Matching support application form" from the church you are affiliated with.

Support for international matching



8. Matching support for children above a certain age

◆ Is it true that it will be difficult to find a partner for the Blessing if the child is above a certain age?

The second type of support the Family Education Department is implementing is the matching support for children above a certain age. We have observed that there is a tendency for a child who is above 25 years old and is nearing 30 to be less interested in the Blessing and marriage itself. External causes may be, 1) satisfied with single life (marriage itself is a drag); 2) insufficient economic foundation (difficult to support a family), and internal cases such as, 1) rebellion against parents, 2) resistance to the UC culture or 3) traumatic experience in a previous Blessing (loss of self-confidence), etc. To solve these issues, we call on a minister on behalf of the parents to guide the child, or someone who can understand the difficult circumstances and heart of the parents, and provide necessary support.

Considering these situations, around the end of the year 2008, the president of our group encouraged us to establish a Parents committee for the second generation Blessing that consisted of several senior family wives. The purpose of the committee is to support the second generation Blessings on behalf of parents, which includes counseling/ministering to parents. Currently, we give priority to support those who are over 27 years old who wish to receive the Blessing, but cannot find a partner (or cannot actively seek). In the future, we would like to reach out and minister to families who have difficulties and are not prepared for the Blessing.

In order to receive support, regardless of the condition of the child, the parents first need to attend a Parent Convocation to study of the recommended mindset for parents. Once that is done then either 1) register the child's information on the Website, or, if it is difficult, fill out the pre-specified introduction form and submit it (parents may fill it out), then 2) submit the application for support. (You may obtain the document form via the church you are affiliated with).

More specifically, the flow will be, 1) our staff will contact those families who applied to receive our support, 2) on a subsequent day the staff will check the willingness and preference of the child via telephone interview, 3) look for an appropriate candidate through periodic meetings (twice a month), then 4) introduce the appropriate candidate to the family who requested the support.

We will give priority to the older candidates. However, the information we possess at the headquarters is limited, and it may take some time to find a compatible candidate. Therefore, instead of completely relying on our support, each family should continue to make their own effort in the parents matching.

We would like to work together with local family departments/associations to conduct study sessions for the second generation Blessing (testimonies of the parents matching, etc.) and/or have parents free discussion meetings (get to know each other and exchange information). We also will get more information of upper aged Blessed children to headquarters to enhance the national network of the second generation Blessing support system (by parents matching).

Matching support for children above certain age

Parents committee for the second generation blessing
The committee initially was started to support blessing of candidates over 25. Currently the parents committee members are five.
The committee holds meetings twice a month.

Registration method of self-information
Register by one of the following methods

- ① Register on the website
(If you want your information to be nonpublic, you can register as disclose member)
- ② Submit profile with picture
 - Self introduction form
 - Photograph of self plus family

① Register the information of oneself (Website or introduction form)
Request for support

② By interview or telephone etc.
Consult with a person in charge.
Inform staff about in detail about desires

③ You will receive introduction to recommended candidate(s) whom by staff

④ Staff may mediate family exchange according to needs

9. Matching support for the Tenpo-kai (Association of the Heavenly Treasure)

◆ How do you find a partner for a handicapped child?

Matching support of the children with disabilities was established to support parents who have children with disabilities. As long as both parents understand and consent, proceed with the parent matching. We would like to promote parents understanding about this issue more in a public gathering such as at a Parent Convocation. In case a child has a serious disability, however, we need to seek professional support in order to proceed with a matching.


Taking those opinions into consideration, the Tenpo-kai (See page 82) is prepared to receive information of those children who wish for their child to receive the Blessing. Upon understanding each person's situation and wishes, and as necessary we will provide support to mediate the matching. There is no special condition required to request support, but since Tenpo-kai is a voluntary support activity, you first need to become a member of this support group in order to request support. We suggest you to attend a meeting and/or seminar of Tenpo-kai at Headquarters, and thoroughly study the circumstances surrounding the Blessing of those children. To apply for the support, 1) fill out the specified introductory form (parents may fill the information), and then submit this support application to Tenpo-kai. You may obtain an introductory form and application form from the church you are affiliated with, or download it from the Tenpo-kai website.

The following is the specific procedure to receive support: 1) The Tenpo-kai secretariat will obtain Blessing information of those who wish support; 2) A specialized staff will contact your family through telephone/interview to check your child's situation, preferred conditions and so on (degree of independence, wishes concerning life style after the Blessing, etc.) (See page 82); then, 3) we will look for a compatible candidate and introduce the parents. Later, 4) when both families have reached an agreement and acceptance, a specialized doctor (advisor) to Tenpo-kai will meet the children or talk with them on the phone; and 5) the engagement oath

will be exchanged between the candidates. (Based on the situation, participation in the Blessing Ceremony via domestic satellite hall may be acceptable).

As far as educational materials go for children with disabilities, we are developing educational material of the Blessing workshop such as VTRs/DVDs for the handicapped who can not move freely, and need to study at home. We are also working on a visual lecture presentation for those who are hearing impaired. Having completed the study with the use of these materials the child will be considered having fulfilled the requirements. In the case of the intellectual impediment, Tenpo-kai will prepare study material which will fit each person's intellectual level and comprehension; and by completing the specified course, we will regard it as the fulfillment of the required conditions. However, the most important thing for the Blessing of the children with disabilities will be the understanding and support of the family and surrounding people. We would like to promote the building of an environment, through the cooperation between Headquarters and Tenpo-kai, where family members handle these issues together as a community.

The Tenpo Association matching support



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Tenpo Association. The main heading is '天寶会' (Tenpo-kai). Below it, there is a 'MENU' section with links for 'お祈り会', 'ご案内', '入会申込', '天寶会とは', '子育て支援', and 'お問い合わせ'. A 'ご案内' (Introduction) section is highlighted, containing the following text:

【主旨】
本会は、真の家庭運動に賛同して結成した、未婚する家庭内の障害を持つ子供、親および障害を持つ家庭の子女たちが、豊かな愛と理解、社会とコミュニケーションを創出することを目的とします。

【事業】
① 理解と支援のためのネットワーク作り
② 相互理解を深めるための定例会
③ 学習と啓蒙のための、専門家を招いての研修
④ 障害を持つ子供たちのサポート育成
⑤ その他本会の目的達成に必要な事業

At the bottom of the page, there is a link for '天寶会 入会申込フォーム' (Tenpo-kai Introduction Form).

① Fill out an introduction form and submit it with a support request form

② Consult with specialized staff through a meeting or telephone etc. Inform the staff in detail about your desires

③ You will receive introduction about (a) candidate(s) the staff thinks fitting

④ Report to the staff about the exchange progress and meet the staff for interview after making engagement oath

Tenpo Association Home Page: <http://tenpokai.org/>

Process of 2nd Gen Blessing

Completing 1)~4) could be authorized as candidate

【1】 Authorized Qualification

1) Membership Registration & Recommendation	①Clear sense of belonging to local church ②Attend Sunday Service and 1/10 offering ③Participate in DP Workshop for more than 7 days. With all three submit the 2 nd gen enrollment application.
2) 21 day Workshop Certification	Condition for 1 st and 2 nd gen Blessing. If person who is difficult to attend 21 day WS because of work, attend other WS and study ①Divine Principle ② True Parents life course ③attend Chiba short term WS held at Chiba training center it could be accepted as substitute condition.
3) Blessing Workshop [within 2yrs]	Condition for 2 nd gen Blessing. To attend the WS candidate have to attend 21 day WS beforehand, however if the candidate promise to attend 21 day WS within half a year or attend as study purpose it is approved.
4) Confession Interview	Interview is at the Blessing WS. Accept confession and check the candidate's will at the same time authorized qualification is giving at this WS. The confession is needed even if the candidate confessed to local church leader. If the candidate can't be authorized because of any reason the candidate have to attend the WS or have interview again.
5) 7- day fast	To attend the 2 nd gen Blessing the condition has to be finished before the Blessing. Before starting and ending the condition report to interview or local church leader. If there is health problem consult with the leader and do substitute condition.

【2】 Process of Parent Matching and engagement

Engagement	①agreement between parents②agreement between children③engagement document, with all three engagement becomes official
1) Parents exchange and agreement	Attend parent convocation or read parents' matching guide book beforehand then seek Heaven's guidance in prayer. Before including the children to the exchange, have enough time to exchange between the parents and do not tell the child until the specific family is determine.
2) Family exchange and engagement	After the parents agreed to have family exchange they must check the child's will after they have information exchange. If the child cannot accept the other candidate end the exchange with sincerity and start new to find the next family. (Don't force the child or don't start the new exchange unless you finished the first exchange. Until the engagement have exchange with the whole family and not to have exchange between the children one on one.
3) Engagement Period	Before the engagement, confirm with the family about both families' situation and will. After that write the engagement oath.

【3】 Application procedure for the Blessing

1) Individual interview (local church)	At the engagement time, candidate have interview with local church family director. During the interview the interviewer checks the candidate's will and give information of documents and preparation for the upcoming Blessing.
2) Application Document	Send all the blessing documents including engagement oath documents (application form, Parent's consent form, certificate of WS, etc...) to the affiliated local church.
3) Medical examination	Around the engagement, go to the local hospital and receive health examination. Health examination form should be sent together with the Blessing documents.
4) Ceremony preparation	One or two months before the Blessing Ceremony prepare the Blessing ring, donation, expense and flight ticket when the announcement is made.

III. Blessing application procedure and the Blessing Ceremony

As soon as the date and time of the Blessing Ceremony is announced, guidance for the Ceremony participation will be provided. Families will be busy making external preparations starting from preparing documents to submit, purchasing the Blessing ring, arranging the flights and so forth. However, because the schedule is made centered on the True Parents' timetable and providential events, there may sometimes be sudden changes of schedule, which would create confusion.

Here, we would like to explain what kind of preparation and procedure to follow for the Blessing, and introduce the contents of the official process from education and matching up to the Blessing Ceremony.

1. Schedule for Blessing Ceremony

◆ When will the Blessing Ceremony take place?

We are often asked, "When will the next Blessing Ceremony be?" In the past, the Blessing Ceremonies have been conducted once or twice a year, sometimes three times a year, but the timing has never been fixed. Some years ago, the Blessing Ceremony was held as a part of an official event such as the World Culture and Sports Festival, which was usually held in July or in August, but in the last couple of years, the Blessing was held around the True Parents' Birthday (January or February) and on October 14th, the memorial day of being liberated from the North Korean prison camp.

However, as far as future Blessing schedules, only Heaven knows, until it is announced through an Official World Memorandum two to three months before the Blessing Ceremony. On some occasions, the announcements were made less than one month prior to the Ceremony. In any case, the Blessing Ceremony will be held periodically, so that we should be ready whenever the Heavenly Father calls us to be there.

As for the Blessing Ceremony venues, in most cases they were held in Korea, such as Cheongpyong (Great Sanctuary of the Heavenly Palace), Cheonan (Yoo Guan-sun Memorial Hall, Asan (Sun Moon University) and Chamsil (Olympic Stadium), but the Ceremonies have been also held in the United States (New York and Washington, DC). For the second generation Blessing, unless you have extraordinary circumstances, couples need to attend the main ceremony venue. The minimum period necessary to attend, even for the parents matching couples, will be four days including the day of departure and return (two days before the Ceremony and one day after the ceremony). If you participate in the True Parents' matching, then add three more days, for a total of 7 days. If the main ceremony venue is in a country other than Korea, you may need a longer period.

It is understood that it is not easy for the participants to be absent from school

classes or get holidays from their work, but compared to the participants who come from distant countries, we, in Japan, are very lucky. Of course, if both bride and/or bridegroom have special situations that render them unable to participate in the main ceremony venue, they can participate at the domestic satellite hall. But this is a once in a lifetime event. Please do your best to participate in the main ceremony venue and pledge to start a new life as husband and wife in the presence of True Parents.

Finally, there is one more point to emphasize. Some couples rush into the workshop and /or get engaged right before the Blessing Ceremony in order to participate in the Ceremony. There will be other Blessing Ceremonies in the future, so, if you do not have time to prepare, don't rush it; it's best to first prepare yourself for the next Blessing Ceremony.

History of the Blessing Ceremony (since December 2004)		
Blessing title	Date	Place
Special Blessing of the fourth year of Cheon-Il-Guk	26 December 2004	New York, US
Special Blessing of the fifth year of Cheon-Il-Guk	9 February 2005	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
The sixth 400 million couple second generation blessing	1 August 2005	Cheonan Yoo Guan-soon Gymnasium
International Cross Blessing for World Peace	29 December 2005	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
Crossing and Exchanging Blessing for Grand Peace and Holy Generations (1)	22 February 2007	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
Crossing and Exchanging Blessing for Grand Peace and Holy Generations (2)	5 July 2007	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
Divine Civilization Peace Blessing for Grand Peace and Holy Generations (1)	6 July 2008	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
Divine Civilization Peace Blessing for Grand Peace and Holy Generations (2)	12 October 2008	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
Divine Civilization Peace Blessing for Grand Peace and Holy Generations, 2009	31 January 2009	United States, UN headquarters
October 14th, The True Parents' Cosmic Blessing	14 October 2009	Sun Moon University Asan Campus Plaza
November 16th, Second Generation Blessing by True Parents	16 November 2009	Cheongpyong Grand Hall
January 4th, the True Parents' Cosmic Blessing	17 February 2010	Ilsan Int'l Exhibition Hall

2. Application procedure and documents to be submitted

◆ If you don't know the right procedure for the Blessing, you may have trouble.

Guidance to participate in the Blessing Ceremony will be provided two to three months prior to the Ceremony. Even if the couple has already submitted the Engagement Report through the parents matching, they still need to go through separate steps, so keep in touch with the family department of your local church and obtain the guidance.

Preparation for the Blessing candidate to participate in the Blessing includes: 1) individual interview, 2) submitting necessary documents, 3) medical examination report, 4) seven-day fast (if not completed), 5) flight arrangement (airplane ticket), 6) ring, suit or dress, and 7) payment of the gratitude donation and participation expenses, etc. I would like to explain more about 1) and 4), and all of these steps are to be conducted at the "local church that the second generation candidate is affiliated with." If the candidate is currently studying abroad, he/she still needs to apply through the domestic local church of affiliation (except if the whole family has moved overseas, or the candidate has a full time job in an overseas country). (See page 94)

The document to be submitted is somewhat different between couples made by the True Parents and couples made by parents (refer to the right diagram), so keep in touch with the affiliated church, check the details and proceed with the preparation. Among the required documents, the health examination report may take the most time. It is advised to go to a doctor in your area and complete the examination ahead of time. (The format is different according to the medical institute, but you can obtain the sample from your church.)

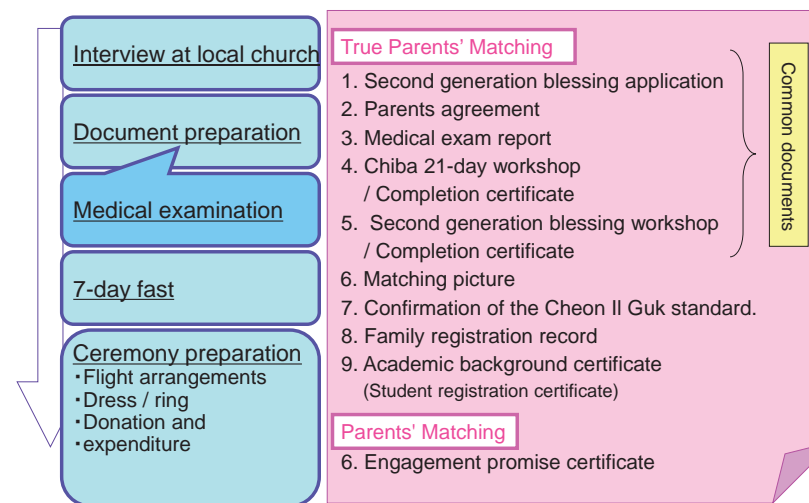
Moreover, an individual interview with the family department director of the child's affiliated church (Second generation director in case of the high school student) before or after submitting the application documents, will be required. In the case of a parent matching, if the interview was conducted at the time of making the engagement report, then this interview is not necessary. This interview is to check the state of the candidate before the Blessing, and to inform of guidance

and care for life after the Blessing, so if nearly a year has passed since making the engagement report, we suggest the Blessing candidate get interviewed again. After the Blessing the couple will need support from the second generation department director and/or the family department director as well as support from both parents and surrounding people. In this sense, too, we would like to regard the interview as being very valuable.

If the candidate is studying abroad, or anyway away from home, where the actual affiliation with the church is different from the parents affiliation, he/she may receive the individual interview with the family department director or the minister of the actual affiliation (interview report shall be sent to the official (parents) affiliated church), and the other document paperwork may be done through the local affiliated church. Please be aware of these options.

In case the seven-day fast is not completed, the candidate should schedule to have it completed before or after the individual interview, and at the latest, at least 10 days prior to the day of departure (we cannot prepare meals after breaking a fast during the official ceremony period). Also, please note if you get a medical examination right after a seven-day fast, there could be unreliable results.

Application procedure and list of documents



3. Preparation for ceremony participation

◆ What do you have to prepare to go to the Blessing Ceremony?

While you prepare documents, please start specific preparations.

First is to make the flight arrangements. With the announcement of the official schedule, the gathering date (departure date) for the candidates of the True Parents matching, and couples made by parents matching, and the day of dismissal (return day) will be announced, so you should make flight arrangements accordingly. Some local church may handle the flight arrangements for all participants. You may, however, find a less expensive flight. If you want to make a flight arrangement yourself, please report the itineraries to your local church by filling out a designated form. Headquarters will make lodging arrangements for the candidates and guests (parents), airport buses and so on in accordance with the flight reports sent from local churches, so please submit the itineraries as soon as possible.

Next is to prepare the dress, or suit, and the ring. One or two months prior to the Blessing Ceremony, the sales of dresses and rings will be announced through Kogensha. Please enter the accurate size in a designated order form, and apply for it. As far as the dress is concerned, however, there is no specific regulation except that the color has to be white. For the second generation Blessing, many brides prepare their dresses in accordance with their preference. Some purchased a dress for 10,000 yen through net auction, or got it from a rental shop instead of purchasing it. Ladies may also borrow one from another second generation if the size and style are to their liking. Ask senior brothers and sisters.

In case there isn't enough time to order the ring, one may be purchased at the lodging venue of the destination land, but the size fitting could be sold out. So we advise the families to prepare in advance in Japan as much as possible.

Last is the offering of the gratitude donation and payment of the expenses. The gratitude donation is different between an unmarried person and a re-Blessing

person (refer to the diagram below). Also, for the first generation Blessing, they need to make the payment directly to Headquarters (instead of paying to the candidate's affiliated church). Do not get confused. We regard the preparation of donation by the second generation candidates to be a very important devotional condition. The donation they make is an expression of their gratitude for the Blessing given by Heaven, so please have it offered before the Blessing. We also need to receive payment for participation expenses, such as lodging, meals and venues transport, so please make this payment beforehand, too.

When prior preparations are completed, then start packing (refer to the chart below). Especially, pay special attention to check the expiration date of the passport, lest you may not be able to leave the country. An FM radio is an important item, too. Do not forget to bring it. You need to prepare the dress to wear for the Blessing Ceremony, but also those who participate in the True Parents' matching need to prepare white base formal wear.

Ceremony preparation items and necessary expenses

1. Passport and flight ticket
2. FM radio
3. Blessing ring
4. Holy Song, writing utensils and notebook
5. Regular medicine (stomach medicine and cold medicine, etc.)
6. Rain wear (cape and umbrella)
7. Camera (for individual use)
8. Makeup kit (women)
9. Clothes for ceremony
Men: Suit, necktie and shoes
Woman: Dress, veil and shoes
10. A present for spouse, etc.

Rough estimate of expenses to participate in the ceremony

- Donation
 - New: 200,000 yen
 - Re-blessing: 100,000 yen
- Various: 25,000 yen ~
- Ring: 25,000 - 40,000 yen
- Dress: 20,000 yen ~
- Flight: 50,000 yen ~
- Present: ?0,000 yen
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- Total: 0000000 yen

4. Flow of the official schedule

◆ Schedule of the locale and events for parents

In a word, the schedule varies with the locale. However, you should understand the basic flow beforehand.

Suppose the date of the Blessing Ceremony is on February 5th. The 4th will be for the Ceremony education and rehearsal. TP matching would be either on February 2nd or 3rd so that the candidates for the TP matching have to enter the country by February 1st. Shuttle buses will be provided from the airport to the lodging place, so use the respective bus to go to your lodging venue. Only the orientation is done the first day, and substantial education would start the morning of the following day, on the 2nd.

For the most part, the morning time education will be conducted according to language, and a joint education will be conducted in the afternoon. If the matching delays, then the education prior to the matching will continue to the 3rd, but if the matching takes place on the 2nd, morning time on the 3rd will be for the post-matching education and afternoon will be the time for newly-made couples to spend together. In accordance with the TP's guidance, we never permit parents to visit the lodging venue of the second generation the day of matching. The candidate himself/herself will inform the result of the matching by the end of the day, so please wait for the information from your child. Moreover, the consultation staff (family department directors) will be there to consult case by case. Please don't worry about this point.

February 3rd would be the entry date to the country of the couples matched by parents, and their guests to celebrate the Blessing. The official schedule on this day will be just an orientation, so that if you arrive early to the lodging place, you will have time to meet your partner and partner's family, or if you are the parents of a candidate of True Parents' matching (it is supposed to be free time for those candidates, too), you may have time to meet and spend time with your child. February 4th, a day before the Ceremony, will be for education and preparation, and for those who were not matched (most of them are women), we will provide the

city sightseeing tour and so on.

From the 3rd, not only from Japan, but candidates and their parents will come from all over the world. The lodging places will be crowded with people from all over the world, so all announcements will be made in more than three languages. There may be different schedules for Japanese-Japanese couples, Japanese-Korean couples, Japanese-American couples and so on, and sometimes there may be a sudden change of schedule, such as the TP may call everyone to gather. If participants from all over the world increase, you may be asked to move to another meeting place.

We ask for your advanced understanding that our staff has to cope with all operations corresponding to each country's situation and give priority to taking care of candidates before and after the TP's matching. We may not be able to provide sufficient service to parents and guests.

We hope that all guests and participants have the heart of attending a "providential event" or "workshop" and be flexible to the official schedule.

Example of the official schedule

	Summary	Morning	Daytime	Night
Day One	Day of entering the country TP matching candidate	(Enter the country)	Move to lodging place	Opening the ceremony / orientation
Day Two		Country by country education	Education for the whole	Matching
Day Three	Day of entering the country -Parents matching candidate -Parents and celebration guest	Country by country education	Free exchange	Free exchange
		(Enter the country)	Move to lodging place	Opening the ceremony / orientation
Day Four	Un matched Candidate	Country by country education	Education for the whole	Ceremony preparation
		City sightseeing tour	City sightseeing tour	City sightseeing tour
Day Fifth	Blessing Ceremony	Blessing Ceremony	Exchange between families	Celebration
Day Six	Day of departure	Leave for the airport	(Departure)	

5. True Parents Matching

◆ How do you meet the decisive moment?

Nowadays, the TP's matching usually takes place at the Cheon-Jeong-Goon Museum. Candidates wait for TP to enter the Chapel room on the third floor, which is the matching hall, but no one knows when that will happen. People are to relax and remain calm, leaving everything to the Heavenly Father.

When True Parents arrive, Father will speak for a while. On some occasions Father spoke less than one hour and began matching, but on other occasions, Father spoke at length, taking a lunch or dinner break, and continued till late at night. Each time the length and contents are different, but it is a precious opportunity when Father speaks to the second generation directly. Please listen attentively to every word Father speaks, and feel the heart of the TP toward the second generation Blessing.

When TP instruct brothers and sisters to sing songs, it is a signal that it is a sign that the matching is about to begin. It is a golden opportunity to sing a song in front of the TP. Please prepare and be ready to offer at least one song to the "Messiah."

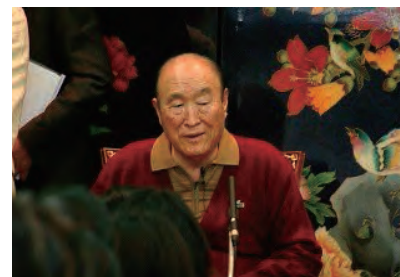
In many cases, the matching starts from the upper aged group. For the sitting order, brothers and sisters will be sitting separately right and left, with the upper aged group in the front and the younger aged group in the back. Once the matching starts, everyone stands up, then leaving the upper aged group in the front, the rest move back and wait. Candidates will stand up with their name tag (with their names, age and nationality), but TF will usually look at each person's face and his/her background, and then match one after another. It takes only a few seconds for Father to make a couple; it is truly an act of God. If one is not focused, he/she may not notice that Father is pointing at him/her, and other people would say, "it's you, hurry up." During matching time, the candidate should empty his/her mind of all thoughts and stare at Father's eyes, and when he/she is pointed at, move forward.

They will not have time to stare at their partner at that moment. Some years ago, the matched couple bowed to the TP, there, right after they were matched, but now, they are to move to the back to not disturb the matching process, and then bow to TP from the back.

Next, the matched couple moves out into the hallway, gets their matching picture taken and submits both name cards to the receptionist. They then move to the room across the hall and talk with their matched partner for the first time. If necessary, get the help of an interpreter staff to introduce yourself and your family. It is not possible to know everything about a partner or to tell everything about oneself to the partner at the beginning. Instead of feeling happy or unhappy based on the other person's first impression and centered on one's own feelings, the newly matched individuals should keep an open mind of gratitude that this person is given by the Heavenly Father, and receive each other with an open mind. It is the starting point of a new life that they, as a couple, begin. (See page 252.)

Appearance of the in-person matching

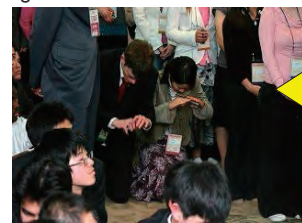
① True Parents' word



② The matching starts!



④ Offer a deep bow of gratitude at the end



③ Couples are born one after another



6. Face, hair, clothes for the Ceremony

◆ What should I do for makeup, hair style and so on?

All the brides wear beautiful white wedding dresses on the Ceremony Day, and what makes the dress more beautiful is your face makeup and hair style. It will be one of the most important processes of preparation for the Blessing Ceremony for brides. Some sisters are worried that, "I don't know how to use make up..." but don't worry, professional beauticians will come the day before the Ceremony to help with their face makeup and hair style. Let the internal and external beauty shine, and offer the greatest beauty the lady has to God. They have been nurtured and waited to attend only one partner in their life. They are already so beautiful.

The education program will finish by dinner time on the evening before the Ceremony Day, and they will begin the preparation to attend the Ceremony. For grooms, the preparation is rather simple. They just take a shower and shave the next morning then put on a suit, but for brides, the Ceremony has begun already the night before. Sisters should be ready; they may not have any time to sleep the night before the Ceremony Day.

Though we have a team of professional beauticians, they have to make up around 200 brides, which will take all night, and since the brides will be called to come room by room, if their order is in an early group, after the full makeup, they cannot lie down, and must wait for dawn. We are sorry for the brides, but, their wedding ceremony only comes once in their lifetime. They must make an effort to show their greatest beauty.

They may feel the makeup is too strong, but when they wear a dress, normal makeup makes the dress stand out more than the face, and the appearance in a picture will not be good. I feel it is little bit too thick is usually just the right makeup.

Bridegrooms must remember the face of their brides to be sure that they can

find their bride, whose face will be full of make-up on the day of the Blessing Ceremony. Men can wear their suit even before and after the Blessing Ceremony, but for women, The Blessing Ceremony is the only special day that they can wear the wedding dress. The men should therefore behave like real gentlemen, respect the mood of the bride, understand their work from the day before, and show consideration and care for them.

The final point is the dress code for the Blessing Ceremony: Men are to wear a dark blue suit and black shoes. Women are to wear a white dress, veil, and white shoes. The bouquet, corsage and white gloves will be provided on the day of the Ceremony, so take them with you and ride the bus as a couple to go to the Ceremony venue. Do not forget to bring the Blessing ring and an FM radio.

Clothes at Blessing Ceremony and the matching



- ◆ Men's clothes ◆
- Dark blue suit and black leather shoes
- Dress shirt and red necktie
- White underwear (new)
- Corsage and white gloves
- ※ These are the same at the matching.

- ◆ Women's clothing ◆
- White dress and white shoes
- White underwear (new)
- Veil, bouquet and white gloves
- ※ Formal white dress for the matching.

7. Flow of the Blessing Ceremony program

◆ Meaning of each event which surprisingly many people do not know

The Blessing Ceremony is the moment that you inherit the love of God through True Parents. Though the schedule is hectic, the new couple should recall its significance once again and with that mind attend the Blessing Ceremony.

When the couple arrives at the Ceremony venue, facing the stage, front and center area seats are for the second generation brides and grooms, and the seats for the parents/guests attending the Ceremony will be behind the seats of the first generation bride and bridegroom. So promptly take a seat in your designated area then wait for the Ceremony to start. After a rehearsal with all participants, there will be a band and choir performance before the official program begins. The Ceremony itself will be over in around one hour time. Now, let's review the meaning of each part of the ceremony event.

First is the opening. The opening of the Ceremony will be officially announced, followed by congratulatory remarks by special guests and prayer by the representatives of different religions. Then, the True Parents will enter as the main officiators of the Ceremony. The first ceremony will be the Holy Water Ceremony. This is to wash away all past sins and purify the bride and bridegroom as the restored Adam and Eve.

Then, the purified sons and daughters of God will make a Holy Matrimony Vow to Heaven to 1) establish a connection as true husband and wife, 2) establish the tradition as a Unification Family, 3) promise to raise true children, and 4) pledge to establish an ideal family and the Kingdom of Heaven. After affirmation of these pledges, TP will offer the Blessing Prayer for Heaven's Blessings to come upon those brides and bridegrooms. The TP will look at each couple with the heart of Heavenly Father who wanted to see the Blessing of Adam and Eve, and worked through history to restore such a couple, then pray for those tens and hundreds of couples to be families centered on God.

After receiving the Blessing prayer, brides and bridegrooms will face each other and "exchange rings" which symbolizes the eternal pledge. First, the bridegroom

will give the ring to the bride, then the bride to the bridegroom. The ring is to be placed on the ring finger of the right hand. Couples must not forget to exchange their rings beforehand, for they are going to place the ring on their partner.

Looking at the brides and bridegrooms having exchanged the rings, the True Parents will declare that the Blessing has been established before Heavenly Father. This Declaration of Holy Matrimony is the very moment that the new Blessed families have been born before Heavenly Father. The Ceremony then will be followed by the presentation of flower bouquets to the TP, followed by a congratulatory song. As children offer their gratitude for the hard work and affection of their parents, they should also offer their gratitude to True Parents. The three cheers of Ok-mansei will be the finale. They should offer their Ok-mansei with a loud voice to reach Heaven.

After the Ceremony, it is time for free exchange. The newlyweds can share their joy with their friends and exchange greetings with their families and relatives. Parents may have difficulties attending the Ceremony, but try to participate in this first opportunity for fellowship with other participants.

Flow of the Ceremony



◆ History of the second generation Blessing

April 12, 1986: Second generation 36 couples Blessing ceremony
(Seoul) (Commonly known as: Second Generation 36 couples)

January 11, 1989: Second Generation 72 couples Blessing Ceremony
(Seoul)(Commonly known as: Second Generation 72 couples)

August 25, 1992: 30,000 couples International Blessing Ceremony
(Seoul)(Commonly known as: 30,000 couples/200 second generation couples)

August 25, 1995: 360,000 couples International Blessing Ceremony
(Seoul) (Commonly known as: 360,000 couples/Second Generation 300 couples)

November 29, 1997: 40 million couples International Grand Crossed Blessing Ceremony
(Washington, DC) (Commonly known as: 40 million couples/400 second generation couples)

June 13, 1998: 360 million couples 1st International Blessing Ceremony
(New York) (Commonly known as: 1st 360 million couples)

February 7, 1999: 360 million couples 2nd International Blessing Ceremony
(Seoul) (Commonly known as: 2nd 360 million couples)

February 13, 2000: 400 million couples 1st International Blessing Ceremony
(Seoul) (Commonly known as: 1st 400 million couples)

January 27, 2001: 400 million couples 2nd International Blessing Ceremony
(New York) (Commonly known as: 2nd 400 million couples)

February 16, 2002: 400 million couples 2nd International Blessing Ceremony
(Seoul) (Commonly known as: 3rd 400 million couples)

July 13, 2003: 400 couples 4th International Blessing Ceremony
(Asan) (Commonly known as: 4th 400 million couples)

July 26, 2004: 400 million couples 5th International Blessing Ceremony
(Cheon Ahn) (Commonly known as: 5th 400 million couples)

August 20, 2004: Cheon-II-Guk Registration Blessing for True Heart Revolution
and True Liberation
(Seoul) (Commonly known as: 5th 400 million couples)

December 26, 2004: Special Blessing Ceremony in the fourth year of Cheon-II-Guk
(New York), (commonly known as the First Cheon-II-Guk Blessing)

February 9, 2005: Cheon-II-Guk fifth year Special Blessing Ceremony
(Cheongpyong), (Commonly known as : Second Cheon-II-Guk Blessing)

August 1, 2005: 400 million couples the 6th International Blessing Ceremony
(Cheon Ahn) (Commonly known as: 6th 400 million couples Blessing)

December 29, 2005: International Crossed Blessing Ceremony for World Peace)
(Cheongpyong), (Commonly known as: 2005 Crossed)

February 22, 2007: Grand Holy Generation Peaceful Crossed and Exchanged
Blessing to Realize World Peace
(Cheongpyong) (Commonly known as: 1st Crossed Blessing in 2007)

July 5, 2007: Grand Holy Generation Peaceful Crossed and Exchanged Blessing
Ceremony in 2007
(Cheon Ahn) (Commonly known as: 2nd Crossed Blessing in 2007)

July 6, 2008: Grand Holy Generation Divine Civilization Peace Blessing Ceremony
(Cheongpyong) (Commonly known as: 1st Grand Peace Holy Generation in 2008)

October 12, 2008: Grand Peace Holy Generation Divine Civilization Peace
Blessing Ceremony
(Cheongpyong) (Commonly known as: 2nd Grand Peace Holy Generation in 2008)

January 31, 2009: Grand Peace Holy Generation Divine Civilization Peace
Blessing Ceremony in 2009
(New York) (Commonly known as: Grand Peace Holy Generation in 2009)

October 14, 2009: True Parents' Cosmic Blessing Ceremony on October 14th
(Asan) (Commonly known as: October 14th Cosmic Blessing)

November 16, 2009: True Parents Second Generation Blessing Ceremony on
November 16th
(Cheongpyong) (Commonly known as: Second Generation Blessing on November 16th)

February 17, 2010: True Parents Cosmic Blessing Ceremony on January 4th
(Il-sun) (Commonly known as January 4th Cosmic Blessing)

October 10, 2010: October 14th Blessing Ceremony for the Settlement of the
Completion of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth
(Asan) (Commonly known as: 10.14 Settlement Completion)

IV. After Blessing till starting the family

A new challenge that aims at establishing "The True Family Ideal" starts right after the Blessing Ceremony. However, in reality, due to an insufficient education program after the Blessing, the basic guidance contents for the second generation family have not been well conveyed to each family. Both parents and children have faced unknown issues and felt troubled many times.

Starting from How starting your family differs between the 2nd generation and the 1st generation we would like to talk about issues after the Blessing such as the formula course after the Blessing, how to nurture a husband-wife relationship, how to associate with other families, and so on.

1. 40-day separation period

◆ Is the separation period necessary for the second generation, too?

At the second matching in accordance with the Cheon-II-Guk standard in February 2005, True Father instructed the following three points for the second generation families: 1) Have a 40-day separation, 2) participate in Cheongpyong 40-day workshop as a husband and wife, and 3) start a two-and-a-half-year formula course.

For the first generation, the separation period signifies a conditional period for a Blessed man and woman to sever themselves from self-centered love (archangel's love) and to establish a proper vertical relationship with God by indemnifying the fall of Adam and Eve who inherited fallen love through the horizontal relationship between Eve and the archangel. For the second generation family, originally, the separation period as an indemnity condition was deemed not necessary, but after entering into the Age after Heaven, True Father revised his instructions for the second generation to offer the separation period as the devotional condition in order to "inherit the love of God.

In short, the separation period for the second generation family means the period to offer gratitude and devotion to God and the True Parents. Whenever we talk about the separation period, a question such as what is the range of permission in the reciprocal relationship? We would like couples to give a priority to deepen their vertical relationship more than their horizontal relationship.

The original intention of True Father's instruction to attend the 40-day workshop at Cheongpyong was to offer devotional heart for 40 days after the Blessing. Since it was difficult for most couples to attend the 40-day workshop right after the Blessing, we held a 40-day workshop for the second generation families in summer of the same year, but the separation period is to be the period to offer devotional heart with the same standard of the Cheongpyong 40-day workshop. (Since then, we have been encouraging each couple to participate in the Cheongpyong 40-day workshop before starting family.) The 40 day devotional period starts from the day following the Blessing Ceremony, so that the husband

and the wife should plan well to make specific devotional conditions such as Hun-Dok and/or prayer.

Second, the separation period is the period to learn who is the person given to me by Heavenly Father in their reciprocal relationship. A previously married couple gave the following testimony: "In our case, the partner remained the same before and after the Blessing, but by looking at, and treating the partner as 'the person given by Heavenly Father,' I could feel the 'heart between husband and wife' began changing. How you look at your partner will make an impact on how the conjugal love deepens.

Concerning the physical contact during the separation period, our basic guidance is to keep physical contact within the realm of a brother and a sister, but the important thing is to nurture the attitude of looking at the partner with God's eyes and touch the partner with the feeling of touching God. As the first generation kept this separation period as the period of being reborn by the love of God, the second generation should make this period as the period to inherit the love of God and develop and purify his/her own love.

Instructions to the second generation family

① 40-day separation period

- Instruction of 40-day separation, given in February 2005**
- 1) Condition of gratitude and devotion to Heaven
 - 2) Make foundation for the husband-wife relationship

② Cheong Pyeong 40-day Workshop

- Cheon-II-Guk 40-day family workshop was held in August 2005**
- 1) Encourage the new couple to participate in Cheong Pyeong 40-day workshop as a couple
 - 2) Implementation of education after the blessing in each country

③ Two-and-a-half-year Formula course

- Instruction on public activity for 30 months, given in February 2005**
- 1) Establishment of family member standard (belonging and public activity)
 - 2) Start a family level course (finding job, start family)

2. Two and a half year formula course

◆ Formula course the second generation family also goes

Father's third instruction for the second generation family was to participate in a two-and-a-half year (30 months) formula course. Originally, TF guided the first generation Blessed couples not to start their families right after the Blessing, and instead, they were to participate in the "three year formula course in which the husband and the wife were each to conduct public activities. It was mainly for: 1) training of true love (for the growth of their own love), 2) foundation of having spiritual children (a condition that you loved the Cain-side children as well as to form a realm of spiritual protection, and 3) responsibility for the Cain side realm (mission of the tribal messiah), and, even though it is not for an indemnity condition, this process is necessary even for the second generation families to become a family of the Cheon-Il-Guk owner.

From the viewpoint of Heavenly Citizen education process, the Blessing means to establish family member and to start family level. (See page 58) Consequently, for the formula course before starting family, high school students and college students (freshman and sophomore) should regard this from the viewpoint of establishing a standard of a family member, while college students (junior and senior) and working people should regard this from the viewpoint of starting family level.

The first points of establishing a family member standard is to be affiliated and be active in church activities. We encourage second generation to have a clear sense of affiliation and make it a habit to lead a life of faith and worship (commute to the church and offer tithings), as well participate in education and activities in the front line such as in CARP and/or the Second Generation Youth Department. It is the best to conduct such public activities before receiving to the Blessing, but when it is difficult, at least try during the period before starting family and start the family with a public mind.

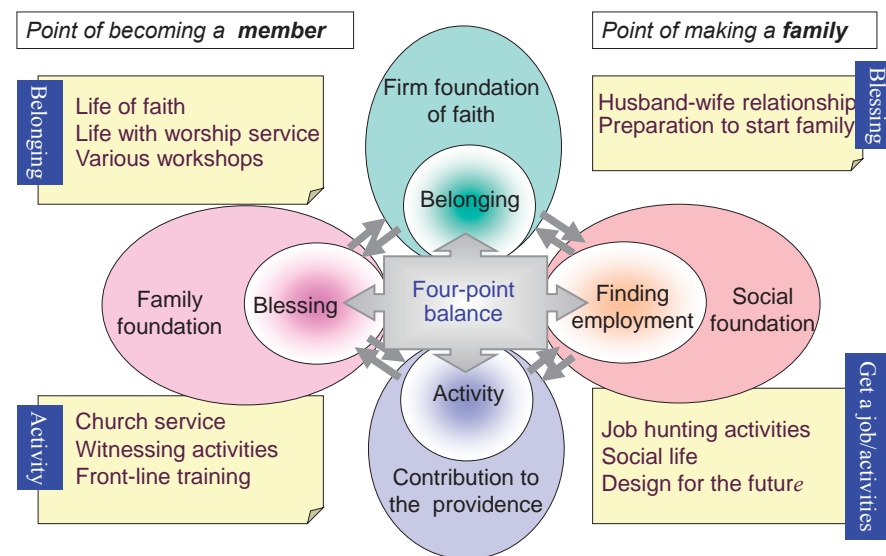
On the other hand, it is necessary to consider both Blessing (family) life and job (Social) life, from the viewpoint of the family level standard. This means to develop a mature reciprocal relationship, prepare for family life, and secure job

and financial foundation. Without having this base, you could be regarded as unprepared by the partner's family no matter how hard you may engage in church activities. When we talk about activities, it should not be merely training, but more as providential activities for the future in which each individual participates and contributes to God's Will for the future. (See page 163.)

In the case of an international couple, we ask leaders of respective areas to consider the young couple's future life and relationship, and encourage them, for example, to learn the language of the partner's country, and then participate in the partner's local church activities; and/or provide guidance in accordance with each couple's situation.

We do not make it an requirement at the completion of the second generation family formula course to submit a report or issue a certificate of completion. We ask leaders of respective areas to provide guidance and support for each couple to realize and implement this course as the period to become the Cheon-Il-Guk master's family.

Formula course towards becoming Heavenly citizen



3. Standard to start the family

◆ What is the standard for the second generation to start their family?

In the case of the second generation families, there is no problem to start family any time after the 40-day separation period is over. Therefore, in the past, it was left to each couple's circumstances. However, from the viewpoint of the Heavenly citizen education (See page 74), we now consider it necessary to have a certain standard for the second generation to start their family.

TF said on one occasion "Second generation should start the family after schooling and formula course (refer to page 148)," and in other occasion, he said "since you received the Blessing, start the family soon and take your children with you to school." One expresses TF's expectation on the second generation families to have the standard of the owner of Cheon-Il-Guk, and the other expresses the heart of the parents to see the fruit of the Blessing as soon as possible.

In Japan, there is a tendency to emphasize the importance of focus on the formula course to establish the self, and think about starting family after getting a job and establishing a financial foundation, while in Korea, there is a tendency to emphasize the importance of make a husband and wife relationship as an eternal partner after receiving the Blessing, and establishing a husband-wife relationship is a foundation for studying or working. They are both sides of Heavenly Father's expectation (family member standard and family formation). There are cases that couples hastened to start their family without having prepared internally and externally, so their relationship suffered, and other cases, by postponing the timing of starting family, their relationship became difficult.

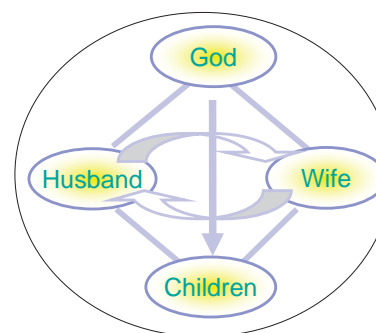
We at headquarters encourage the couples and their families to discuss the matter well, based on the necessities of family member standard and family formation, and public standard and each person's circumstance. Please check the following three points: 1) each person's readiness and attitude, 2) the maturity level of their reciprocal relationship (See page 152), and 3) security of their living

foundation. It is irresponsible to let them start their family if one or both have little sense of responsibility to fulfill the purpose of the Blessing. It is also too tough to let them enter into a conjugal life without establishing a good relationship between them. In the case that the couple starts their family while they are still students, consider their living foundation such as the financial support of both parents.

To start the family, 1) decide the day and time, 2) sanctify the room and clean the body, 3) place True Parents picture and light the Holy Candle, and 4) start by bowing and praying.

When they start the family (live together) 1) they should submit the family start report, and 2) join APTF (Association for the Promotion of the True Family). Additionally, encourage them to subscribe to Blessed Family, and participate in a family workshop before or after starting family (See page 158).

Starting family for second generation



Suggested criteria to start the family

- ① One's life of faith
- ② Maturity of the reciprocal relationship
- ③ Securing a life base (financial foundation)



Discuss between two families

Guidance to start the family

- ① Family workshop (encouraged)
- ② Report after starting family
- ③ Enroll the membership of APTF

Tradition at the time of starting the family

- Decide date and time
- Sanctification of the environment
- TP's picture
- Holy candles
- Bow to begin and prayer

4. Reciprocal relationship till starting the family

◆ Teach me! How the reciprocal relationship should be after the Blessing.

For the first generation Blessing, they are supposed to become husband and wife by starting family (prior to that was a relationship between archangel and Eve), so they are supposed to support each other to develop a vertical heart instead of deepening their reciprocal relationship. However, in the case of the second generation family, they become husband and wife at the Blessing Ceremony, so that how to develop their reciprocal relationship is required from right after the Blessing. However, there are cultural differences and so on which are the base to different ways of thinking, so friction arises.

For instance, the second generation children in Korea and Western countries are used to intimate human relationship. They seek to have an intimate relationship and physical contact with their partner from right after the Blessing, which can be difficult to understand for Japanese second generation children, who grew up with strict purity education. Of course, we should not force them to have a deep relationship from the beginning, but it is also a problem that one does not try to deepen their relationship till starting their family. Upon international discussion on this matter, headquarters provides guidance on how to develop reciprocal relationship in each phase up to starting their family.

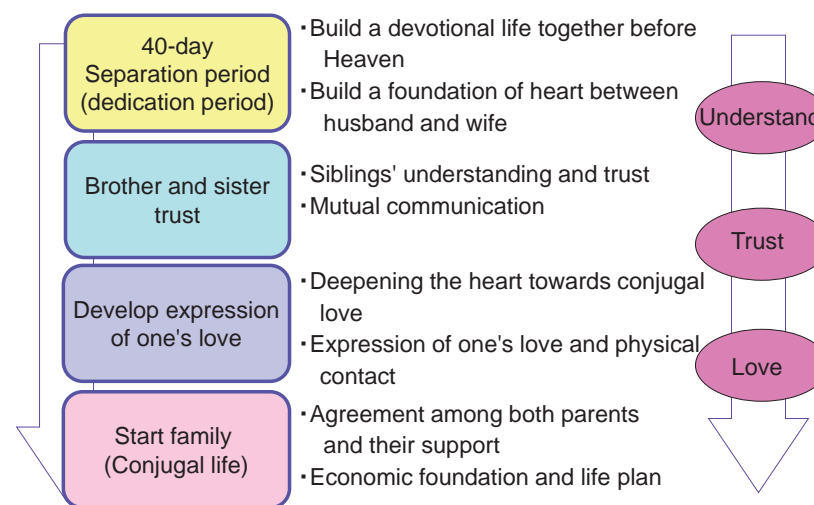
The first phase is the "40-day separation." (See page 146.) Offer devotional heart to Heavenly Father with the gratitude of having received the Blessing, and deepen the feeling of their relationship as being bound by the Heavenly Father. It is not a period to refrain from having their reciprocal relationship, but is the period to establish a foundation to nourish a richer reciprocal relationship.

The second phase is the phase of establishing the trusting relationship as a brother and a sister. Though the second generation can start their family right after the 40 day separation period, you should regard the process of coming to

understand your partner more as a very important step even if you may need to hasten this phase. To do this, daily communication is important. If you are apart from each other physically, use a telephone and/or e-mail to communicate and try to develop your reciprocal relationship. If you think of your relationship in terms of subject and object, then your demand tends to get stronger. Let's first regard the other party as siblings, and learn from each other. In order for love to grow, you first need to take an interest in and understand your partner. With this confidence will be born and love will grow.

Third is the phase to deepen expression of affection in your reciprocal relationship. Let's add the expression of your affection to your communication. Words I love you makes women shine, and the image of being desperately in love with the man makes the man most happy. Moreover, the most intimate method of communicating is physical contact. It might be impossible to enter into a conjugal life, suddenly, without having experienced holding hands or hugging each other. So, elevate and deepen your mutual affection through natural contact and prepare for starting your family.

Starting family of the second generation



5. Exchange of both families and the role of the parents

◆ Point of how to associate with the partner's family

The second generation Blessing is where family and family meet (See page 18). After the Blessing, try to have family to family communication and establish a mutual family relationship.

To begin with, it is important for the child to have an internal relationship of heart with his/her partner and the partner's parents. It will be natural for the child's heart to flow toward his/her spouse more than to his/her parents after getting married and having their own family. Parents should feel joy for it, but also they cannot help but feel lonely after having loved and raised their child. The son-in-law and daughter-in-law should understand the parents' heart and serve them with the heart of a real son and daughter. Remember, it is basic consideration to offer a gift for the birthday of the spouse's parents. If it is difficult to give a birthday present, at least send a message of congratulations. The shortest way to accomplish the Blessing is by gaining the love and confidence of the parents of the spouse.

Second, build harmony with your spouse's siblings. Brothers and sisters should support their brother/sister and welcome his/her spouse. Moreover, you also need to join the circle of the spouse's family and become their good brother or sister. You will then be able to receive good support in case some difficulty arises in your relationship with the spouse or in your family life.

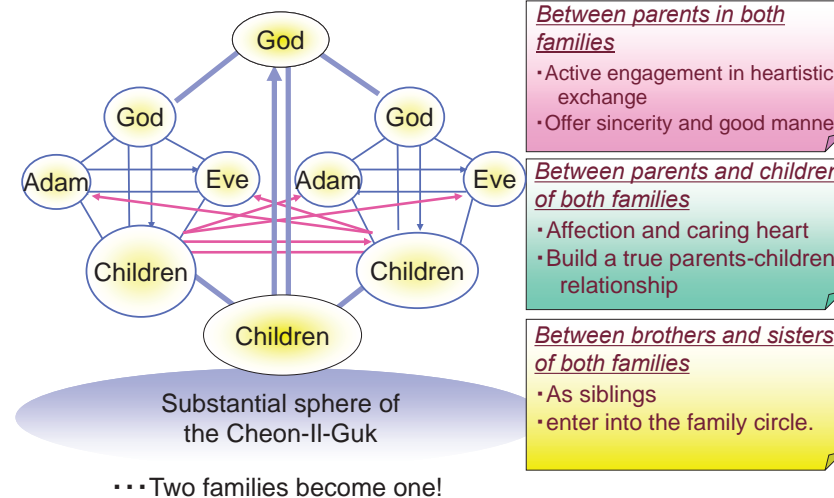
Finally, there is the issue of friendship between the parents of the both families. The good relationship of the parents in both families will be the greatest realm of protection for the young second generation family. Children may be immature and may struggle from cultural differences. The parents should watch the children from the time of the Blessing Ceremony to the starting of their family. Parents should regard the spouse of their child as more important than their own child to the degree that if there is a difficulty or collision, you side with your child's spouse.

Parents of international couples should be careful not to distance themselves from each other for the reason of an international relationship, nor should they

ignore manners because "we are both Blessed families, so it's OK..." In most of cases, it will be financially difficult to offer betrothal money like outside families do, but please prepare something like clothes, suit, accessories or a pair of watches, etc., as a Blessing gift. Since the Blessing Ceremony consists of the "marriage ceremony only," in many cases both families may prepare a wedding reception to invite relatives and friends. If it is an international couple or both families live in distant locations, it will be ideal to have two receptions, one with the bride's family and friends and the other with the bridegroom's, but the situation will vary from couple to couple. There may be different ways of holding the wedding reception, such as having it at an official hall, at a church, or just a dinner party by inviting both families' relatives, and so on. This may be the last occasion you can fulfill your duties as the parent of your child, so as much as possible, hold some kind of reception to congratulate the new start of the young husband and wife.

Finally, the starting of family and the birth of the third generation is a testimony of the bond of two families. Both families should pray for them and eagerly wait for that day to come.

One family culture to connect both families



6. Conjugal life and child birth

◆ Attitude necessary for sexual life and child birth

Conjugal life (Sexual life) is the most important communication between husband and wife, and it is considered to be a barometer to gauge the degree of maturity between husband and wife if that relationship is going well or not. The point where the husband and wife is united into one is also the place God resides. It is also the source of love, life and lineage, so that the husband and the wife should regard the time for making love as a very precious moment even in their busy daily schedule.

Sometimes young couples tend to think conjugal life just a means to make a baby, and in some cases, they are pretty ignorant about the difference between man and woman. Please teach young couples that the purpose of conjugal life is to develop their conjugal love before it is to make a baby. The husband should first think about the wife's condition, and never force her to make love, and the wife should not reject the request of the husband too lightly, and together try to deepen the bonds of love. As TF talks about making an artwork out of conjugal life, please aim in your conjugal life to feel the love and joy of God from the bottom of your heart.

The fruit of such conjugal love is all about new life. As God prepared all things of the universe prior to the birth of Adam and Eve, the parents should prepare a living foundation and environment prior to the birth of their child. This does not mean that because of your economic situation and sense of responsibility for child care, that you should use birth control. Since the life of a child is the Blessing given by God, please be grateful to the life given to you and be responsible for it instead of being anxious or feeling its pressure.

The husband should not think that child birth is "a woman's job." He should get involved from the beginning, helping out with such things as finding a right hospital, participating in study sessions and be at the child birth if possible.

The prayer at the birth of the third generation is the same as that of the second generation child birth. Ask the parents to light the Cheon Jeong Wan Gun Holy Candle, and ask the parents of both families, the church pastor and/or senior families to also pray. Prepare for the birth of this new life on the foundation of three families. For the offering ceremony, just like for the second generation child, do it on the 8th day for a boy and 7th day for a girl.

Concerning the naming of the baby, since the Blessing in 2000, there is no specified Chinese character to use, instead the parents as the central Blessed families should name the child. The husband and the wife should pray together and check the character to use and give a good name which can attract Heavenly Fortune. Later, please submit the "child birth report" to the headquarters via the church of your affiliation.

Chinese character for the third generation children (--1999)

Second generation Family	Boys	Girls
Second generation 36 couples Blessing	二、中、南、好、春	
Second generation 72 couples Blessing	福、忠	順、妍
Second generation 200 couples (1992)	君、亨、元、振、 <u>孝</u>	華、愛、玉、珠、 <u>玲</u>
Second generation 300 Couples (1995)	鐘、贊(贊)、彌、錫、 <u>勇、輝</u>	吉、金、禮(礼)、卿、 <u>花、惠</u>
Second generation 400 Couples (1997)	導、林、根、成、 <u>正、裕、賢</u>	東、明、令、靜、 <u>美、美、香</u>
360 million couples (1998、1999)	寬、尚、政、周、佑	慶、雅、瑛、賢、嬉

The underlined and in bold characters were received for Japan

7. Family education and community-making

◆ Education and meeting of the second generation family

It has been pointed out that there is little education after the Blessing, but since the Family Education Department has just recently been created, we would like to develop the education program step by step and establish the following education line in stages.

First, education is needed immediately after the Blessing. The most important educational emphasis during this stage is how to develop the reciprocal relationship. Since 2006, we have been holding one-day seminars as Post Blessing Seminars before or after the completion of the 40-day separation period for the newly Blessed couples before starting family in both Tokyo and Osaka, and in districts, as requested. We plan to publish a small booklet for reference.

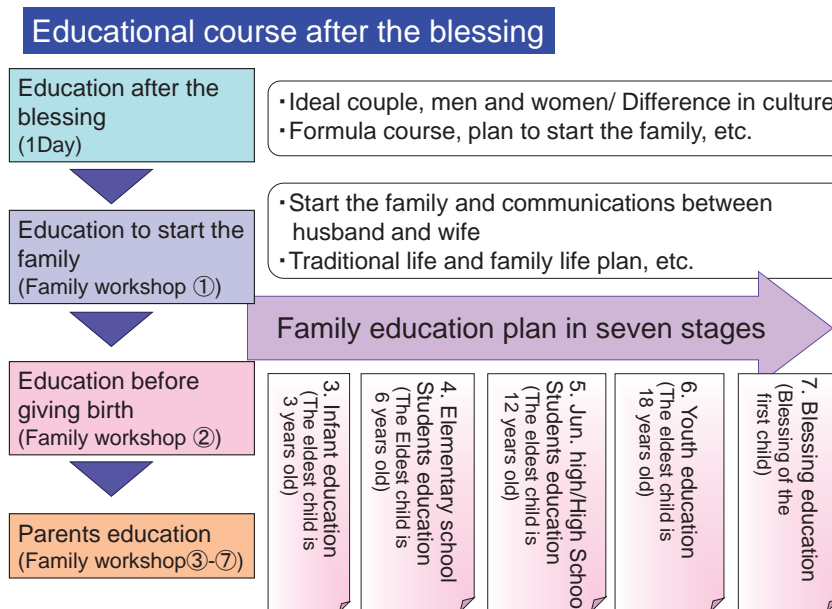
Second, is the education at the time of starting family. Currently we encourage the second generation family to participate in the family workshop at the time of starting their family. In reality, the content is the education material for the first generation, but when the second generation families participate in this workshop, many of them say "I could understand the tradition of the Blessed family and the original starting point of my own life." From 2011, we implemented second generation family workshops. We included practical contents concerning job and social life.

For international families, it may be desirable to participate in a workshop in their respective country if they have any. There are not so many countries which can provide adequate education, but in Korea they hold workshops to start family, dedicated to foreign wives (33 days, mainly for first generation). This workshop incorporates language lecture, Korean cooking and cultural training, so they should utilize this workshop if available to you.

Third, education is needed after their child is born. Currently it is left to each district, but in many locations we created an explanation on child birth centered

on True Parents words. We would like to develop a family education program (common for first and second generation) in accordance with the growth stages of the children (refer to the chart below), so active participation in such education programs will help build true families.

What the second generation families need are education and local communities. We will examine how to carry out national meetings, but for now, we will have second generation family meetings in local areas. Though it is not on a large scale, in the Kien Church where second generation families in the metropolitan Tokyo area gather, we celebrate Blessing memorial days, the birth of third generation children, children's 103rd day celebration (originally 100 day celebration) and one year birthday celebration, following Korean tradition. In an area where second generation families are few, you may wish to visit elder families who received the Blessing, and share meals to establish homey relationships. At the same time, parents who have sent their children to the Blessing may wish to form a forum to study together and communicate to create an environment to support each other.



8. Cancellation of the Blessing and re-Blessing

◆ If a Blessing becomes difficult

Here, let us touch the issue of cancelling the Blessing. The factors for cancellation may be divided into problem of oneself and problem of reciprocal relationship. The latter may arise from problems of their reciprocal relationship such as the difference of character, culture and value system. The former means a problem within oneself such as, did not have any desire to receive Blessing, and/or rejection of faith/UC, emotional problem between parents and the child, and so forth, which should have been overcome before the Blessing.

The latter problem may find a solution by taking the viewpoint of growing through the partner. Here we feel it is easier to give guidance on how to achieve the goal of the Blessing, since they met in the first place because they have different backgrounds. However, the essence of the former problem is not able to be solved in their reciprocal relationship, so that you may be ready to deal with the issue with a possibility of cancelling the Blessing.

Headquarters provides guidance from the viewpoint of how can the couple can achieve the goal of Blessing, and encourages them to fulfill their own 5% responsibility. No matter who the partner may be, we believe the efforts and devotional heart he/she offers to Heaven will lead to a good future. Among the four parties in the Blessing, husband, wife, husband's parents and wife's parents, one or two parties may be difficult, but if the remaining two or three parties work together to solve the problem, they may find new hope.

However, if to achieve the goal of the Blessing it is practically difficult to continue, the problem will deepen the gap between the two families, and may cause one's own problem to grow bigger (faith, spiritual problem, etc.), then we need to give priority to how the couple and both families can make a new start without falling into a bitter enemy relationship, and let them make a new start with a fresh heart.

It takes both parties to fulfill their 5% portion of responsibility to achieve the

goal of the Blessing. It can happen that the Blessing may not work out, no matter how much one party fulfills his/her 5% portion of responsibility. However, it is important to carry out one's own 5% responsibility. If one does not reflect on himself/herself and just blames on other person, he/she may repeat the same mistake in the future. On the other hand, he/she should not accuse himself/herself to the point of thinking that I am not worthy to receive the Blessing. If he/she thinks their 5% responsibility was not given with 100% sincerity then they should reflect on those points to make improvements; but if he/she thinks he/she fulfilled his/her 5% responsibility but it did not work out, then stop looking back and move forward. There is more Blessings God wants to give you.

There is no victimizer/victim distinction in second generation Blessings. Both parties should repent and proceed with the cancellation procedure through their respective affiliated churches and start anew. Moreover, there are no special conditions to receiving the re-Blessing. It may take time, but the child should come to the Blessing workshop with courage to move toward the Blessing that Heavenly Father wishes for him/her.

Types and pattern of cancellation issue, and guidance

Types and patterns	One's own problem <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① One does not have any willingness to carry on with the Blessing ② Reject faith / church ③ Parent-child / family problem ④ Association / blood lineage issue ⑤ Spiritual / violence problem, etc. 	Difficulty between the couple <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Character and man / woman difference ② Culture and lifestyle ③ Race / nationality problem ④ faith / value standard ⑤ Start family / future, etc.
	Basic guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See things from Heavenly Father's viewpoint • Seek potential to accomplish the purpose of the blessing • Go over one's limitation 	Cancellation guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become aware of one's own problem • Do not leave any resentment between the two • Make a determination to start a new life again

In the case of cancellation, each of the two shall submit a cancellation report

9. Life culture of the second generation family

◆ Aim to be a Cheon-II-Guk owner's family!

What we aim for is nothing less than life culture and tradition as a Cheon-II-Guk owner family. (See page 70)

First, etch this into your heart to lead a life attending God, True Parents and True Family as a Unification Family member. We are busy in our daily life and our mind tends to get caught up with many miscellaneous duties. However, when we direct our mind to Heaven's Will and the course of the True Parents, we realize how small our own worries are, and awaken to the fact that we are to live in accordance with the greater good.

Begin your days, weeks, months and years with prayer and Father's words, and place Heaven's Will in the center of your life. This life tradition is Kyongbae and Hundok-Kae in each family. Keep a life of worship service attendance and tithing as our life line, and celebrate the eight major holidays to live with God and True Parents together.

Second, is the nurturing of true love through family life. The base for the true love of God is not mature at first, but must be nurtured through mutual understanding and support between husband and wife, and by leading a life of living for the sake of others. Try to speak every word in your daily life with love, and broaden your vessel of love through your partner. A spouse is the partner to nurture true love.

Children's education is the same. (In Divine Principle) education means to grow together. Heaven has gifted us with precious children that although we are so insufficient we can grow together with our children and nurture true love. Regard the problems of your children as your own problem and develop the heart of the parental God; at the same time, build a one family community in which Blessed families support each other and together raise children of other families.

Third, it is to practice the life of living for the sake of others, and to contribute to the social providence. We cannot establish the Cheon-II-Guk, by ourselves, so we need the participation of many people. Let us bear this in our heart that our daily effort is a testimony to our True Parents and a witness to our community. Life in our community and our social life is truly the frontline to practice our faith.

We should not limit ourselves to just participate in the main, central providence in Japan, but have a sense of mission centered on God's Will in your particular job whether you're a public minister, teacher, business man, or whatever, and connect with those in the same field, and pioneer the way to actively contribute to Heaven's Providence. You cannot expect big results from the beginning. Starting from things you can do, practice the life of living for the sake of others, such as service at church, support children's worship service and education program, low-profile community service and so on. World peace is not a remote ideal but is to be realized through our daily effort and practice.

Tradition of second generation family and life culture

As a Unificationist family member

Life of attendance to God and the True Parents

- ①Life of faith: Hoon Dok Hae, Ahn Shi Il, Celebration Days
- ②Service life: Service participation & tithing

As a Unificationist Blessed family

Development of love in family life

- ①Conjugal life: Daily affection and gratitude
- ②Children education: Effort, investment, parent-child co-growth

As a Cheon II Guk owner

Practice the philosophy of living for others, and social providence

- ①Witnessing life: Model life of practice
- ②Social contribution: Promote the providence through one's calling

Let's testify to the True Parents by becoming "Shining blessed families."

Part 3

Appendix

Let us aim to establish a right tradition!

I. Word for the Second Generation Blessing Candidates: True Father's Word

True Parents conducted direct matchings for the second generation candidates 10 times, altogether, between December 2004 and the year 2010. Here, I would like to introduce the excerpts of Father's Word when he spoke with deep passion to the second generation candidates who gathered together from all over the world in February 2005 (Special Blessing in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk) and in July 2005 (The Sixth of the 400 million couples Second Generation Blessing). I hope you can feel the hope of the True Parents regarding the Second Generation Blessing and the realm of heart of the parents through these words.

1. Those who are willing to die shall live

: February 8, 2005 at Cheong Pyung Cosmic Training Center



History of Misfortune Started by the Fall

To whom do you come here to meet? Is it to meet your spouse, or, to meet the True Parents? How are the True Parents different from the parents who gave you birth? Which has a more direct relationship?

Had there not been a fall, history would have started from the True Parents, but because of the fall, the false parents emerged, and the false blood lineage was generated. You received the blood lineage of Satan! You all resemble your parents, don't you? When you seek the root, you are connected to your parents by a blood lineage. Moreover, when you track back to the parents of the parents, then their parents, and so on, that blood lineage did not start from the True Parents! The blood lineage was usurped.

Originally, people are to be connected in the parent-child relationship, man-woman relationship and the brother-sister relationship, which then becomes one and forms a spherical form. However, because of the fall, hierarchical, as well as anteroposterior relationships were distorted and the family, itself, was destroyed. The family became unable to exist in the eternal ideal of God. .

Let's assume that your father and mother took part in the marriage of the original ideal. However, the being, named Satan showed up, defiling the mother whom the father loved, bore children and destroyed all future families. You must clearly know that such was the beginning of human history.

Your mind and body fight, don't they? Your father and mother fight, don't they? Everywhere became a battlefield. Satan, who defiled the blood lineage, has become the master. No matter how much God wants to cry out about the principles, He cannot say "my son and daughter" for they have a different blood lineage. When I think about Satan being in a one sided ruling position to lead and trample the world, I cannot help but feel a great indignation.

And then, thousands more generations were born, which made the weight of sins even heavier. If you put a cluster of lead in a net and throw it in the water, the whole ship sinks, doesn't it? You have been ignorant about it. Do you know how much our history has been stained with tragic fate, how heavy the weight of the sins which have been committed are?

Boundary Line of Good and Evil, Life and Death

Eyes see two things. The hands and the body are all standing on the boundary line of good and evil. Man is likely to fall on the wrong side if it takes one mistaken step. Therefore, man needs self-discipline.

Unless you make many times more effort, you will not be able to restore the original position. This is the path of indemnity. While saying "I am willing to

die,” you need to capture God who is running away. Unless you are willing to suffer more than God does, you cannot visit the path of restoration.

Therefore, I am telling you to “Do what you don't wish to do.” Only then, the position of love remains. It is absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. In order to live for love, and to keep love, you need absolute faith and absolute obedience.

Why then, absolute faith? When God created this world, even God needed to have absolute faith, and He created it with absolute love. If you want to have absolute love, you have to invest what you have absolutely, and forget that you have invested. You invest your eyes, every part of your body and then forget it. Until you do this much, you will not be able to return to the original position. This is the law of indemnity.

Therefore, you must be ready to die. For those who are willing to die, the path to live will be open, but those who want to live by maintaining the way of their current life will die forever. Did you make up your mind when you joined the Unification Church?

Tradition of the Blessing that the True Parents Wish

I told the parents, “Let your sons and daughters marry (decide their partners)” but the parents are saying, “Leave from the parents' bosom and live as you like.” These parents are saying “Start a romance” if their sons and daughters become 16 years old and do not have partners, yet. In the Garden of Eden, did God say, “Have a date”? If you have ever thought, “Shall he or she be my spouse, let it be,” you are completely failing.

You should think, “I will become a better person by loving that person. I must live for that person at the risk of my life.” But on the contrary, lacking such

standard, just seeking a good person for marriage, can he or she make unity with the other person's mind? They will become far apart gradually, with no reciprocity, and once they fight, they will become apart of the group of people who are eternally separated. Is it possible for me to joyfully let those groups of people marry to each other?

Do you all wish to have a marriage partner who is a good looking and a wonderful person? If you think, “After listening to Father's words, an ugly looking person is fine. I can accept a person who has eye disease. I can accept the sickest person out of all such persons,” then, what will God say, “Those who are willing to die...?” He will say, “Live.” Though He says, “Die!” it does not mean you must actually die. It means by dying, you become selfless. The self vanishes away!

Those who say, “It has to be a good person,” stand up now and go out from that door. This is not a threat. What is this rally? It is the “Coronation of the King of the Cosmic Unification and Peace.” Those who correct the blood lineage and establish the right lineage, shall belong to the realm of the royal family who accomplish the cosmic unification. National borders will disappear and then the boundary lines shall disappear. There will be no more such thing as that is yours and this is mine.

Then, what shall the True Parents become? It is “King of the Cosmic Unification and Peace.” You must get your acts together! The history of the providence is going to end. Have you become the owner of Cheon Il Guk? Can the flock of people, whose mind and body fight, husbands and wives say they will get divorced and engage in bad battles be the flock to achieve the cosmic unification? You must hang in there!

The Country of the True Parents is Our Home Country.

When you came here, you came here with joy, didn't you? Did you come here

with joy, or with crying? Then, when you go back, how are you going back?

Before, for the engagement, there was a 20 day workshop, and I did not match them until the 16th day. Here, is it better to be matched sooner? Or, later is better? "Sooner is better!" (Laughter)

Those who cannot hear me directly, are Japanese or western members, aren't they? Why have you not learned the language? If the families who received the Blessing don't understand the Korean language, I will not conduct the Blessing for them. Japan is the second Korea, and America is the third Korea. Though you learn Korean a little bit later, but there is no question that you are Koreans. Since you are Korean residents in your countries, you can come to Korea anytime if you can communicate in the language of your home country. Do you follow me? Though you are living in different countries, you have learned the culture of the heavenly country, the culture of the True Parents, you can live anywhere you go as long as you master the language of the True Parents. The sparrows of the United States and Japan both sing in the same way, "chun-chun," and swine of the United States and Japan both grunt in the same manner, "Boo-boo," why the languages of human being differ? The language is one.

How old are you? You don't look like you have much energy, still do you want to have a husband? (Laughter) Women are going to marry into families to receive love, and would it be OK to have no energy like you? You must have bright, clear eyes with a lot of smile, and do you think it is OK that your eyes are so dead? Even if a man comes near to you, he will run away. Be steady. You must have beaming eyes, and put make up on your face. Now, you feel resolved? You, come here and sing a song. It is you! (Laughter)

2. Tradition of the Cheon Il Guk Family that Heaven Wishes for the Second Generation

: July 29, 2005, Han Nam Dong Public House

One Tree of the Enemy

This age is different from your parents' time. "The Era before the Coming of Heaven" and "The Era after the Coming of Heaven." The Era before Coming of Heaven is the fallen age, and the Era after the Coming of Heaven is the completion age of the restoration. The page has changed, the page of the history has changed,

In the era before the coming of heaven, Satan sacrificed Abel by claiming the foundation of Cain. Cain and Abel are resentful enemies. In the first family, which is Adam's family, the elder brother murdered the younger brother. How could there be such a fact? It is because the blood lineage changed. Through the fall, they received the blood lineage of Satan.

A thorn was stuck into the throat of God who created the great universe. God cannot remove the thorn by himself. Your spouse, parents, brothers, your clan, country, your own body, everything is fake. Everything is fake except the love of the True Parents. Since you received the blood lineage of the false parents, you must turn each stage all upside down completely. Could it be simple? Individuals must be turned over, families, nations and the universe have to be turned over.

The Archangel knew what God was going to do centered on Adam's family, then he robbed Eve and made her fall. This is Satan! He is the Arch-enemy of the love of God. He became a thief, deprived, took to the mountain, and bred the human race.

He drove God out, and man doesn't know the love of God, and then lost God's life, blood lineage, family, God's race, nation, world and everything. Satan

multiplies his own sons and daughters every day, and the more they are multiplied, the more they fight and divide. Currently, 191 nations are gathered centered on the United Nations, and they will be still divided more and more. So to speak, the tree of the enemy has been growing. It is the false olive tree. It has to be cut off from the root, and need to engraft the true olive tree.

Love Your Arch-enemy and Build the Kingdom of Heaven.

Those who want to have your own sons and daughters, raise your hand. Then, what kind of sons and daughters are you going to have? Are you going to have fruit on the base of the fallen blood lineage that you inherited, and bear the fruit of the fallen blood lineage which has nothing to do with God?

Up to now, no one knew what the fall is. People haven't known that God is the true master of the ideal of creation. Since they don't know the cause of the fall, they don't know the direction they should go either. Japanese have multiplied with the direction of Japanese, Americans multiply centered on Americans, all 191 member states of the United Nations are moving in different directions. This is the result of the Fall.

How many different countries have gathered here? From the viewpoint of God, He cannot bring you, who are from such various countries, to the kingdom of heaven. He must recreate.

What country is Japan? Members from Japan, raise your hands. If Father's word is not true, how could it be possible to make so many Japanese people change to the right direction?

Korea was invaded by foreign countries more than 900 times historically, and most of them were by the Japanese. They came by ship and repeatedly looted. Why did the Reverend Moon decide Japan to be the Eve Nation? In Korea, eight

regimes tried to capture and kill me. They tried to make me disappear. The one who opposed me the most was Korea, then Japan, followed by America.

Unless you digest enemy countries, you cannot restore the kingdom of heaven. Jesus said, "Love your enemy." You must love the enemy of the enemies, and unless you forgive the Archangel and bring him to heaven, the Kingdom of Heaven will never emerge. The principle tells this. Father has lived in such a way.

Establish the People of the Kingdom of Heaven.

God's prince should become the master. Such desire of God's creation has not vanished yet. Do you follow me? God could not yet have a chance to love Adam and Eve. In Korea, the nation protects the only son of seven generations and village people feed him to let him live, but the Devil destroyed Adam and Eve, who were the eternal begotten son and daughter of God.

When I think about this, everything is the enemy in front of Father. When, Satan started first, he started his family, his tribe, tens of nations, and 191 nations are connected in the United Nations. Among them, there is not even one nation which is the Nation of God. There is no nation of God in which God's family, God's tribe can be settled safely.

How can you, as the members of the Unification Church who know this fact, live as a Japanese, as an American, as a people of a nation of 191 countries which joined the United Nations.

The land of our Fatherland is my land. Here, I am born, attend the Parents of Heaven eternally, and live for the sake of others, filled with happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth which is His ideal, and lead a life of service.

You say now, "I received the Blessing," but what kind of blood lineage are you going to leave after you? What does it benefit me if you marry? I am doing this to

make the eternal people of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Originally, not I but your parents should do this. How can a person, who received the Blessing to become the tribe of the Kingdom of Heaven, live together with a brother who married in the secular world without receiving the Blessing? Therefore, unless you bless your grandfather and grandmother, bless the families of your uncles and aunts to live together, there is no way to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Your family must become a family to raise princes and princesses of the Kingdom of Heaven! Adam's family was originally the family which should have raised the princes and princesses of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Young People Must Stand with the Weapon of Truth

Blessing is not for fun to play with. For this, how much persecution have I received throughout my life? The purpose I went across many national borders back and forth was to break through the national boundaries. I fought for that. Who is going to eliminate the national boundaries between nations?

How difficult is the perfection and completion? Regardless of if you reach that position or not, I am teaching every secret I have. The purpose I teach you all these things is to "Become such a person."

There is no way to have two Bibles in the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth. There is only one "Cheon Seong Gyeong." When I conduct a Hun Dok Hae, a vast spirit world tries to adjust itself to it, but the physical world is always inferior to the spirit world. You must become the elder brothers. The life you live on earth by attending Father directly shall be compiled as the textbook when you go to heaven. This is the "Cheon Seong Gyeong." Live in accordance with the Will of God!

You must move forward by believing in and centering on the Divine Principle, regarding it more important than anything else, even more important than your



own life. Young people in the Unification Church must have the same thought as Father has to say with full confidence, "Even I, by myself, can turn this country upside down." You do this with the weapon of "Truth."

What is your appreciation offering for this Blessing. You must offer your country, your people to Heaven. Such a time has come now. You must be filled with burning conviction that "There is only me, only us, who can achieve the way of loyalty, the way of saints and holy child in front of God."

When the Reverend Moon was your age, he was like that. The truth I fought for and found out at your age was to liberate the young people, and that is why I am telling these things to you.

When Sodom and Gomorrah were about to perish, Abraham prayed to God, and God said, "I will forgive them if there are 10 righteous people," but there weren't those 10 righteous people. Do you think I will not do such negotiation prayer? If there are just 5,000 such people, we can make the world live.

Go Over the Peak of the Year 2013

For Reverend Moon, neither Japan nor Russia is the problem. He is unifying the realm of religions centered on America, liberating God and settling the Paradise of Peace, the world of peace. You must be aware that you are the advance team of the Volunteer Army!

Have you participated in today's rally (Opening Ceremony of the World Culture and Sports Festival, 2005)? It started from the prayer content I offered when I was a young person. It was when I was 38 years old, like your elder brother. There was no one who supported the grievous prayer, the content of the truth I cried out that year. The value of what I cried out at that time, in which I invested my blossoming youth with stirring enthusiasm, needs to be harvested through you. When a person like me is multiplied to a thousand, then ten thousands through you and your families who received the Blessing, the entire world may be governed by God. When the year 2000 had passed and started toward the third millennium, I liberated God. Going through this, the Unification Church must emerge in the world.

Everything shall be finished in the thirteenth year of the Cheon Il Guk. Before that day comes, I may go to the spirit world. Unless we unify the spirit world, we cannot unify the world on earth. The four great saints in the spirit world are trying to learn everything you learned by attending Father and living together with Father. Their (people in the spirit world) desire is to attend the True Parents on earth, receive the Blessing on earth, leaving sons and daughters on earth and open the way to bring them to heaven directly. In order to respond to their wish, you must invest yourself with utmost dedication. The answer is simple. That is to make cross marriages, between Japan and Korea, the communist world and the democratic world. If America, Russia and China make cross marriages, it won't take more than 50 years. With one heart and one body, if you decisively act, then you can go over all the hills and peaks.

Which country person are you going to marry? How wonderful it would be if people at one end of the world become relatives with the people of the other end of the world. You don't need to worry. Such time will surely come. Among you, those who want to marry to a westerner, raise your hands.

II. Attitude of Parents to the Second Generation Blessing.

Masaichi Hori, the Deputy Director of the Family and Education Department

The assembly of the parents of the second generation candidates for the parents' matching, which started in the year 2001, is now being held for the 20th time. So far many parents throughout the country gathered here with prayers and a dedicated heart, as well as with many practical issues and uneasy feelings. They have found new power and internal realization through lectures and explanations about the Second Generation Blessing, as well as through interactions with other families and you have made a new start. I would like to introduce the content of a speech (excerpt) of Mr. Masaichi Hori. He was the director of our department at that time, and spoke at the closing ceremony of a parents' meeting.



Blessing is not a “Choice”

When a second generation person is trying to receive the Blessing, I think if he or she has “faith” or not will become the turning point. Originally, faith is not a matter of choice. You must not make vertical things as an object of choice. Whether you recognize God or not, or recognize oneself as the Blessed Second Generation, it is not an issue of a “Choice,” but a matter of “Fact.”

Once you are born as a second generation child, you must not make whether you should receive the Blessing or not an issue; the issue is rather, “How can I receive the Blessing and become happy.” When “receiving or not receiving” becomes an issue, your self-deterioration starts. What I mean is, if you try to make a choice of a vertical issue, your own foundation will start crumbling. If a Japanese person starts doubting if he is, indeed, Japanese, then his or her identity will start deteriorating.

Most cases, which become difficult in the Blessing, are the cases in which a person tries to participate maintaining certain types of favorites in mind. Some people may have a detailed list of what he doesn't like such as a tall girl, and the girl

he would like should be cute, 150 cm tall, small girl. The more you become such a person, the more you become unhappy. Because there is no such person.

Some say, "This is my type," but it is not the type; it is just that his level of love is low. A baby cannot eat anything except mother's milk at first. But as the baby grows, he or she can eat different kinds of foods. They will be able to eat not only sweet foods, but also bitter foods, spicy foods such as Kimchi, they can eat those foods with joy.

Raise the Level of Oneself

Is it a gain or a loss to receive the Blessing? If you think it is for an individual, it is a "Loss." But through it, a new life, which did not exist, will be born, who will grow and become the next generation, so that from the viewpoint of God, a new soul is created which becomes a "Gain." When you think of it as a connected entity, it is a gain. But from the wife's viewpoint, your beautiful youth period is short, and once a baby is born, you have to take care of the baby for 24 hours a day, but your husband is not sensitive to your needs and does nothing for you and does not comfort you. From the husband's viewpoint, however, he thinks, "Where has that kind wife gone?" When you think about the Blessing in terms of a gain or a loss, you may conclude it as a loss.

Therefore, you cannot jump into the Blessing unless you raise your viewpoint up from the "individual level" to the "connected entity level." It is the end of life as an individual..., you need to abandon the judgment of a gain or loss at the individual level. Isn't this the most effective way to make up your mind to aim for the Blessing?

When you were a child, you were free to eat and do poo and pee. But, if an adult does it, it becomes a crime. Many people used to smoke while walking, but it has become a violation now. We must adjust ourselves in accordance with the

progress of the age.

When you marry, if you only praise how beautiful and young she is, she will become annoying when she becomes an old lady. Therefore, you need to go for the Blessing with the mindset to live with her all of your life, till she gets old and dies.

Misperception: Romantic love = True love

Blessing is not a choice by judging if I like him or her or not at the present moment. Many of the second generations considerably mistake this. In many cases they think of it as a "removal of the ban on romantic love." True love is to perfect the four great realms of heart. At this age of turbulent times, you need to attend the Blessing not with a horizontal motivation but with a vertical realm of heart.

Looking to the example that the Archangel tempted Eve and Eve tempted Adam, there is a habit in fallen man to regard the tempting love to be true love. I hear often that husband and wife of a blessed family fight, which, I think, has two meanings. One meaning is that their level of heart is still immature, just like a brother and sister often fight when they are young, and they are taking time to grow to become a husband and a wife. Another meaning may be that they feel more attraction to the fallen love, and they fight with the thought of frustration that they could not make a romantic love relationship like the love in the fallen world.

Such a "careless" state of mind we may have conveyed to our children, so that they think "romantic love is true love." Since they don't know that "conjugal love" is to be developed based on the love of siblings, and since they don't understand the "world of true love" which mankind has never gained victoriously yet, many young second generation have been growing with the heart of envying the romantic love. Therefore, we must correct our vision for love once more. Otherwise, even if you receive the Blessing, you may not be able to taste true joy.

Become a Husband and Wife from a Brother and Sister.

True Father clearly said that “you must have a 40-day separation period after receiving the Blessing.” When you are sunken to just your own world, Satan enters in there. The fall took place when the vertical relationship was lost and a horizontal relationship preoccupied them. So for you, you start seeking someone of the opposite sex to fill in the space of your mind, you start seeking an Archangel. That is the romantic love you enter into through this kind of process.

The Blessing is not something that you have to worry about nurturing the sense of romantic love. It is a relationship to nurture the conjugal love from the realm of heart as siblings. Instead of seeking an attraction as a woman, you should see her as your own sister. Oh, her face is pretty, hair is long, all such things are horizontal matters. The academic career is not an issue. Since you lose vertical value, you try to decide matters horizontally.

In other words, once you receive the Blessing, you must restore the realm of heart of the siblings with the partner once more. If she is your own sister, how can you accept her only if she is beautiful, and reject her if she is not beautiful, which is fake love. Though she is not particularly beautiful, it is wonderful that she is so faithful, is the way you should see her.

It is no good to think like “Should I accept him as my husband?” It is important to have a viewpoint such as “It is indeed my destiny that I am to make a family with this person.” Since there are a great number of men and women today, we often have a misconception that we can choose. In essence, there were only one Adam and one Eve in the Garden of Eden.

God Does Not Have a Concept of a Daughter-in-Law

I often observe some parents who are trying to find the partner for their child



and are looking into pictures with a very grim countenance. I say this clearly, it is a countenance of a step mother. It is a countenance which shows a person who inherited a culture of a twisted parents-child relationship of a mother and a daughter-in-law that this non-principled world has built.

Whether your children are a 20-year old or a 30-year old, you want them to receive the Blessing by all means. Even though you know well that he or she has shortcomings, you want them to meet a good partner to get support, maybe 90% of the parents think this way.

No one has confidence. However, aren't we projecting that worrying part of the issue to the side of the partner? Compared to the way you look at your own child, you ask much more from the partner. I think the road to true happiness begins by reversing this viewpoint.

To make it easier to understand, I say that you should discipline your own child 100 times before you send him or her for the Blessing. Even how to use chopsticks,

you should teach like “This is not the right way, you must learn proper ways. You must go into the real world quickly” to prepare her as an acceptable wife for another family. It is better that her real mother is so strict and the mother-in-law is so loving and kind.

This is my son, and my daughter who I have newly found after 20 years. Such a heart is necessary. Accept the child even if he or she has some shortcomings. Because it is your own child. I consider this the form of the Blessing of the original creation to start it with a sense of “have gained another child” instead of accepting a daughter-in-law.

The parent in the original blessing is God. From God's viewpoint, His son and a daughter are getting married. There is no concept of a daughter-in-law; The concept is one of the children of His own family getting married.

The Path of the Second Generation Blessing to Go Over Together

The Blessing of your father and mother was given at the “Perfection level of the growth stage,” but the Blessing the Second Generation receives is not at that level. It is said that it will take 7 years as a husband and wife to get the change of the blood lineage and reach to the realm of heart as husband and wife, growing out from being brother and sister. Then, the second generation is born in that family and by the time that the second generation child receives the Blessing at the perfection stage of the perfection level, the family level four position foundation itself becomes the “Perfection Level.”

Therefore, the Blessing of the blessed child has double and triple meanings that the four position foundation of the parents is completed and the child starts the four position foundation by receiving the Blessing, which means the “Collective Blessing.” Unless you get this sense intuitively, you are apt to think “What shall I do with my child's Blessing?”

When I see Father conducting the Blessing matching, I cannot help but feel that Father's thought is “By blessing all these children, how much will God be pleased” instead of “How to make these children happy.”

Blessing is just like a voyage in a great ocean or a caravan moving in a desert, that is to walk the path of an invisible road by carrying a compass.

Blessing is not the goal; it is more like launching a rocket. We say “Mansei” after a spaceship is launched, but it is a Mansei of “starting mission,” and is going to be very dangerous if there is no one in the control center. The father and mother must be glad, but at the same time, they should go in the control center to say, “Houston, can you hear me,” to check if the space ship is moving in accordance with the right orbit. Even if there is an accident, you must guide them for a safe return for survival. This is the path of the Blessing that you must keep a close eye on.

God's 95%

There may be some parents who are worried about the Blessing. You may be attending this parents' meeting for the second time or the third time. You may be distressed at individual level or a family level, thinking “There may be no other family as unhappy as my family,” then lose all power.

Then, what can we do to generate power? If there is a firm relationship between God and I, then no matter how small I become, even to zero, still power is to be generated. When you are suffering in hell, what God wants to value is if you have desire to move towards a plus direction. If you cannot move forward 100 km, then one step is fine. He values even one step that you have a desire to move toward the right direction.

Therefore, no matter how desperate the situation may be, you should never give

up. I thought the course Father went through was just Father's course, but it was the course we must go, too... The trial the True Family went through is now visiting my family like a stubbing sword. A most suffering time, still no help comes, nor any word for encouragement.

Why do I have to suffer this much without reasonable cause...when you think at an individual level, you become like Job. How to go over the situation of Job...that is to take a view that I shall fulfill my 5% portion of responsibility based upon "God's 95% of love." Unless we open our eyes on this point, we will be swallowed by our own 5%, then drowned to death. Though the 5% is equivalent to our 100%, it is not the 100% with no one's help. "There is God's 95%!"

Feeling this, please look around at the pictures before you go home. There must be a child that God is introducing to your family. It is a story of wanting you to realize it, and not a story of wanting you to choose. It is the work that you realize and find who God wants your child to receive.

Passing Score of the Second Generation Education

The excessive expectations that the first generation fathers and mothers have upon their children should be originally for the third generation. I firmly believe that as we implement our education method based on the Unification Movement, children go to school and study freely, there will be a lot of children who enter Tokyo University, Kyoto University, Waseda, Keio and so on, and even receive the Nobel Prize. However, with the current environment being like Sodom and Gomorrah, how can excellent people emerge?

In such an environment, the standard for the passing score of the second generation children is to establish faith, fulfill the Blessing and be settled. We should then give them the passing mark. When a firm faith is established, that is almost enough for the passing mark. We should be grateful, though a full

investment, that their faith before God is established. As Hyung Jin Nim said, the faith is the most important. If a child receives the Blessing, gets a job and starts his/her social life, we should say to him or her, "You got a passing mark."

Please have confidence for your children's Blessing, and open your inner eyes based on the foundation of the heart of believing that God has prepared the partner with His 95% portion of responsibility. Then I am sure you will find a good Blessing partner. I hope you will experience such an encounter before you go home.

III. To Understand the Second Generation Amnesty

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Most parents are apt to think that “It cannot happen to my children” till the blood lineage problem actually happens to your own child. However, when you think of the environment that the second generation children are surrounded by, it is no wonder that such a problem happens at any time anywhere. And this is why we need to see this issue as an “issue for the all blessed families.”

I would like to introduce the proposal concerning the “Second Generation Amnesty” which was published in the “Blessed Family” based on the “Workshop to make a new start as the Cheon Il Guk Blessed Family” held in the years 2006 and 2007. I hope we can learn together about how to view the blood lineage problem and the amnesty of the second generation children through this article.

Towards the New Start of the Blessed Families and the Second Generation Realm

The True Parents of Heaven and Earth, who returned from the world tour victoriously with the three generations of the True Family, made a declaration on October 14, 2006, the 56th Anniversary of True Father’s release from Heung Nam Prison. The content of the declaration was nothing but the “Release” and “New start” of the blessed families.

We gathered in the year 2000 at Cheong Pyung, to receive the Holy Wine, to repent and to make a new start. Those graces were given not without great sacrifice, but were given for the first time in history based upon the foundation of the 40 year course to restore the lost foundation to give Blessing (liquidation of the Original Sin) to people on the earth as their True Parents, and furthermore, liberated the spirit world, including hell.

The True Parents gave us the opportunity for us to make the total liquidation of the past problems as the preparation for the Cheon Il Guk Era starting from the year 2001 so that we become the worthy citizens of the Cheon Il Guk.

This amnesty is for the same purpose. In this age of the substantialization of Cheon Il Guk, the True Parents have opened the path for us the blessed families to liquidate the past problems and make a new start as citizens of the Cheon Il Guk. This new start is based on the foundation of victory of the three generation realm of the True Family before heaven and earth by the itinerary of the True Parents, themselves, to the whole world

For all the blessed families, and especially for those who had held big concerns about their children's problems, this amnesty must have been a great “Gospel.” But unless we receive this message correctly, and with the right heart, it may bring great confusion to the second generation education in the field and for the future of the Second Generation Blessing. The True Parents told us to “Convey this to all families without exception.”

This means it is not just a public notice, as an obligation or a mission, nor is it a judgment or condemnation of sin, but an earnest message from the parents with the heart of “Come back to my bosom.”

Love and Pardon of the Parents: Father with a Longing Heart

Daemo-Nim said as follows during this Cheong Pyung Workshop: “You know, God has been waiting for Adam and Eve to return to Him since even right after their fall.” It was not God who drove them out. It was man who left God.

Famous Bible story, the parable of the prodigal son, shows not only about the fall of man and its restoration process, but more clearly about the “Heart of God.”

When the son left home, the father could not stop him from leaving. It also took a long time for the son to realize his wrong doing and to decide to return home. However, the father just believed in his return and continued to wait.

He got his portion of inheritance from his father, and he lived willfully, but he then exhausted his possessions, feeling emptiness in his life, then he determined to go home again. I will tell my father, “I am no longer worthy to be called your son, treat me like one of your servants.”

What the son saw, however, when he finally reached his home, was the father who had believed and had waited for the son's return day after day at the gate. The father who saw him, who was still long way from home, ran to him and hugged him, without listening to his plea, “let me stay at your home as a servant,” the father shouted with great joy, “My son has come home!” and he told his servants to prepare for the celebration feast, immediately.

There, the problem of “to forgive, or not to forgive” itself did not exist. This is “Parents.” No matter how many times parents are betrayed and deceived by children, still the parents will believe in their children. Father said, “It was not

man, but God, who established absolute faith first.” It was not man who first believed in God; it was God who first believed in Man.

God believed that man, who left God, will one day return and adhere to man's original mind, then repent and come back to God. The problem is then, if it is okay for us, the children of God, to take advantage of such goodwill of our parents, and continue to betray our parents' love and trust?

This time, the True Parents said, no matter what circumstances their children may be in, just “Come back quietly.” He also said, he will erase all the records of wrong doings we committed in the past, just erase all of them, erase them from the memory of the True Parents, and they want to treat “All blessed families” as the “Same Blessed Families.” I think we must see the significance of this amnesty in this word.

Whenever the True Parents gave us very harsh words on the blood lineage problem of the second generation, we viewed them from two wrong viewpoints. Some people thought like this: “The second generation children who committed the sin will be driven out and never come back.” On the other hand, other people thought like this: “Though Father said so, he is the Parents, who will prepare the way of forgiveness somehow, so we don't have to worry about it...”

Neither of them, we can say, stands on the position who understands the heart of the parents. The parents desperately try to teach their children, because they love their children, and parents know so well about the miserableness of the life of debauchery.

Daemo-Nim said she saw Father crying while she was pleading with Father to make the way of salvation for the blessed families. Father was indignant by seeing our blessed families who could not walk the right path and were not able to become the “Citizens of the Cheon Il Guk” despite the fact that Father sacrificed so much and paved the way so many times, and then he cried.

However, Daemo Nim also said like this: “The True Parents had been waiting for someone who was willing to take responsibility for the blood lineage problem of the second generation children by going the way of suffering more than anyone else.” When Daemo-Nim reported to Father that Heung Jin Nim and Daemo Nim had been establishing the condition of the utmost dedication without anyone knowing, the True Parents were truly pleased.

We need “Forgiveness.” We need a “Home” to return, and “Parents” who are waiting for me. I want you to convey this kind of “Heart of the Parents” to each and every family who has second generation children who left home, and having a hard time to find an opportunity to return.

The Awareness of Sin and Repentance: A Son Who Left Home

Those second generation children who left "Family" have been returning to the realm of Heaven's Blessing since a few years ago through “Amnesty.” There may be occasions that the meaning and the value have not been understood enough. On the other hand, I witnessed some of them who truly received Heaven's “heart of forgiveness,” and offered their deep sense of appreciation to the grace of the Blessing.

The blood lineage problem is such a serious incident, not only for God and the True Parents, but also for those persons who know the meaning of it. For their parents, they feel that almost everything that they have earned in their life has been taken away. By this problem, many of the second generation children fell in a total despair, and were driven to feel “I want to disappear.” Moreover, a lot of parents struggled and suffered between “Love and Principle,” as they could not abandon their children, nor throw away their faith. All the more, for this reason, they could feel the “Love of God” in this grace of forgiveness that Heaven was giving to them. Without awareness of one's sin, we are not able to feel “God's love” in a real sense.

In the Bible, there is a story of a woman who became aware of her sin, and found forgiveness and liberation by Jesus. She approached to Jesus and wet his feet with tears.

While people, surrounding Jesus, were wondering about the scene that they watched, Jesus asked a question of them. “Who will love the master more, one whose 50 denarii debt was forgiven or the one whose 500 denarii debt was forgiven?” When Simon Peter answered, “The one who had the bigger debt,” then Jesus turned to the woman and said: “Her sins, which were many, are forgiven, thus, she loved much.” She loved the master deeply because many sins had already been forgiven, namely, he said, “Those who are forgiven much will know how to love God much.”

This word was brought back to me while I looked at each person who was attending the amnesty. More than those families which were going to attend the Second Generation Blessing who did not have serious problems, without awareness of their shortcomings or sins, I witnessed that the forgiven people came to know the depth of the love of God and realized the significance and value of the Blessing.

The blood lineage issue is a fearful problem. But more fearful must be, when it happens, “How shall we face this problem?” Will it become resentment for a thousand years, which will break the parent-child relationship and deform their faith, or will it make an opportunity for parents and children both to repent, and touch the deeper context and the heart of God? For those who become aware of their sins, and repent, further punishment is not necessary. If there is a problem, that is when there is no self-awareness of the sin. It is necessary to think about these separately.

I was consulted by a parent concerning their child who continued to have a male-female relationship. They asked me, “Is it okay to send the child to Cheong Pyung when there is no repentance?” I replied, “With the current situation, even if you let the child attend, the same mistakes may be repeated.” Then they say, “That

means it is better that we should not send the child to Cheong Pyung, doesn't it?"

It is not a matter of "Send or not to send." It is a matter of "Education" and "Guidance." I am not saying that "It is unacceptable that a forgiveness shall be given for those who have no self-awareness of the sin." Our "Concern" is, unless the one has self-awareness of their sins, the person cannot make a "Real new start." For the sake of a new start, the person must "Change the way of thinking" prior to deciding to "Attend/not attend."



Among the second generation children, there are some who unknowingly think that the "Blood lineage" can be maintained thinking "We can do anything as long as we do not cross the line," "It's no problem, since by drinking Holy Wine, all problems are cancelled." A result of living in the unrestored environment, their morality has become nothing different from the young people's sense in the secular world concerning "Purity." For those second generation who had fallen into such a state of mind, how can we make them realize about the wrongness of their thought.

Of course, one way is by the Word. The Word makes it clear for us what is "Good" and what is "Evil" even in the complexities of daily life.

However, even if we understand it in our "Head," unless we understand "Love," we cannot feel "Sin." "I made someone who loved me sad," "I betrayed their love and trust," and This brings "Awareness of sin." Then, unless we draw them to our bosom and grab their wondering mind, we cannot uncover the clue for repentance and a new start.

If your son left home, there must have been a reason. Maybe he was feeling not free under the parents. Maybe he wanted to live as he wanted, or he thought there was something out there in the world he was seeking, or, he just responded to an invitation of his friend, he did not have a place to feel relaxed at home, and was dissatisfied, or quarreled with his father and ran away from home by impulse.

How many times have we listened to their reasons about why they run away from home? Before we accuse them for running away from home, before teaching them how serious it is, we need to listen to them, what they want to say first, putting aside our own viewpoint, and completely see from their viewpoint and walk in their shoes.

They may not start talking about what they have in their mind easily. However, once they start talking about their real feeling, be it resentment or anger, it will be the "True beginning" towards a solution.

Heart to Welcome, Self-Reflection: A Brother beside Father

The one who accuses when a man commits sin is not God. It is Satan, an Archangel, in other words, it is "Someone who was beside God."

When the younger son came back, the father was only happy about it. However, his brother who was beside the father did not feel good, and protested to the father.

Why do you accept him, who led a life of indulgence, without punishment? Not only that, you are preparing a feast for him! The brother felt “Unjust” treatment.

On the other hand, underneath his “Sense of righteousness,” he had his own complex feeling, “A sense of receiving less love.” “Father, you have never held a feast for me, not even once.”

When the news of the amnesty was conveyed, some other second generation children felt it was unreasonable and said, “How could it be that such a thing is allowed?” They, in the midst of various temptations, even sometimes being treated as a “Fool,” they fought desperately to protect their purity with a mindset of “I must not defile my blood lineage.” It is understandable for them to have a complex sentiment about this amnesty.

However, Heaven has not given anyone the right to “Judge” or to “Forgive.” If Heaven says, “Forgive,” then it is forgiven. We ourselves have been forgiven so many times, and have been loved. When we think about it, we must appreciate this, and rejoice together.

When the younger brother returned, the elder brother was unable to rejoice together with his father. In other words, he did not share the heart of the father. The father said to the elder son, “My son, you are always with me. But your brother was once dead but now revived, was gone but now found...” If the elder brother understood such “Father's heart,” he could have rejoiced with his father from the bottom of his heart. Moreover, suppose the father treated the younger son harshly by caring about the feeling of the elder son, if the elder son could say to his father, knowing the heart of his father, “Father, please forgive my brother. He has returned to you. Nothing could be more joyful than this.” Father's mind is sure to be relieved by such words.

When God was compelled to destroy the town of Sodom, Abraham desperately pleaded to God not to do so. Moses also begged for the forgiveness of God for the

sake of the people who continuously fell into faithlessness.

We are not “Judge.” If someone committed a sin but confessed it to me, I would need to be in the position to ask Heaven for his salvation, more than being in the position to blame his sin and admonish him. God may be able to save him from the wages of sin with the condition of the desperate prayer of such a “Mediator.” While it is “Satan's work” to bring a good man to hell by finding even one unjust act as “Condition,” it is “God's work” to save a person who is covered by sins by finding even just one small act of goodness as “Condition.”

During this workshop, Daemo-Nim emphasized the “Collective responsibility of the blessed families” many times. Unless the elder brother himself takes, as his own, responsibility for his younger brother who left the family, the younger brother will not be able to return home. Even if it is “The home his father is waiting for his son to return.” Now there are many second generation children, who say, “We don't need forgiveness.” They will not respond even if we say, “Even a small condition will do.” They are the second generation who refuse to be “In the house” and went out, or could not help but go out. Rather, we may have to beg their forgiveness.

The problems of the second generation children, or the problems that each blessed family holds, are the issues for “our blessed families as a whole.” It may be the result of our education. Moreover, it may be a result of our history and reality. If the cause for them to refuse to be in the house was not the “Father” but the “Elder brother,” or the cause is in our reality and our culture, they will not return unless those things change, and the attitude to welcome them changes.

As long as we see this amnesty as “Someone else's problem,” there will be no realm of liberation or realm of release of the blessed families. “New start” is nothing but what “I” must accomplish. Perhaps what Father wants us to realize is that it's through how we repent the past that determines the form of the blessed families we will become.

True Parents, more than anything else, wish to see that we, as "brothers and sisters," forgive, love and accept each other as a "Family."

Upon the accomplishment of the Holy Blessing Marriage of the True Family, more and more heaven's absolute standard for the Second Generation Blessing, namely, the "Cheon Il Guk Blessing Standard" will be emphasized. At the same time, however, through this amnesty, the second generation blessing, as a whole, shall expand its skirt.

When the second generation children who had the blood lineage problem in the past, repent and attend the future second generation blessing, and when those families who have had pain inside overcome the past and return to the second generation blessing, instead of checking each other's past and researching each other's problems, I would like our culture to accept these families without resentment and with hearts full of gratitude.

As the True Parents forget the past and wish them to start a new, so also, we are to forget and forgive, then we will mutually share the same standard as families and be one family.