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Material Blessings

The Reason Why the Rich Man Fell into Hell

There is a story of 'the Rich Man and Lazarus' in the Bible.

A poor man named Lazarus used to beg at the rich man's door, but the rich man did not give a help. The rich man died and fell into hell where he saw the poor man, Lazarus, was sitting beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. He ended up in miserably begging mercy for a sip of water to Lazarus in the burning hell.

Why did the rich man become to go to hell?

The new Cardinal Rosales of the Philippines explained the reason as follows: What Lazarus wanted was not a big thing. He did not ask for dining together at the feast. He did not ask for food at the kitchen. What he wanted was just the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. But the stingy rich man even refused this. That's why he could not help falling into hell.

Cardinal Rosales led the 'Five Won Collecting Movement' to let the believers in the Philippines see, hear, and touch God's love. Five Won in the Philippines values very little like crumbs. However, he could save 140,000,000 Won through this movement, and used the valuable money for the poor. Cardinal

Rosales is making Filipinos experience God's love.

Kkottongnae Membership Fee of 1000 Won

To be a member of Kkottongnae, you just need to pay 1000 Won of monthly fee.

The founder Fr. Oh Woong-Jin is still sticking with 1000 Won as membership fee which is the same amount as of 28 years ago when the price was one tenth of the price now. His intention is to run Kkottongnae with people's love rather than the amount of money. Some family opens up a bank account for each child from their childhood and educates them about practicing love by letting them save 1000 Won every month to send it to Kkottong-nae as membership fee. Since the number of Kkottongnae members reached about one million, Kkottongnae has endeavored to take a role of a good manager to use the money from the members effectively for the poor at the right time in the right place not as an owner. **The rich man**, who did not share even the crumbs with Lazarus, **would persist in owning properties not consider them as a share of the poor.**



For the commemoration of opening the Training Institute of Love an open concert is being broadcast nationwide on KBS-II TV.

A Homeless Person Saved by the Contribution of the Members

A few months ago when the Kkottongnae ambulance visited Daejeon Station, a drunken homeless was found unconscious on the ground. It was said that he hurt his head in a fight with someone. We took encephalography as soon as we brought him to the Kkottongnae hospital, where we found a large amount of cerebral hemorrhage in his brain. An emergency transfer to Gangnam Catholic Hospital, which allowed for brain surgery with tracheotomy, saved his life. He has gradually recovered, now is able to walk and help other patients in the hospital room. The reason why we were able to save a life like this is because we have treated the valuable contributions of the members with management principles, not ownership motives. We brought the patient in with the ambulance bought with our members' contribution, diagnosed him in the Kkottongnae hospital which was donated by Jinro Company, and put him through an operation at a large hospital with the money sent in by Kkottongnae members.

The better we manage the properties and funds to be used efficiently for the poor and the sick, the more material blessings we receive and the richer Kkottongnae becomes.

The Last Regret

Man's desire to possess is endless.

A grandfather who was on his deathbed fell into one last state of regret. With the lower half of his body paralyzed from an automobile accident and dependent on an artificial anus from colectomy, he was in critical condition, developing various complications. Just before he

entered Kkottongnae, he gave all the money he'd received in compensation for the accident to the caregiver at the hospital.

As he himself would not need any money at Kkottongnae, while the caregiver would in order to support a large family, he gave her the money without condition, moved by her sincere care. Then his ex-girlfriend whom he used to live with, suddenly appeared and persuaded him to sue the caregiver to return the money, saying, "Why did you give the large sum of money to a random person? I will make you happy after we reclaim the money." Though face-to-face with death, he regrettably yielded, suing the caregiver, and the police ran an investigation. The night before he passed away, when I visited him in the sickroom, he said, beating his chest, "I'm so frustrated. I am full of evil. Please help me."

I said to him, "Don't try to get the money back. You have to rise above self-interest and be content with the fact that the money is being used by a person who needs it the most." Then we prayed for the grandfather to win over his last temptation. The grandfather told us that he would throw away the greed in his mind, and he would be fine if the money is used by someone who needs it. His face considerably brightened after our prayer, and he said he felt much better.

The next day he passed away peacefully.

Material blessings are obtained by treating material things as something for managing and not for owning

Apostolic Nuncio Emil once visited Kkottongnae and left words of encouragement on the Kkottongnae Journal: **"We have entered**

this world empty-handed and empty-handed we' ll be when we leave it. However, the fruits of selfless love and kindness will remain.”

We want to own property, but if we do not have the ability to manage it, it will diminish and disappear in the end. However, if we try to manage the property (which are entrusted to us to manage for some time) well, using it to love our neighbors, it will gradually increase.

Most Rev, Emil P. Tcherigg, the Apostolic Nuncio to Korea, and Bishop Jang Bong Hoon, Diocese of Cheongju and Fr Oh Woong Jin are having a conversation with some family members of Kkottongnae.

