

Thrive at E-Smart

May 2021

From the Headmaster's Desk

"You are told to love your neighbour as yourself. How do you love yourself? When I look into my own mind, I find that I do not love myself by thinking myself a dear old chap or having affectionate feelings. I do not think that I love myself because I am particularly good, but just because I am myself and quite apart from my character. I might detest something which I have done. Nevertheless, I do not cease to love myself. In other words, that definite distinction that Christians make between hating sin and loving the sinner is one that you have been making in your own case since you were born. You dislike what you have done, but you don't cease to love yourself. You may even think that you ought to be hanged. You may even think that you ought to go to the Police and own up and be hanged. Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained."

– C. S. Lewis 'Mere Christianity'

Dear parents,

I just had my first dose of COVID-19 vaccination early this month. In urging us to take the injection, the senior pastor of our church said it is the best way to 'love your neighbour' despite all the scepticism, fears and risks involved. But who is my neighbour? Why should I love the person who hasn't got anything to do with my life?

For most of us, it is far easier to love our family and friends as ourselves. Most probably, we do it out of reciprocity – we love as we have been loved. There is also a certain level of fondness among us, therefore we don't want to cause any possible harm to one another.

However, when Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to illustrate the true meaning of a neighbour, he didn't even mean the neighbours who live next door to us, although many of us might not even know our neighbours' names. In the story, the person who got robbed was a complete stranger to the Samaritan who simply happened to pass by. Moved by compassion, he dressed and even settled the hotel bills of the wounded who was stripped of all his belongings.

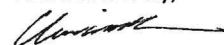
With the above story in mind, we could even say we must love any stranger in need of help. It is driven by benevolence that has nothing to do with fondness. This indeed echoes the definition of love by Lewis – 'it is not an affectionate feeling but a wish for the loved person's ultimate good.' The person's wellbeing is the end in itself; the person who loves is not seeking any reciprocation or recognition.

Finding it extremely difficult to love a complete stranger or even someone we hate? That is exactly why Jesus told us to love others as ourselves because most of us love ourselves irrespective of how we evaluate ourselves. We feed ourselves when we feel hungry, clothe ourselves when we feel cold and seek physical comfort as much as we can. In a word, our love for ourselves is absolutely unconditional – the ultimate good of ourselves is always our highest priority although we may detest some of our own behaviour.

Personally, I can easily show compassion to the poor and underprivileged who are in need but find it challenging to love those people whose mindsets and acts I loathe – totalitarian authorities that disregard life and human rights, social control agents like the police who abuse their power, and corrupt politicians who seek their interests rather than the greater good of the country. I despise their deeds but will continue to love them, that is to wish for their 'ultimate good'.

Let us truly love our neighbour the way we excuse, forgive and pamper ourselves to make our city a genuinely caring community. There are surely many more ways to express such love besides getting the jab.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chan Pak To, Jeff
Cheng Hiu Ching, Jaime
Cheng Nok Yin
Cheung Ka Lam, Pansy
Chiu Hoi Ying, Bridget
Chuang Yu Ki, Angela
Fung Tsz Ching, Christy
Ha Hang Yu, Summer
Ho Hiu Yan, Tiffany
Hu Cheong Kai, James
Hui Cheuk Lam, Elva
Hung Ling To, Allen
Kong Po Ching, Anthony
Kwok Tsz Lok, Jerry
Lai Yi Kwan, Sophie
Lam Hong Ching, Zoey
Lam Kin Sing, Carson
Lam Sin Yee, Karly
Leung Hing Chi, Merrielle
Li Pui Lam, Angie
Li Tsz Hin
Liu Josh Wai-Chun
Liu Sung Him, Brian
Lo Kin Hang, Issac
Lo Yammy
Lok Fu Shing, Matthew
Ma Pok Ho, Alvin
Man Kin Ching, Lester
Mok Fong Ting, Fanny
Ng Cheuk Fung Kyle
Ngan Tsz Chung, Tony
Pak Wing Chin, Ashley
Ran Choi Yap, Rainbow
Tang Man Hei, Helen
Tong Wai Lok, Willis
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden
Tsui Lok Ki, John
Wong Yat Shun, Boaz
Yiu Lok Ching, Hailey
Yu Lok Tung, Cherry

WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00
PTW5 Fri 5:30-6:30
WTE2B Tues 4:30-5:30
IEK8A Sat 9:00-10:00
WTE6B Fri 5:30-6:30
PTWR Mon 3:30-4:30
WTE8B Sat 10:00-11:00
PTWE2 Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE2A Thur 4:30-5:30
IEK6A Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE4B Thur 6:30-7:30
IEKKB Sat 9:00-10:00
WTE8A Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK6B Sat 9:00-10:00
WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE4A Wed 4:30-5:30
WTE6A Mon 6:30-7:30
PTWR Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK2A Sat 9:00-10:00
WTE8B Thur 4:30-5:30
WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE6B Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE4A Tues 5:30-6:30
GWF4A Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE2A Sat 2:00-3:00
PTWP1 Sat 12:00-1:00
IEKKA Tues 5:30-6:30
PTWP3 Fri 4:30-5:30
IEK4B Sat 12:00 / WTE2B Sat 3:00
WTE1 Tues 3:30-4:30
WTE1 Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE2B Wed 5:30-6:30
PTWE3 Sat 1:00-2:00
PTW2 Sat 9:00-10:00
IEK4A Sat 11:00-12:00
GWF2B Sat 2:00 / IEK2A Thur 5:30
WTE10B Sat 2:00-3:00
WTE6B Thur 6:30-7:30
GWF4B Sat 3:00-4:00
PTWE2 Sat 10:00-11:00

Enrol before June 12 to enjoy the early bird discount of our summer classes!

Students' Page

May 2021

Many of us know that the 1st of May is Labour Day, a day to celebrate the achievements of workers. In fact, there is more than one celebration on this date. First, the First of May is also Lei Day in Hawaii, a day of celebration of Hawaiian culture with people giving gifts of leis to one another. Furthermore, the First of May is also School Principal's Day, a day to honour and to thank the education leaders who are responsible for the success of the school and the students. Other than the First of May, be sure to do something special for your mum on the 9th of May, Mother's Day.
~Ms. Michelle

Congratulations to the Other Writers of the Month:

Carrie Lai (8A)

Louis Tomlinson

Jinnie Chin (4B)

The Flying Monkey

Josh Liu (6B)

Sibling

Bernice Li (6B)

A Mysterious Egg

Boaz Wong (6B)

The African Elephant



The Father and the Son
by *Tristan Chen (WTE 2A)*

Once upon a time, there were a father and his son. The father went farming in his field, and the son sat on the couch every day.

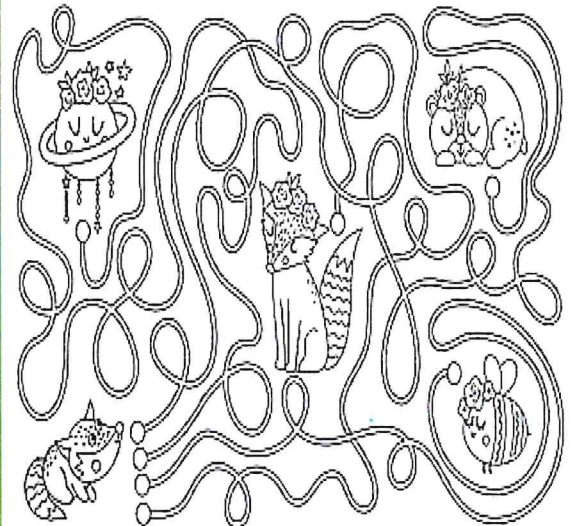
One day, the father said to the son, "Son. Can you go farming with me? Think of it this way: if I am dead, who will look after you?" The son thought for a moment and said, "I know you have saved a lot of money for me." And the father said, "But the money will be used up one day. So, think about it." And the son said, "Pa. I will not sit around all day." "Really?" asked the father. "I'll sleep all day," said the son. And he went to sleep.

In the morning, he couldn't find his dad, but he found a note. It said, "Dear son. I must go to the USA to sell my crop. So, I must be away for three months. Remember to take care of yourself. Okay?" But the son didn't do any work. He just slept all day. When the father came back, his son was dead. The father was heartbroken.

In heaven, the son regretted what he had not done.
(Moral: You must work to earn the things you want.)



HELP BABY FOX FIND HIS MOM



May Day Sudoku

	M ₁	A ₂	
A ₂		Flower ₄	
	Flower ₄		A ₂
M ₁		Y ₃	