

LIVE ON !

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There was an item in the news, saying that a man jumped into a river to commit suicide, but a kind passer-by rescued him. When the man became conscious, however, instead of thanking the kind rescuer, he grasped his collar and challenged him; "Why did you rescue me? Can you solve my problem so that I can live on?"

This is really a serious issue in our society today. We can see millions of hungry children in countries such as Africa, India etc. We also see invalids in hospitals. They are alive, however, they lack the necessities and strength to live on.

We feel sorry for them and we are willing to help them with what we can. If we ourselves feel ill, we will see a doctor or find some remedies to recover our health. The strange thing is, when our spiritual life is weak, we do not care or do not even seem to be aware of it. We think that because we were saved, that is enough so we just sit and wait to go to heaven.

Life must grow, or else it will wilt and die. For example, Jesus told a parable about a sower. Some seeds the sower sowed fell among thorns, which meant

that some of those who heard the word were choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they did not mature. Only those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering, produce a crop.

Our Lord is not the kind rescuer or a poor parent who gives you life but can't support you. He is the good Samaritan who bandages your wounds and continues to take care of you. He is the father of the prodigal son who not only welcomes you with a big feast but also lets you stay at home all your life. His blessing is new each morning. He loves to nurture you and gives you abundant life.

Now the key to this situation is in our hands. When we don't care about our spiritual lives, we don't listen to His words and we don't claim His power of resurrection. Thus, we have become invalids in the 'church hospital'; we let the field fill with thorns and weeds so that no crops can grow.

Wake up, dear friend! Our Lord has risen! He wants to fulfill you with His power or resurrection. Why do you live in fear, worry and weakness? My wish for you is to live on happily and abundantly by relying on Him. 