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New Book on Biblical Perspective on Contemporary Youth Issues from MRM

Last Sunday, Maranatha Resource Ministry (MRM) launches a new book that concerns the ministry to the youths of our times. The reformed community has often been said to have neglected the youths and if this is true, it has to be rectified. Reformed and fundamental Churches **ought to be seriously engaged** with the youths and teenagers in our Churches and this book is designed to address the many issues and needs of the 21st century youths.

Some of the themes covered include:

Knowing God's Will
The Concern over the Youths & Internet
Christian Dressing
BGR (boy-girl relationship)
Dating & Courtship
Prayer & The Word
The 10 Commandments of a Christian Student
Ethics at the Workplace
Covetousness vs Contentment
Creation, Science & The Bible
Dangers of the New Age
Occultism & Computer Games
Movies, TV etc
Others.

Thank God for the many ideas we got from you and those who have helped, encouraged and prayed for us in this vital work, leading to the final completion of this 324-paged book, to the glory of God and the edifying of the youths.

Here are the comments from some of them who have read the book so far: Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Eld Thomas, Dn Terence, Dn Steven, Mrs Lim Kim Hee, Jason Liew and Hazel.

Your latest book on "Youth Issue" from a Christian perspective fulfils an urgent need of today. Thank you for publishing and sharing. I will find it a most useful resource tool in my preaching. God bless you.

Please supply to our Tabernacle Books 50 copies for us to promote to our members.

Yours faithfully
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor, Calvary Pandan BPC

Thank you for a complimentary copy of your latest book. Congratulations! You have addressed pertinent and significant issues that should help the youths of today with answers to questions on how they might live a godly life for Christ in a wicked and

crooked generation.

You might want to offer it as a subject next semester.

God bless!

In Christ,
Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Dean, FEBC

I hope that Dr Jack Sin's compilation of all his writings into one book will help to reach a wider readership. It is therefore, my prayer that this book will aid youths in living victorious Christian lives and Tit 2:12, *denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.* I heartily recommend this book to all youths (and others) to 1 Tim 4:12 *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

Eld Thomas Liaw, Director and father of 2 youths

This book is the latest gem from Dr & Mrs Jack Sin. It addresses many pertinent issues facing the youth of today. It provides answers for not only the youth but also for those who no longer consider themselves youth like myself, as it provides practical answers for me to guide my growing children. The book offers treatment for present day wiles of the devil like modern day philosophies of the Da Vinci Code and Harry Potter. Practical issues like making career decisions within God's will, Biblical Guidelines for Good Time Management, Dress Code for believers, etc. The writers who were actively serving the Lord since their youth are the couple to learn from, having invested much time they have painstakingly and lovingly researched on numerous issues that confront us today, the book is a must-have and a must-read.

Dn Terence, Pilot/former youth leader/advisor to Tweens/father of 4 girls

This is a timely book that will be useful to the youths, young working adults and even parents. It gives direct and clear perspective on contemporary "worldly" issues that affect us today. Pastor Jack & Angie have drawn on their wealth of experiences in their many years of church ministry to give us valuable biblical approaches and answers to these issues. There are many practical lessons that we can apply as well.

This is also a good resource book for the family, as it tackles all sorts of issues that have so often widens the communication gap between parents and children. Parents will find useful biblical basis to solutions on issues facing children today. The youths will be challenged to lead a spiritually consecrated life for God and be "***an example of the believers***". We now have a resource to help us to strengthen our covenant home

Dn Steven Ng, Financial Controller and father of 2 youths

Christian Perspective on Contemporary Youth Issues is a practical guide to many controversial issues surrounding youths today. It is a sharing of God's wisdom gained by Pastor Jack & Angie's years of serving in the youth ministry. Covering issues from the relationships of youths, to their work and leisure, spiritual growth and service in Church, science and the signs of end times, it is a comprehensive book that not only opens up pertinent topics for consideration but also provides clear directions from God's Word. Just as I have been personally ministered to by this book, I pray that many would be edified by this book.

Hazel Hong, Admin Manager

The new book on the Christian Perspective on Contemporary Youth is a compelling read and is instructive, biblical and relevant today for all and the pictures are arresting. Every family must get a copy; it is for parents and grandparents like me too. Please inform New life Bible Presbyterian Church too. Praise the Lord for this.

Mrs Lim Kim Hee, Retired Teacher/Grand Parent

Christian Perspective on Contemporary Youth Issues is the book which provides the biblical answers to critical issues today surrounding youths today. It is a warning to the Church in this confusing time. This is the work of Pastor Jack & Angie after many years of serving in the pastoral and youth ministry in Singapore and beyond. In the preface, the authors channel the reader's attention to the issues from the relationships of youths, to their work and opportunity, spiritual growth and their service in the Church. The clear synopsis, clarity of presentation, good exposition and the rich scriptural support are of great help to the youths; not only in Singapore but also the youths around the world. The author's arguments are well supported by copious scriptural texts or verses. With biblical clear and objective arguments, the authors provide biblical answers to counteract the unbiblical influences of the day. The authors aim to help many youths with their book. All glory be to God!

In Christ
Sopheak
Cambodian FEBC student

The Christian youths of today are bombarded by ungodly devices and vices on all fronts. Building godly character and relationships has become harder as Satan thwarts and threatens the church by destroying young minds with deception and dangerous modern-day influences. "*Christian Perspective on Contemporary Youth Issues*" is the answer, as Dr & Mrs Jack Sin draw precious principles and precepts from God's Holy Word. Coupled with their wealth of experiences, this book provides a practical approach in helping Christian youths deal with relationships, work and studies, leisure, spirituality, church, science and signs of the last days.

Jason Liew, Youth leader

Do get a copy of it for yourself and your family and also pass it on to other youths as a gift for their edifying perusal from (George Tan or Jane) of MRM today at a special price until 30 Apr (the price at the book stores will be retailing at a much higher price).

**Short Trip to Singapore attending
Daniel & Hui Hui's Wedding Dinner
*Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all***

I went to Singapore to attend a special gathering of Daniel and Hui Hui. Hui Hui is my good friend. She is sweet and firm lady, warm, open and kind as well. I knew her since 2000 when I came to MBPC while I was studying in FEBC. I am so happy to see her married to Dr Daniel Lim.

I arrived in Singapore's Harbour Front MRT at 10.30 am. I took some time to Maranatha BPC, thinking that I would meet the Maranathans in the church. I forgot that Easter service was at 7 am in the morning. So, without seeing anyone in the church, I returned to Simei MRT and telephoned Angie unsuccessfully. Then I rang Kee just to find out. True enough, there was YAF meeting at Dn Terence house. Kee

encouraged me to telephone Pastor Jack, as I was afraid I would disturb him. Thank God Pastor answered and picked me up at Simei MRT. Then off we went to Dn Terence's place. The meeting was over by then. The host was kind and invited us for a delicious chicken porridge lunch.

After fellowship and lunch, we went to Pastor Jack's house. As I was not prepared to stay, Angie kindly loaned me some clothings. The Aloha Resort was a nice place. Brethren I met there were nicer. Beside Pastor Jack & Angie, Daniel & Hui Hui, Eld Thomas & Aunt Poh Hong, Jonathan and Sarah, Julia, Dn Daniel & Amy and Grace, Dn Terence & Sally, their four daughters and Aunty Kim, Kee, Angie Tan, Dr Kwong Leen & Chan Ping and An Yan, Che Hwee & Hazel, Ai Li, Mui Leng, Joline and Jerylin, Ee Fong, Chu Huey and few others, not forgetting a new friend (of Hui Hui), Jennifer. I was happy to see many Maranathans.

Angie led us in singing wonderful hymns and praises to the Lord. Pastor Jack exhorted Daniel & Hui Hui and all of us from ***Ecc 4:9-12***, *Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.* The message reminded us the benefits of fellowship and relationship where not many are called to be single. Before he pray, Daniel shared how he came to know Hui Hui. The wife also shared how the Lord helped her survive through critical moments before confirming their relationships through His servant, Pastor Jack at an appropriate time.

After Daniel & Hui Hui shared, Angie opened to the floor. I shared about how the Lord granted me wisdom where to serve after my graduation by using Pastor Jack to help me get in touch with Calvary Batam Bible Presbyterian Church, of which I have served for almost two years. Ai Li desired to go to Australia one day. Dn Daniel closed in prayers.

Before dinner time, Pastor Jack gave to Daniel & Hui Hui a scroll with Chinese calligraphy writings from Psalm 100 from the church.

The dinner was yummy; including satay, grilled mainly by Che Hwee & Hazel with the drizzling of the rain, the special chicken fried and grilled by Aunt Poh Hong and Kim, assisted by Mui Leng and Chu Huey and the fresh salad by Angie. Thank God for the cook.

Six people stayed over in the resorts: Pastor & Angie, Daniel & Hui Hui, Jennifer and I. Five of us shared and recollected memories, especially the planning of Daniel & Hui Hui's travel to Malaysia... before we retire for the evening.

The next day, we had breakfast and photos together, which I cherished as I was not sure when to see Daniel & Hui Hui again. We tidied up the place and returned the books and chairs into the van. Then we went our separated ways; Angie returned home, Pastor Jack transported Daniel & Hui Hui, Jennifer and I to a nearby MRT, where Daniel and Hui Hui proceeded to Woodlands, Jennifer went to another MRT and I returned to Batam.

I felt sad after leaving Daniel & Hui Hui. But I am glad for them, with their contentment in the Lord, bearing good testimony. I have been encouraged meeting this newly-wed couple. May the Lord continue to bless my friends with a blessed Christian marriage!

The Lord bless you and keep you

Wiwin Sunarto
Calvary Batam BPC

At the Pulpit

Theme for the Quarter:

Issues of the Heart (2 Corinthians)

Preacher Mathews Abraham

“The Sufficiency of God”

(2 Cor 3)

*These hyperlinks work with Word 97 and later version.

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