

# EDITORIAL

In this issue, Bible Witness seeks to particularly address Christian youths regarding their crucial role in the battle being waged against the church. A vicious alliance forged by Satan, the world, false teachers and false brethren has been subtly at work to conquer the minds of our youths and turn them away from Scriptural truths, holiness, genuine worship and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. These enemies of our children's souls may not appear to be working in tandem, but when their efforts are carefully considered through vigilant, discerning eyes, the satanic ploy being meticulously executed to hurt in so many fronts of life become all too apparent.

Christian youths are incessantly under enormous pressure from the world to conform to its ungodly ways. A fierce (albeit subtle and sophisticated) onslaught has been unleashed at our young generation! It comes in many forms – education, science, arts, media, fashion, trends, entertainment, friendship, etc. This is intensified by the onslaught of the flesh from within. Every Christian youth must be discerning, vigilant and “combat-ready” as faithful soldiers of Christ's army.

For the protection and empowerment of our youths, church leaders and Christian parents need to be prayerful and vigilant in strengthening the minds of our youths with God's Word. Having some youth programmes in the church is not enough. Every effort must be made to equip our young men and women to be vigilant, battle-ready soldiers of Christ. Parents, youth workers, church leaders, pastors and all in the church must make their individual and concerted efforts to lead our youths to victory over all kinds of satanic ambushes and assaults.

I cannot help but lament that too many parents and church leaders have let their youths walk straight into the devil's snares, having done little to prevent them from doing so and failing to warn and arm them against the battles they would face. Some, when they come to know of the spiritual maladies into which their children have fallen, simply pretend that nothing serious has happened or even adopt a casual “can't help it, what to do?” attitude.

We hereby call all the youths in our churches to rise and take their stand with the LORD against all forms of wiles of the devil. Make your choice for God's glory, whether it be studies, friendships, entertainment, pursuits of life, etc. We pray that the articles in this Bible Witness issue will not only remind you of the battles you have to fight as a Christian, but also equip you for triumph for the pleasure and glory of our Great Saviour, Jesus Christ. O Christian youth, "that thou by them mightest war a good warfare" (1 Timothy 1:18)!

On a different note, I would like to implore our ardent readers for their patience and understanding as we strive our very best in the midst of many ministerial burdens to publish Bible Witness bimonthly. From time to time, being inundated by unexpected issues and problems, we were compelled to postpone the publication, such as the last issue (Nov-Dec 2016) of Bible Witness. We sincerely regret such disruptions. However, we are very glad that the Lord has helped us to publish the Bible Witness Calendar 2017 and "365 Daily Exhortations from God's Word". We are encouraged that many of our fervent friends have purchased the calendars and the devotional books, and distributed them among their friends and family members. Please contact us or the bookrooms if you need more copies of the devotional book.

We are also glad to inform you, with much thanksgiving to God, that Gethsemane B-P Church has obtained the in-principle approval from ACRA for "Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited", a Company Limited By Guarantee (CLG) so that suitable premises may be purchased for her various ministries, such as Bible Witness Media Ministry and The Gethsemane Care Ministry. We are fervently praying that the Lord will speedily provide one million dollars more to the Building Fund so that the much needed facility may be obtained without delay. We ask all our readers to earnestly pray and send in your generous love-gifts to the Building Fund of Gethsemane B-P Church. (You may write your cheque to "Gethsemane B-P Church", and indicate "Building Fund" at the back).

May the Lord's grace and peace be with you.

Heartily in Christ,  
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