

The Vine This Month

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HOM Editorial

My medical report just came in and everything was within the normal range except my uric acid

level which is raised. All these results were determined by the testing of blood samples, *“for the life of the body is in its blood”* - Leviticus 17:11 (New Living Translation). Thank God, for good health. However what do we do with the good health God has blessed us with? How do we bless others with it?

Many think that *“blessed to be a blessing”* refer to wealth only and probably rightly so, but does that mean if you have no monetary blessing, then you are unable to be a blessing to others? I think of our dialect elders, most of whom are retired and without income, how do they become blessings to others? What about our parents, some are sickly and grumpy and senile. Are they a burden or a blessing? If you have a rich dad, the problem is different you can't wait to receive your blessing (inheritance).

If there were no old, poor people, then we will have less opportunity to practice Christ-likeness because *“whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve”* - Matthew 20:27-28. We are blessed to serve them. Some of our care group members are unable to come for CG meetings because of their aged parents. We should not see them as absentees but as very filial children.



On the 1st day of the Chinese New Year, we went to visit my mother as we usually do. One thing that surprised me was that she wanted her photo taken, which is a very unusual request.

Here is a photo of my brothers, sister and mother. Please pray for them to come back to Jesus.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – 2Peter 3:9

Martin Cheah