

# An Overview of the Original Six T4T Lessons

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*[From Steve: This is an overview of the basic six lessons that Ying uses in his training. Even though T4T is not six lessons, I have included this so that you can understand why Ying developed these six lessons for his context. You may want to write your own lessons, adapt these or use someone else's lessons. The main point is to ensure that they are **1) Biblical, 2) effective for your context and 3) reproducible for your context.** They need to include that basics that new believers need for growing in their faith.]*

My six T4T lessons are arranged to help a new baby in Christ.

## *Lesson One – Assurance of Salvation*

**The little baby needs a new life** so he needs assurance of salvation. We use lesson one as our gospel presentation, and also to help the new believer have assurance.

## *Lesson Two – Prayer*

When a baby has just been born, **it needs to breathe**. So we teach them how to pray. Praying is like breathing for our spiritual life. In prayer, it is most important to pray according to God's will. It's not for what I want, you know, it's for God's will. So in lesson 2, we teach them what God's will is.

There are 3 different types of prayer for God's will. The first is when God has already made the decision. When you pray, nothing changes. It's like when God says that only by Jesus' name can we be saved, but you say, "No, I don't like that. Please give me another name that can save people." It will not change. Everybody is born one time, but you say, "No, I don't want this, I want to be born another time." It will not change. Whatever you pray, it will not change.

The second type of prayer for God's will is when our will may not be good, but we ask and ask and ask and finally God says "okay" and lets us do it, but we need to take responsibility. It's like Abraham. God gave him a promise: your children will be numbered on the earth like the stars in the heaven and the grains of sand on the earth. But he thought he was too old. He still didn't have a son. So he took Hagar, and Hagar became like his second wife. God did not stop him. But he had to take responsibility. When the son came, Ishmael, I think the family lost peace. There was no peace, and Hagar started to argue with Sarah. After 40 years, God's provision came. Sarah's son, Isaac, was born, and the family was broken. They did not allow Ishmael to stay. They let him go. So the family was broken. Until now, the whole world has no peace because of that. The 2 families are still against each other.

So, we have to pay the price for our actions. It's like children. If they want to learn how to use a knife to cut an apple, you say, "No, no, no you are too young." But he says, "No, I want to try." You say, "No, you are too young, you will hurt yourself.", but he says, "No, no, no I want to try." He asks time and time again, so you say, "Okay, be careful, though." Then he comes back crying, "I cut my finger." So we help him, heal him, but we're still mad at him. You say, "I told you before, but you wanted to do it anyway. So I allowed you to do it. But now you need to pay the price."

It's like King Hezekiah. Isaiah told him, "You need to live well, because you are going to die." He said, "No, I don't want to die." Everyone remember? He turned toward the Lord and said, "Lord, I worship you, I walk with you, I don't want to die." So God talked to Isaiah and gave King Hezekiah another 15 years. Did he become more honorable, more successful? No. If you read the Bible, in those 15 years, he did not succeed but actually failed in two ways. One was when he was so happy from being healed, the enemy sent a messenger to say, "Congratulations on God healing your sickness." Hezekiah was so happy that he opened the whole country and the enemy could view everything. So Isaiah came to him and said, "Because you did this, your country will fail." The second failure was in the son that was born to him that last 15 years. Manasseh became king when he was only 12 years old. This king was the worst king in the whole history of the country. He even killed Isaiah. So, sometimes we ask, and maybe God allows us to do it, but it is not in his good will, and you pay.

The third kind is praying according to God's will. In James, it says, "You did not get what you wanted because you didn't pray. You didn't get what you wanted because you didn't pray according to God's will." So we need to ask of God according to His will. We need to learn how to find out about God's will from the Holy Spirit. Read the Bible, and it will teach you to know what you need to do. That's important. If you pray according to God's will, you can get anything you want from God.

So you tell your new believers, "Prayer is talking to God." We should pray every day. Don't say, "Today I have time to pray, but tomorrow I don't have enough time to pray." or "Today I need some prayer, but tomorrow everything will be okay, so I won't need prayer." No. Pray every day. Every day, okay? It's like breathing. Do it every day.

### *Lesson 3 – Daily Devotions from the Word.*

The new baby has breath, but it also **needs to eat**. Lesson 3 is daily devotions. This lesson teaches them how to read the Bible and worship God by themselves. In the Bible study we do, we can see that the best time is often in the morning. You can do it anywhere, but try to find a very quiet place where you can talk to God. Teach them to make a devotion plan. Teach them how to read the Bible. Usually we teach them that if you read 2 chapters from the Old Testament and 1 chapter from the New Testament every day, then every year you can read the whole Bible one time.

### *Lesson 4 – Church*

The new baby already knows how to breathe and eat, and it's growing up. Now it **needs a family life**. In lesson 4, we talk about church. It's like family life. We teach them that the family is not a building. Whether or not you have a building, it's still a family. If you are with your parents, or with your children, together you are a family. So by lesson 4, we've already met 3 times. This is the fourth time. So the first 3 times, I didn't mention church. But now I tell them, "Our group here, 4 people, 5 people, 10 people, is a church. Because the Bible says, 'When 2 or 3 gather together in God's name, Jesus will be with them.' So we are a church." Then I tell them about the church's meaning and function. The church is not a building. It's a family, not a building. I tell them that a church has 5 functions. We support each other, we train each other, we share the Gospel, we help others, and we worship together. Also, in this church, we have a responsibility. What do we need to do? We do the Lord's Supper, baptism, and offerings. I tell them what the Lord's Supper means, and I ask them, "What is baptism?" I tell them, "We can do a baptism right now." We teach them that we need to give an offering.

Basically, there are 3 different kinds of offerings. The first kind of offering is worshipping God from your heart. In Israel, in the Old Testament, they would worship God 3 times a year and give gifts to God. But in the New Testament, every week, they would worship God. When we worship God, we need to give an offering to God. It's from your heart. What kind of gift do you want to give to God? 5 cents, 50 cents, 1 dollar, 10 dollars, 100 dollars, no problem. But it must be from your heart. Give honor to the Lord. Say, "Lord, I want to worship you. I give my heart to you." So it must be from your heart. So when we worship God, we need to prepare. But how much comes from your heart? There is no particular answer because it is as God moves your heart.

Another offering is actually not an offering. It's a tithe, 10%. That belongs to God. God gives you your salary. 90% you can use, but 10% belongs to God. It does not belong to you. You cannot say that a tax is an offering. You can't argue with the government about taxes. If you do, they will put you in jail. You can't argue. But today many people argue with Jesus, "Do I really need to give 10%?" If you make \$1000 and you pay \$100, maybe it's easier. But if you make \$100,000 in one month, and you have to give \$10,000 every month, maybe you'll think that it is too hard. In my church in the States, there was a couple who were medical doctors. Every month, their offering was over US\$5,000. But one time the husband talked to me. He said, "Pastor, I think my offering is too much. What do you think I should do? Should I still do the same offering, or should I do something else. Please pray for me." I said, "Oh, that is very easy. I'll pray for you. I'll pray that you have no patients, so you will earn less money, and your offering will be easier to give." If someone makes a lot of money, they may think that they should tithe less than 10%. But you need to thank God. If God gives you a lot of money, he is blessing you. You need to still give 10% to God. But some people don't understand. They say, "Every month I give 10%. It's enough." But every week you should also give the offering from your heart.

The third offering is for other people. It can be used to help fund a building, or support a seminary, or give to something like a missions offering. My wife and I, before we got married, were talking about finances, and we agreed that we would save 20% of our income. We would tithe 10% and use the other 10% to give every Sunday to a love offering or something like that. So if you design and plan it, then you will not hurt financially. Some of my members would say, "Oh, that will hurt me financially" when I gave the call to offering. They said, "Giving the offering over and above the tithe is hard and very painful." So teach them to give offerings. When you give offerings to God, he will bless you. It's very, very important.

Usually I give them this testimony. You know the toothpaste Colgate? The founder, when he was very young, he had a job. Every week, he made \$1. After the first week, he went to the bank, and said, "I want to open an account." They said, "Yes, you can open an account with \$1." He said, "No. I only have 90 cents. I want to open the account with 90 cents." The manager said, "No, the minimum is \$1 to open an account. I know you have \$1, why can't you use the last 10 cents to open an account?" He said, "I only have 90 cents. The other 10 cents does not belong to me. It belongs to God." The manager said, "How about this week, you open the account with \$1, then the next week, you put 80 cents into the bank and tithe 20 cents?" He said, "No, I will not borrow from God. Because the Bible says I need to pay God 5 times 10% if I borrow the 10%. So I can come next week to open the account, but I cannot borrow the 10 cents." So God blessed his work. He became a very successful business person. You know, there are many of those kinds of stories. I give my trainers lots of stories to encourage them. I know that offering is more difficult than anything else.

Everything, you can talk about, but if you talk about money, it's too difficult. But I encourage them. I need to talk to them about it, because it involves God's blessing. I tell them, "If you don't give offerings, it will stop your blessing from God."

### *Lesson 5 – Heavenly Father*

I tell my trainers, "When a baby is born, he's got life. Now he knows how to breathe, how to eat, and how to have a family life." So lesson 5: **who is in charge of the family?** Our Heavenly Father. The Heavenly Father loves us, supports us, trains us.. He teaches us. So we let them know that worshipping God is important. Usually, in lesson 5, I also teach them that there is only one God. No one else is God. No other religion is true. I also teach them how to defend themselves against cults. In my country there are a lot of cults, so you need to teach them.

### *Lesson 6 – Four Calls (Great Commission)*

When you grow, it is time for you to **start giving back to the family**. How do we do that? By sharing the gospel. Lesson 6 is about how to share the gospel.

[ From Steve: See the separate vision casting vignettes article on the four calls.]