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- **There must be a group of saints in a local church who take the lead to enjoy and propagate the ministry publications and to also help others enter into the same burden and practice of reading and distributing the publications.**

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- **The book service group must consist of burdened saints.**
- **Assigning saints to the book service is not sustainable.**
- **Both brothers and sisters can serve.**
- **Some leading brothers must be involved.**

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- **All those in the group must share the same burden, that is, to promote the reading and distribution of the ministry publications in the church.**

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- **“The most important burden of the book service is not to care for the inventory of the books but to study and find a way to spread every book into all the homes of the saints in your locality and, once the books are in the homes, to find a way to deposit their contents into the saints’ hearts.”**

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- **The book service must encourage the saints in the localities where we serve to cultivate the habit of studying the truth.**
- **We also must have a proper heart and attitude in our way of doing business.**
- **We are not selling books like “street vendors”.**
- **“You should urge the saints to have the books in their homes and encourage them to do their best to read them.”**

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- **Form the service group according to Brother Lee's principles on the formation of the vital groups:**
 - 1. Go to the Lord yourself, regarding reading and promoting the ministry publications through speaking, posting, loaning, giving, and selling.**
 - 2. Pray for others with the same burden to join you.**

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- **The book service group should be active like other church service groups, e.g., children's and young peoples' work.**
- **Meet weekly to pray about the burden; read and enjoy the ministry together.**

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- **Fellowship about ways to promote the enjoyment and propagation of the publications among the saints.**
- **In fellowship with the church leadership, provide “direction, encouragement, and incentive” for the reading and distribution of the publications.**

CONCLUDING QUOTES FROM BR. LEE REGARDING THE BOOK SERVICE (1)

- **In the Lord's full-time service the publication work is the top area because the publications are long lasting and widespread, able to touch people, and convey a deep impression.**
- **Despite the fact that the co-workers frequently go to help the churches, their true, long-term help has come from the supply of the publications. .. Therefore, we must see that serving in book sales is really to be the Lord's co-worker, to promote His truth, and to spread His divine economy and divine speaking to the whole earth.**

CONCLUDING QUOTES FROM BR. LEE REGARDING THE BOOK SERVICE (2)

- **... we are not up to the standard of God's goal in the matter of leading the saints to know the truth. The responsibility for filling up this lack and arriving at God's goal lies with us, [book service].**
- **The Lord's word will require that we bear the responsibility to labor willing to zealously encourage and urge everyone in the local churches to pursue the truth and read the spiritual publications.**

CONCLUDING QUOTES FROM BR. LEE REGARDING THE BOOK SERVICE (3)

- **I also am burdened that all the leading ones, either the elders or the serving ones taking some kind of lead [book service too], should have a real burden to pray for the saints in your locality that the Lord may stir up their interest, their seeking heart, and their spirit to seek after the Lord in His truth.**
- **The book service group should regularly coordinate with the elders in setting up activities and events throughout the year to promote the reading of the Bible, ministry publications, and the distribution of books and booklets. The saints in the book service should be patterns of reading, speaking, and distributing the publications. Then over a period of time, a reading culture and atmosphere will develop in your local church.**

CONCLUDING QUOTES FROM BR. LEE REGARDING THE BOOK SERVICE (4)

- **The serving ones in the bookroom should all endeavor to be the first to enter into a daily exercise of pursuing the truth by a scheduled reading of the Bible and the ministry publications to serve as a living pattern to those they will be serving.**
- **Since the truth among us is very rich, I especially hope that those who serve in the Book Room would develop a habit of studying, speaking, and using these riches to produce, uplift, and strengthen the spiritual atmosphere in the Lord's recovery. If we do this, the future of the Lord's recovery will be bright and full of hope.**