

## Chinese and Korean Americans can Learn from Each Other

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	Koreans	Chinese
Facts	<p>Recent Immigration to US            Homogeneous "One of world's most ethnically homogeneous nations." (OM)            Largest churches/seminaries in the world – 7,000 in Seoul, 30,000 Korea (1984)            8,500 Missionaries worldwide            Large percent Christian population in US – 50-75%            Denomination Distinctions – Presbyterians            Pop: 72 Million, US 1990: 800,000</p>	<p>Longer history in America            Diverse in Culture and Language – Mainland Chinese, Mainland Taiwanese, Taiwanese            1,000 Chinese churches in N. America, 7,000 Overseas Chinese churches            1,000 Missionaries Overseas Chinese            Small percent Christian population – 4-5%            Non-denomination – 70%            Pop: 1.3 billion, 56 million Overseas Chinese, US 1990: 1.6 million</p>
Strengths	<p>Passion, zealous, heart            Prayer            Faith            Giving            Commitment – time &amp; energy            Zeal in Ministry – All out of God            Strong emphasis on Worship            Spirit-led            Respect toward pastors            Quality Pastors and Ministers            Commitment to the Local Church            Mission-minded            Deep friendships – no shame</p> <p>Bible Characters: Peter, Paul</p>	<p>Prudence            Wise stewardship            Family priorities            Humble character            Pastor is a humble servant            Unnoticed acts of righteousness            Easy going nature, Patient, quiet, passive – wait on the Lord            More unified – intergenerational issues            American model of ministry – better integration            SS, Intergration of Faith and Practice            Men primary workers in the church kitchens            Longer history</p> <p>Characters: Timothy, Barnabus, David</p>
Dangers/ Weaknesses	<p>Misplaced Priorities in the family            Church comes before family – esp. in pastors            External Pride            Integrity Issues – lack of integration            Hierarchical – Pastor treated as god            Pastor's ego            Church conflicts/splits            Denominational Distinctions            Inter-generational Conflicts Deeper            Korean Christian culture distinctions blurred            Male Ego, dominated            Popularity contest for church leadership            Church politics            2<sup>nd</sup> generation - Sunday fashion show            No Shame can go overboard</p>	<p>Prayerless            Family affects church commitments            Internal Pride – False humility            Stingy - Miser            Lack of faith – tiny steps of faith            Human common-sense driven, not Spirit led            Ministry considered as the last option            Late for church, non-committal            Pastors treated as janitors, lack of pastors            Head without heart, knowledge without power            Skeptical toward leadership, follow at a distance            Lack of involvement in church leadership            Stays the same, hard to move forward            2<sup>nd</sup> generation - Sunday dress too casual            Campus based ministry (InterVarsity)</p>