

### 印光大师故事 3——道心坚固，决志出家

公元 1880 年，那时候印光大师 20 岁，他和兄长在西安读书，距离家乡有四百多里地。他和兄长去考秀才的时候，就想前往西安雁塔寺出家。他的兄长找到他，再三的劝他不要出家。而印光大师却说道：“举人、秀才又能怎么样？当官哪有好下场啊！到最后大祸来临的时候，都是追悔莫及！”但还是被他的兄长硬拉了回去。

第二年，他的兄长从西安回家乡，印光大师就去了陕西省终南山莲花洞寺出家，礼道纯长老为师。可是出家不到三个月，他的兄长就找到寺院里来了，说母亲病危，要他赶快回去看看。于是印光大师就跟随兄长回家探视母亲。

在回家得路上，他的兄长拿出在家人的俗服，很严厉地说：“你回家要不穿上这俗服，我就要你的命！”无奈之下，印光大师只好换上俗服回到家里。而母亲却安然无恙，什么病都没有。此后，全家人都严加防范，唯恐印光大师悄悄逃走再去出家。

后来，印光大师和兄长参加亲戚家的婚礼宴席，在宴席上，印光大师故意吃了很多肉。他的兄长很高兴，以为印光大师不再有出家的念头了，防范也渐渐宽松了。

有一天，他的兄长外出，印光大师占卜了观音签，签上说：“高明占禄位，笼鸟得逃生。”于是大师就取了僧服，带

了些路费，一路奔波回到了莲花洞寺。又怕他的兄长追来，在寺院仅仅住了一晚，就前往湖北省竹溪莲花寺参学去了。

## The Story of Master Yinguang 3 -Strong faith, Determined to Become a Monk

In 1880 A.D., when Master Yinguang was 20 years old, he and his elder brother were studying in Xi'an, more than four hundred miles from their hometown. When he and his elder brother went to take the examination for the Candidate of the Xiu Cai, he wanted to travel to the Yanta Temple in Xi'an to become a monk. His elder brother found him and repeatedly advised him not to become a monk.

Instead, Master Yinguang said, "What can be done with a scholar or a Xiucai? There is no good end to being an official! At the end of the day, when the great misfortune comes, it is all too late to repent!" But his elder brother pulled him back.

The next year, his elder brother returned home from Xi'an, and Master Yinguang went to Lotus Cave Monastery in Zhanshan Mountain, Shaanxi Province, to become a monk and to honor Elder Dao Chun as his teacher. However, within three months of becoming a monk, his elder brother found his way to the temple, saying that his mother was critically ill and asked him to return quickly to see her. So, Master Yinguang followed his elder brother home to visit his mother.

On the way home, his elder brother took out his family's common clothes and said sternly, "If you don't wear these clothes when you go home, I'll have to kill you!" He had no choice but to change into his ordinary clothes and return home. The mother, however, was safe and sound, with no illness whatsoever.

After that, the whole family is strictly guarded, lest the master quietly escape and then go to the monk. Later, Master Indrakasha and his elder brother attended a wedding banquet at a relative's house, at which Master Indrakasha deliberately ate a lot of meat. His elder brother was very happy, thinking that Master Yin Guang no longer had any thoughts of becoming a monk, and his precautions were gradually loosened.

One day, his elder brother went out, and Master Indrakwang divined the sign of Guanyin, which said, "Gao Ming occupies the position of Luk, and the caged bird gets escape." So, the master took the monk's clothes, with some traveling expenses, all the way back to the Lotus Cave Temple. Fearing that his elder brother would come after him, he stayed at the temple for just one night and then traveled to the Lotus Temple in Zhuxi, Hubei Province to attend the school.