

## RTOPs Reply

Due to the fact that many of the accusations and rebukes that have been coming from various folk to some of us who have chosen to back off from recent theories, presentations, public actions, open letters and newsletters put out by FFA, I am placing these excellent responses from RTOP here with identifying information edited out, in the hope that many others will be benefitted by it as I have been. 7emca7.

First:

I am in receipt of your letter . . . Again I am disappointed that you still have not answered honestly any of my questions. I find it interesting that none of this was an issue in your minds until Jeff made it an issue in his newsletters, DVDs, etc., and we reacted to it. Your position regarding "exclusive internal work" was a non-issue until you watched Jeff's DVD series which begs the question as to whether this was/is truly your position or if you are simply jumping on the "present truth bandwagon" because a man's mind decided to make this "new light" and a "testing message". In all of this talk and agitation going on right now over "Miller's Rules", it seems that many have forgotten Miller's 5th rule which states:

"Scripture must be its own expositor, since it is a rule of itself. If I depend on a teacher to expound it to me, and he should guess at its meaning or desire to have it so on account of his sectarian creed, or to be thought wise, then his guessing, desire, creed, or wisdom is my rule, not the Bible."

As I have challenged numerous individuals to show me the plain texts from the Bible, or SOP for that matter, showing me where I am forbidden to do evangelism in this current time prior to the Sunday Law, every one of them become absolutely silent. Instead the cry is raised, "the reform lines!", and "you cannot use the SOP!", "you cannot use the book Evangelism!" With all due respect, is this not making "the testimonies of God's Spirit of no effect" and repeating the Serpent's first question to Eve, "yea, hath God said"?

What I am hearing from people who are accepting this so-called "new light" is that the reform lines and patterns must establish this truth rather than a plain reading of the Bible and SOP. This is not only dangerous but is certainly not following Miller's Rules! You may choose to do as you wish as a free moral agent, but none can condemn me or any other Christian for refusing to accept a doctrine that plainly undermines inspired counsel. There is simply too much evidence from inspiration that clearly points out that our present work is to evangelize those in the household of God as well as the world, and that it is by this very work that we develop the character of Christ and the graces of the Spirit in reaching out to souls for whom Christ died. I choose to believe the following words over the words of a common man:

"Those who believe that God has spoken through Sister White and given her a message will be safe from the many delusions of the last days ."

In closing, I wish you all well and pray that God arises to defend His truth and to confound this foolishness in due time.

Second:

I am in receipt of your most recent letter, and would like to take this opportunity to respond. I have also been sharing our recent email dialogues (as you have admitted doing as well) to some other of our brethren in this message so that they can see first hand what is taking place among us and what spirit is being manifested. I have been doing this because many of them have been getting similar emails, letters, etc., such as yours to me directly after Jeff's latest public newsletters, open letters, and DVD

series, which have shown us that there is a consistent pattern of animosity being stirred up against us under the banner of "Miller's Rules", issues over the towers, reform lines, etc. As we have shared this among ourselves at length (and these are ministering brethren both here in the US as well as other parts of the world) we have been astonished that the individuals studying these latest messages of Jeff's cannot see that they are being influenced by a spirit causing confusion, division, animosity, and bitterness among our ranks.

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Because your letter covered so many various topics - I will take each point systematically in hopes that God helps to open your eyes and to soften your heart "lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble [you], and thereby many be defiled." Hebrews 12:15.

### **Point #1: Your personal studies and evangelism**

I am glad to hear that you are studying for yourself. You have arrived to some conclusions that I do not agree with. This is your God-given right and for this I do not condemn you at all. Some of my comments in my former email stating my belief that you arrived to these conclusions only after studying Jeff's material obviously offended you. I apologize for the way I said this. I did not mean to say that you cannot and do not think for yourself. While saying this, however, you have still never answered my questions as to whether you arrived at these conclusions about us supposedly violating Miller's Rules, an exclusive internal work, etc., before or after you watched Jeff's DVDs and read his newsletters. You have chosen to remain silent on this issue (as have many others who have now taken this same position and whom we have personally confronted) and therefore I have a difficult time believing that this is truly your thought-process - especially when you have been so dedicated for years on reaching out to souls. . .

And then suddenly everything comes to a screeching halt directly after you watch Jeff's DVD series. I'm sorry, but because of these facts and how this has all come about, I have a difficult time believing that God is truly guiding you in this.

### **Point #2: An exclusive, internal work**

As far as the quotes you shared in an attempt to prove only an exclusive internal work, I will share with you conclusive evidence from the SOP that our work right now - since the restraining of the 4 winds on 9/11/01 - is not only to develop character for ourselves but to win souls to Christ and to do outreach. I will include these quotes at the end of this email for your study and consideration. I pray that you really read and internalize this inspired counsel without the filter that seems to currently be in your mind since studying and watching all of these recent DVDs. I will share at least one quote here, however, and mention something briefly: you used DA 399 to make an argument that the work of Christ was to prepare his disciples for their future mission to reach out to the world at Pentecost. Do you know why this was? Notice this quotation:

"The disciples on their first missionary tour were to go only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." If they had now preached the gospel to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, they would have lost their influence with the Jews. By exciting the prejudice of the Pharisees they would have involved themselves in controversy which would have discouraged them at the outset of their labors. **Even the apostles were slow to understand that the gospel was to be carried to all nations. Until they themselves could grasp this truth they were not prepared to labor for the Gentiles.** If the Jews would receive the gospel, God purposed to make them His messengers to the Gentiles. Therefore they were first to hear the message." {DA 351.1}

So the reason for Christ's "exclusive internal work" for his disciples was to have them understand their responsibility to reach out to non-Jews! What an interesting (albeit bizarre) history that is being repeated today in this message! Could our work of preparation today in this message be complete when we finally understand that Christ's work is to the world (who are, indeed, the "lost sheep of the house of Israel") that we refuse to reach? Notice the quote below:

"Jesus longed to unfold the deep mysteries of the truth which had been hid for ages, that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs with the Jews, and "partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel." Ephesians 3:6. This truth the disciples were slow to learn, and the divine Teacher gave them lesson upon lesson. In rewarding the faith of the centurion at Capernaum, and preaching the gospel to the inhabitants of Sychar, He had already given evidence that He did not share the intolerance of the Jews. But the Samaritans had some knowledge of God; and the centurion had shown kindness to Israel. Now Jesus brought the disciples in contact with a heathen, whom they regarded as having no reason above any of her people, to expect favor from Him. He would give an example of how such a one should be treated. The disciples had thought that He dispensed too freely the gifts of His grace. He would show that His love was not to be circumscribed to race or nation.

**"When He said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel," He stated the truth, and in His work for the Canaanite woman He was fulfilling His commission. This woman was one of the lost sheep that Israel should have rescued. It was their appointed work, the work which they had neglected, that Christ was doing.**

"This act opened the minds of the disciples more fully to the labor that lay before them among the Gentiles. They saw a wide field of usefulness outside of Judea. They saw souls bearing sorrows unknown to those more highly favored. Among those whom they had been taught to despise were souls longing for help from the mighty Healer, hungering for the light of truth, which had been so abundantly given to the Jews.

"Afterward, when the Jews turned still more persistently from the disciples, because they declared Jesus to be the Saviour of the world, and when the partition wall between Jew and Gentile was broken down by the death of Christ, this lesson, and similar ones which pointed to the gospel work unrestricted by custom or nationality, had a powerful influence upon the representatives of Christ, in directing their labors." {DA 402}

If you wish to quote from Desire of Ages, I politely challenge you to simply enter the word "Gentiles" into the EGW search engine and then to read the related quotes. They destroy your current position. Please remember that "one saying of the Savior cannot be made to destroy another". If a quote is being used to undermine or change the meaning of other very clear inspired quotations then something is wrong.

### **Point #3: Evangelism among our own people**

You claim that Christ's work was to the Jews and, therefore, you reason that this is to be our example today. But notice how inspiration uses Christ's evangelism efforts among the Jews to illustrate our work to the world:

"As a people we are to be reconverted, our lives sanctified to declare the truth as it is in Jesus. In the work of scattering our publications, we can speak of a Saviour's love from a warm and throbbing heart. God alone has the power to forgive sins; **if we do not speak this message to the unconverted, our neglect may prove their ruin.** Blessed, soul-saving Bible truths are published in our papers. There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. **The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls.**

Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?

**"If we are making the life and teachings of Christ our study, every passing event will furnish a text for an impressive discourse. It was thus the Saviour preached the gospel in the highways and byways; and as He spoke, the little group that listened to Him swelled to a great company. Present-day evangelists are to be workers together with Christ. These, just as verily as the first disciples, have the assurance: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."**

Matthew

28:18-20.

"The work to be carried on by the people of God is declared in the words of Inspiration: "Behold, I send My messenger before Thy face, which shall prepare Thy way before Thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Mark 1:2, 3. "Behold My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth; I have put My Spirit upon Him. He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. . . . He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law." Isaiah 42:1-4. {9T 63-64}

#### **Point #4: Your repentance for doing public evangelism**

You mentioned that your former efforts at doing evangelism in \_\_\_ was "a result of my disobedience". To whom? Did God forbid you to do evangelism? Who has commanded you to cease your efforts at outreach for souls? Who has devised this devilish doctrine, this cult-like belief that it is a sin to do public evangelism and that those who obey the Great Commission will be lost? May God's curse be upon him! "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if [it be] yet in vain." Galatians 3:1-4.

I will be honest and say that this whole idea of exclusively reaching in to SDA's as being the "True Midnight Cry" reeks of the same spirit as the Shepherd's Rods and SDA Reformers whose whole ministry is to reach in to SDA's with the messages of their leaders, to the exclusion of all other types of work. The Shepherd's Rods know all about a so-called "exclusive internal work" since their entire theology is based upon this premise. And, I hate to say it, but they love to hand out tapes, newsletters, and DVDs rather than show a plain "thus saith the Lord" to substantiate their claims. Of course they do use some scriptures, but they are never to be plainly understood, but rather one must interpret them in the light of Houteff's writings. Really scary stuff! As I have said before, and I will say it again to you as respectfully as I can, that you are free to believe whatever you wish; but please do not ask me to accept anything that cannot be proven from a **plain reading of the Bible and SOP**. Since it is my own soul's salvation that is on the line, I choose to play it safe and to believe and obey what is plainly taught and commanded in inspiration. Salvation is not complicated to understand. Our work is not complicated to understand. If I need to watch 20 hours of DVDs, read a year and a half of newsletters, and have my work explained to me from studying ever-changing reform lines, then I am in big trouble. "What saith the scripture?", "How readest thou?", is Christ's appeal to us.

"As Christ lived the law in humanity, so we may do if we will take hold of the Strong for strength. **But we are not to place the responsibility of our duty upon others, and wait for them to tell us what to do. We cannot depend for counsel upon humanity. The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will teach somebody else.** If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength. **Power for obedience, for service, will be imparted to them, as Christ has promised.** Whatever was given to Christ--the "all things" to supply the need of fallen men--was given to Him as the head and representative of humanity. And "whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22. {DA 668.4}

### **Point #5: The Towers**

You have set forth the claim that I/we (meaning other ministries that are also not in harmony with Jeff) are using the whole evangelism issue to detract from the real issue that is supposedly about the towers. But who has made this an issue in the first place? And why is this suddenly a test when it was not a test before? And why do Jeff's followers now suddenly use the towers and Miller's Rules as an excuse to draw apart from and attack their brethren? Where did this spirit come from? You still refuse to answer these questions. You said in your last email to me that you never agreed with us on the towers, yet you obviously did not feel that you had to treat us as your enemies prior to this - why now? You said that now you understand the real issues. What are the real issues? Could you please kindly explain them? And how did you suddenly come to understand the real issues? Was it a result of being enlightened by what you called "the advancing light of the third angel's message" when you sent me links to Jeff's covenant line series and his follow up series in Eatonville? Why do you still refuse to honestly answer these questions?

### **Direction regarding spreading false accusations.**

"That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that [they be] in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, [To be] discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." "And withal they learn [to be] idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan." Titus 2:1-5; 1 Timothy 5:13-15.

For your own sake and for the sake of those you wound, consider this counsel from James: "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion [is] vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world." "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same

mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet [water] and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so [can] no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who [is] a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but [is] earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife [is], there [is] confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 1:26, 27; 3:5-18.

### **Point #9: Camp meeting**

I am sorry to hear that you were disappointed in my presentation at your camp meeting last spring. I will simply say that I am thankful that God has taught me over the years not to base my hopes on those who have critical and judgmental spirits or I would have never become a Christian and become involved in ministry in the first place. Praise God there were so many who DID enjoy the messages there! What an encouragement! And in case you forgot, in regard to my preparation, do you not remember how much material I covered and power points shared?

I will say this to you in the most respectful way that I can, but you need to hear it: before you accuse others of not showing respect for the Word of God, try standing in their shoes and bearing their responsibility before God's people; try traveling around the world and being constantly separated from your family, sleeping in mud huts in Africa, being kidnapped at gunpoint, debating with Conference, Union, and Division officers and theologians from the BRI over truth, being slandered for the name of Jeff Pippenger and defending him before multitudes, losing sleep in study and sacrificing health, baptizing relatives of presidents of nations, fasting for long days and praying through sleepless nights; preaching to ungrateful, bitter, critical Adventists, knocking on doors and seeing sinners converted, baptizing multitudes into Christ and His Church; organizing churches and opening up mission work where the way is hard. Please do just a little of that before having the audacity to accuse me of having no respect for God's Word. Have you received death-threats for preaching God's Word? Have you been locked up in a box for 23 hours a day for 17 months simply for sharing, preaching, and believing God's Word? Have you seen people stabbed for obeying God's Word? Has your own mother committed suicide because you took a stand to become a Christian? Have you preached over prison vents and been baptized in a bath tub on a prison yard for the name of Jesus Christ? Until you do this, your accusations have no weight with me.

### **Point #10: Ezra and Jeff Pippenger**

You are correct that God helped me to understand Ezra. For this I am thankful. This proves to me that God uses many different messengers with different ways of thinking to round out the work. But there is a great danger when only one man's mind controls and directs the work of God. Conclusions can be arrived at that do not harmonize the brethren but rather divide them. As far as God supposedly "taking me out so that I was not able to share that truth" is a great conclusion to leap to, and so now, according to you, I must repent. Repent from what? I am surely willing to repent from my idols and pride, as you mentioned, for that is something I surely have and seek Christ's grace for daily. Or do you mean that I need to repent from my denial of Jeff's current doctrinal position? Please be clear.

As far as Jeff goes, it is true that I had some misgivings and reservations about him from the beginning (back in 2009), but I did not know him personally then. As far as Jeff goes as a human being, we all have

different personalities and there are certainly aspects of the man that I do like. He is a straight-shooter, he has a sense of humor, and deep down inside I have seen a nice person. At the same time, I have always had a problem with his tendency to make things that he teaches a salvational test and I have approached him on this issue (back then it was the daily) in the very beginning of my acceptance of the message. I feel that he is unbalanced in the way he sees things sometimes and have also told him this in private emails (which he doesn't like to respond to). I also don't like the way that he publicly attacks those he disagrees with and I have never agreed with him on this (for example, his public letter to Ray DeCarlo, his open letters to Pastor Restrepo, and now his open attacks against us). I have no reason to hide any of this, so you are wrong in your mantra against me of "deception and dishonesty".

### **Point #11: Conclusion**

It has been a surprise the way all of you have approached this matter and how thoughts and feelings (which inspiration states makes up our character) have been revealed. These responses of mine have been an attempt to uncover your real motives behind all of this and I am glad that all of this came out in the open. It is just sad that it has come to this point and in this way. Because of this, try as you might, you cannot convince me that this is the way that God works in revealing present truth and sealing His people.

I suppose that we are now left to the final conclusion of acceptance of our personal positions and to a (hopefully) friendly goodbye. In closing, I wish you God's richest blessings of ultimate salvation and faithfulness, and that God will show us all the truth of His Word in due time and in His own appointed way. May we all be humble enough to walk with Him wherever truth and duty leads the way.

Final quotes are included below. Please read them. Your soul's salvation may depend on it.

#### **Quotes/Study:**

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." Do not rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season, rain will fall. Ask for it. The growth and perfection of the seed rests not with husbandman. God alone can ripen the harvest. **But man's co-operation is required.** God's work for us demands the action of our mind, the exercise of our faith. We must seek his favors with the whole heart if the showers of grace are to come to us. We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. Christ has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst." **The convocations of the church, as in camp-meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.** – {RH March 2, 1897 Par. 6}

From the two olive-trees, the golden oil was emptied through golden pipes into the bowl of the candlestick, and thence into the golden lamps that gave light to the sanctuary. **So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence, his Spirit is imparted to human instrumentalities that are consecrated to his service.** The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate light and power to God's people. It is to receive blessing for us that they stand in God's presence. As the olive-trees empty themselves into the golden pipes, so the heavenly messengers seek to communicate all that they receive from God. The whole heavenly treasure awaits our demand and reception; **and as we receive the blessing, we in our turn are to impart it.** Thus it is that the holy lamps are fed, **and the church becomes a light-bearer in the world.** – {RH March 2, 1897 Par. 9}

**This is the work that the Lord would have every soul prepared to do at this time, when the four angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.** There is no time now for self-pleasing.

The lamps of the soul must be trimmed. They must be supplied with the oil of grace. Every precaution must be taken to prevent spiritual declension, **lest the great day of the Lord overtake us as a thief in the night. Every witness for God is now to work intelligently in the lines which God has appointed.** We should daily obtain a deep and living experience in the work of perfecting Christian character. **We should daily receive the holy oil that we may impart to others.** All may be light-bearers to the world if they will. We are to sink self out of sight in Jesus. **We are to receive the word of the Lord in counsel and instruction, and gladly communicate it.** There is now need of much prayer. Christ commands, "Pray without ceasing;" that is, keep the mind uplifted to God, the source of all power and efficiency. – {RH March 2, 1897 Par. 10}

**We may have long followed the narrow path, but it is not safe to take this as proof that we shall follow it to the end. If we have walked with God in fellowship of the Spirit, it is because we have sought him daily by faith.** From the two olive-trees, the golden oil flowing through the golden pipes has been communicated to us. But those who do not cultivate the spirit and habit of prayer cannot expect to receive the golden oil of goodness, patience, long-suffering, gentleness, love. – {RH March 2, 1897 Par. 11}

A few major points come out in this the Premier Quote from Ellen White about the Latter Rain.

1. - Man's cooperation is absolutely necessary
2. - We are not to wait for the rain to fall on us, we are to earnestly pray for it.
3. - The Convocations of the church and all occasions of laboring for souls is Gods Appointed Opportunity to send us the rain.
4. - When we receive the drops of God's blessings we are to immediately Impart it to others.
5. - The context of this work is clearly stated, which is the time the four winds are being restrained which is the tarrying time between 09/11 - 2001 and the great day of The Lord. NSL
6. - Gods people are called witnesses and are called to work in the lines that God has appointed during this time ... ( public evangelism, MM work, literature evangelism, bible work, etc.)
7. - We should daily receive the holy oil through earnest study and fervent prayer that we may immediately impart it to others.
8. - We are to receive the Word of The Lord in counsel and instruction and gladly communicate it

Here are a few other quotes that enforce these points..

**I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place,—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong.** They must act; they must take hold of the work themselves, and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of the work themselves. **The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe.**—Testimonies for the Church 1:261. – {ChS 82.4}

What is our position in the world? **We are in the waiting time.** **But this period is not to be spent in abstract devotion. Waiting, watching, and vigilant working are to be combined.** Our life should not be all bustle and drive and planning about the things of the

world, to the neglect of personal piety and of the service that God requires. While we should not be slothful in business, we should be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. The lamp of the soul must be trimmed, and we must have the oil of grace in our vessels with our lamps. **Every precaution must be used to prevent spiritual declension, lest the day of the Lord overtake us as a thief.**—Testimonies for the Church 5:276. – {ChS 85.3}

The world needs missionaries, consecrated home missionaries, **and no one will be registered in the books of heaven as a Christian who has not a missionary spirit.**—The Review and Herald, August 23, 1892. – {ChS 86.5}

**Your spiritual strength and blessing will be proportionate to the labor of love and the good works which you perform.**—Testimonies for the Church 3:526. – {ChS 95.5}

**The spirit of Christ is a missionary spirit. The very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others also to the Saviour.**—The Great Controversy, 70. – {ChS 101.1}

**The only way to grow in grace is to be interestedly doing the very work Christ has enjoined upon us to do.**—The Review and Herald, June 7, 1887. – {ChS 101.2}

**You are not to wait for great occasions or to expect extraordinary abilities before you go to work for God.**—Steps to Christ, 83. – {ChS 101.3}

If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us.—Testimonies for the Church 9:29. – {ChS 86.2}

**Let us now take up the work appointed us, and proclaim the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger. If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is.** In all the cities of America there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God.—Testimonies for the Church 9:25. – {ChS 86.3}

**Many, many are approaching the day of God doing nothing, shunning responsibilities, and as the result they are religious dwarfs.** So far as work for God is concerned, the pages of their life history present a mournful blank. They are trees in the garden of God, but only cumberers of the ground, darkening with their unproductive boughs the ground which fruit-bearing trees might have occupied.—The Review and Herald, May 22, 1888. – {ChS 89.6}

There is danger for those who do little or nothing for Christ. **The grace of God will not long abide in the soul of him who, having great privileges and opportunities, remains silent.**—The Review and Herald, August 22, 1899. – {ChS 89.7}

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