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Dear Friends

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

As time is fast approaching and the probationary door for this World is about to close, what are we doing? This probationary door is closing this very second for many people. Thousands of people are dying, but worse than just dying they are dieing lost, eternally lost.

Many of us are asleep, we are slumbering and do not really notice the true and eternal consequences of neglecting our duty. We are to be the last messengers to the World, to bring light, love and good tidings. Tidings saying Jesus died for you and through His love you can be saved. Our message to the World needs to be straight and truthful, we need to be as wise as a serpent but harmless as a dove.

As each day passes precious time and opportunities are being wasted, these will never come to us again. Many of us do not realize the tragic error we make, when we neglect to use opportunities which God has given us, so we can let His light shine.

If we would just realize the great and most important task we have in front of us, we would do whatever needed to help forward God's work. If we review our time, we can ask ourselves what can I cut out of my day so I can commune with God and do His work. Those few idle moments here and there grouped together would give time, time to do

God's work. At this late stage in earth's history every second counts; although small it just might be what helps to win a soul to Christ. Our time is the most precious gift God has given us; He has entrusted it to us to bring back fruit for Him. Many of us do not realize how close to the end we are, for if we did then we would acknowledge the importance in economising not just with our time but with our Money. We need to think about what we are buying and why we are buying it. Next time you want a new dress or a new suit, think "Do I need this or could the money be invested into redeeming souls for Christ?" No I am not saying we should not buy new clothes or anything new, but what I am saying is we need to get our priorities right. Is it more important that we buy something because of a want (not a need) or is it more important that we honour God by helping His word go to all nations.

Just the other day I realised the meaning of laying up your treasures in heaven and not on this earth. By using our money for saving souls we are literally putting our treasures in heaven because the souls saved we will, if faithful, meet in heaven.

"The greatest in the kingdom of God are those who love the Saviour too well to misrepresent him; who love their fellow men too well to imperil their souls by setting a wrong example." **Preparing for Christ's Return. E. G. White. Advent Review and Sabbath Herald 11-12-14**

THE RESPONSES

Small Heath, Birmingham; Rugby, Warks; Daventry, Warks; Earlsdon, Coventry; Rugby, Warks; Nuneaton, Warks*; 2 Leicester, LE2*; 4 Leicester LE2; Thackley, Bradford.

*Requested postal Bible studies which are forwarded to T.F.T.

Some of us may get discouraged when we have given out leaflets and nothing flourishes but we need to remember that we have given them the chance to know Christ. If the person only reads the leaflet then it might be the next step to finding Christ.

LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

Our literature can be given out in many different ways. Below I'm going to highlight just a few of these.

The first method which probably springs to mind, is going from door to door posting the leaflets through people's letter boxes. This method is very effective but there are other methods as well. A leaflet can be placed in a phone box, not just a phone box which is situated on a street but a phone box in a motorway service station. (We suspect a response from Chippenham, Wiltshire came from a leaflet being placed in a M5 service station phone box). For those of us who go to the dentist, opticians, doctors, or anywhere where there's a waiting

room, a leaflet can be left there. (maybe in another magazine either another SDA magazine or even just on the magazine pile). Some of us travel either to work or to the shops by bus or train, and this is an ideal opportunity to leave a leaflet on our seat when we leave.

Of course there are other methods in which our leaflets and literature can be distributed but we need to do what ever GOD leads us to do.

Some of us may say we do not have enough time to give out leaflets and that it needs at least a couple of hours to do any good. But even if we just spend 5 or 10 minutes then the Lord can bless our work. An example of this is when we gave out 10 - 15 leaflets in Leamington and we got a reply, PRAISE GOD.

“The Saviour’s promise to His disciples is a promise to His church to the end of time. God did not design that His wonderful plan to redeem men should achieve only insignificant results. All who will go to work, trusting not in what they themselves can do, but in what God can do for and through them, will certainly realize the fulfillment of His promise. “Greater works than these shall he do,” He declares “because I go unto My Father.”

Just today I read in the paper about the Queen going to a Catholic service - Vespers, its title was “Can Catholics now be trusted?”. One interesting quote is:

“...Cardinal Hume speculated that “the conversion of England” to Catholicism might be at hand.....” The Daily Telegraph Nov 30th

Just by reading this we can see how

close we are to going home. We are nearly there but we have so much work to do. This may seem disappointing and hard to comprehend but with God our Father we need not worry, for he has all the power and resources in his hands. By having faith in Him we can accomplish whatever task God leads us to do.

“And I heard another voice, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Rev 18: 4

“...we have a message, a saving message, which we are commanded to give to the world, and which is pregnant with eternal results. To us as a people has been committed light that must illuminate the world.” Letter 31,

Some of these people will come out of the Roman Catholic Church, so it is not the people but the system which is bad.

DEVELOPMENTS

Throughout the last quarter a couple of developments have been undertaken, the most visible one which you will know about by now is this flier. By sending you this newsletter in a flier it saves roughly half the cost of packaging than if an envelope was used. The saving is not significant but every bit goes to help forward God’s word.

Another development is the new style of leaflets. They’re based on the leaflet with the front page saying “IS YOUR LIFE UPSIDE DOWN? YES” (some of you might have seen this leaflet). One of the leaflets which is based on this idea advertises the MINISTRY OF HEALING. One side is the same as

the front page of the “IS YOUR LIFE UPSIDE DOWN? YES” leaflet and the back page advertises the MINISTRY OF HEALING. This leaflet is A5 (Half foolscap). Because this leaflet is half the size of the original GREAT CONTROVERSY leaflet it means that the paper cost halves. For this reason you can have more leaflets for the same amount of money you would have spent.

If you have any suggestions on how Advent Books can improve please write to me. Whether your suggestions are small or large or highly critical, as long as they are constructive then this will enable God’s work to move forwards.

AN APPEAL

If you have any of the following and wish to donate them to Advent Books please contact me.

Spirit of prophecy books (new) (especially Great Controversy)

Envelopes of any size

Any other office or printing equipment.

“In the great judgement day, those who have not worked for Christ, who have drifted along thinking of themselves, caring for themselves, will be placed by the judge of the whole earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation.

To every soul a trust is given. Of everyone the Chief Shepherd will demand. “Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?” And “what wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?” Jer 13:20, 21.” DA 640 - 641

SELECTED QUOTES

“There are many, many in our churches who have but a limited understanding of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which say so plainly that the end is near. O, how many who have not sought their soul’s salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved”!

We need to humble ourselves before God, because there are those in the church who are failing of accomplishing that which the Lord desires them to accomplish in soul-saving effort. The privileges that he has given them, the promises he has made, the advantages he has bestowed, should inspire them with far greater zeal and devotion than they manifest.

My brethren and sisters, are we willing to leave self out of the question? Are our energies spent in the Master’s service? Are our voices often raised in earnest supplication for power from on high? Is our faith pure and strong? Have we put away all prejudice, all evil thinking and evil speaking? Are our affections set on things above, or are they twining about the things of this earth? Are our eyes open to see the needs of those around us? Can God call us faithful watchmen?

To those who have failed of discerning the opportunities of the present hour, I would say: Do you desire to break the spell that holds you? Would you arouse from this sluggishness that resembles the torpor of death? Go to work, whether you feel like it or not. Engage in personal effort to bring souls to Jesus and to the knowledge of the truth. In such labor you will find both a stimulant and a tonic; it will both arouse and strengthen. By exercise, your spiritual powers will become more vigorous, so that you can, with better success, work out your own salvation. The stupor of death is upon many who profess Christ. Make every effort to arouse them. Warn, entreat, expostulate. Pray that the melting love of God may warm and soften their ice-bound natures. Though they may refuse to hear, your efforts will not be lost. In the effort to bless others, your own souls will be blessed.

God expects those who claim to be his children to bring others to him. On every hand are opening before us many doors for the presentation of the message of saving truth. Beside all waters the seeds of truth are to be sown. To all the world--to every nation and kindred and tongue and people--the message is to be proclaimed. As those who have received the light of present truth exercise a living faith in Christ, as they labor together with him in soul winning, what a work will be accomplished! For such laborers the angels of God will open ways and furnish opportunities, and will cooperate with the human agent, that he may not run in vain, neither labor in vain.”

Selections from: PREPARING FOR CHRIST’S RETURN, Advent Review and Sabbath Herald 11-12-14
By Mrs. Ellen G. White

The Time and The Work

The Gospel Commission

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,” is the commission Jesus gave to the members of His church. His confidence that they would accomplish the task assigned them, and not disappoint Him, he expressed when, in answer to the inquiry, “What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?” He said, “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

The aim of the church must continue to be, in all her efforts in the home field, to carry the gospel to all the world. “God’s people have a mighty work before them, a work that must continually rise to greater prominence. Our efforts in missionary lines must become far more extensive. A more decided work than has been done must be done prior to the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s people are not to cease their labors until they shall encircle the world.” “Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. VI, pp. 23-24
(From The Ellen G. White Estate, Inc. CD ROM)

An Appeal to Our Churches in Behalf of Home Missionary Work.

It Is the Duty of the Church to Let Its Light Shine

Christ, the True Witness, addresses the church at Ephesus, saying: “I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

Oh, how few know the day of their visitation! How few, even among those who claim to believe in present truth, understand the signs of the times, or what they are to experience before the end. We are under divine forbearance to-day; but how long will the angels of God continue to hold the winds, that they shall not blow? Among the people of God there is blindness of mind and hardness of heart, although God has manifested inexpressible mercy toward us. How few there are who are truly humble, devoted, God-fearing servants in the cause of Christ, whose hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving because they are called to act a part in the work of God, being co-laborers with Jesus Christ, partakers with Christ of His sufferings.