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Dear Friends

## THE WORK AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We all wish to have a greater spiritual understanding of the Bible and S.O.P. We also have a desire to perfect our characters and be like Jesus, but how do we do it? Three things which spring to mind is to pray, read and to study the Bible and S.O.P more than we do. But there's more than this. Let me give you a little example; if I was learning how to play the violin one of the best ways to reinforce the way of playing it, would be to show someone else how to play it. This is the same with our work for the Lord. By us spreading the truth, teaching, talking or whatever we do, we are growing not just in the spiritual sense but also in the sense of character growth. This can be seen in the paragraph below:

“God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy, - the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice, - we must participate in His labours for their redemption.”

The Desire of Ages PP 142

## DEVELOPMENTS

One of the projects which has been under way in the last quarter, was sending leaflets through Royal

Mail's Door-To-Door service (delivers to every door in a certain post code area for a highly reduced rate compared with 2nd class postage) to the Shetland Islands. In total 3518 leaflets will have been delivered on this run. There are still over 5750 more houses to do on this island alone. If anyone is interested in sponsoring leaflets to be distributed anywhere in the U.K then please contact us. At the time of writing it has only been a few days since the remaining leaflets were delivered but already there have been four replies:- one person wanted The Great Controversy and The Ministry of Healing and the other person wanted The Great Controversy, The Ministry of Healing and postal Bible Studies. Plus two more people wanted The Ministry of Healing. This is especially good because the Ministry of Healing has a small cost unlike The Great Controversy which is free.

On the 16th of May we had our first reply from our new leaflet advertising The Ministry of Healing and The Great Controversy. This lady only wanted The Great Controversy, but this is another book which has gone into someone's home.

If we only realized how short time is then we'd put all our efforts into finishing this work. Today on the radio my mum heard that the Archbishop of Canterbury was going for his first official meeting with the Pope. Also we heard that the Pope wanted unity by the millennium. What does this show? It

shows that we are so close to the end of the world that we need to work as if Christ was coming Today! Time is so short my brothers and sisters that I plead that everyone of us commits our lives to God today and says:

“Here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8

God has specific work for you whether it is large or small it is just as important for it to be fulfilled.

## THE RESPONSES

Warwick, CV34; Coventry, CV6; Hinckley, LE10; Loughborough, LE12\*; Wigston, Leicester; 3 Lerwick, Scotland; Lerwick, Scotland\*;

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

Now the summer is coming delivering leaflets is an ideal and useful activity. On Sabbath afternoons a group of you could go out and cover an area or estate with leaflets. This is how we got the “Warwick, CV34” reply - another family and mine spent a couple of hours delivering leaflets on an estate one Sabbath afternoon.

Delivering leaflets is one of the many ways in which we can share the third angels message. Whatever method we use for reaching souls, we need to be able to reach “every kindred tongue and people” before the close of this

world's history.

**Both of our leaflets are available for distribution.** Leaflets can either be sent through the post or personally collected either at a camp meeting or by some prior arrangement.

### **FROM THE POST BAG**

This quarter we had correspondence with a lady who received our leaflet for the GC, through her door. She had already read the GC which she had received from a Seventh Day Adventist friend. My mum was able to write to her explaining about the Sabbath (because the lady had written to say that she agreed with the book but not where it majored on the Sabbath. She said that every day was a sabbath and that she liked to present herself to the Lord in church on a Sunday because John wrote of being in the Spirit on the Lord's day.) This lady then wrote back thanking us for the time spent in replying and said she had only said the GC majored on the Sabbath and she agreed with what my mum had said. - This has just been another opportunity for this lady to find the Lord! Praise God!

### **OUR LIVES AND THE MINISTRY WORK**

Whichever good and upright path we walk in life we can have an influence for good in the things we say and do. By keeping calm and in control whether be it at work or in the home will have an everlasting influence on the ones with which we associate. At work when something goes wrong and people loose their cool and yet they see us remaining calm and self controlled, then they can see that we are being controlled by a higher power - our Lord Jesus Christ. This may appear a simple type of ministry work but it's one of the most effective.

In our labours for Jesus we need a complete balance. There needs to be a balance between our ministerial work and the way we actually live our lives. We need to be evangelizing while living our

lives in accordance with God's will. Also if we focus in on the smaller things in our practical day to day lives, we need to do our best in these also. Almost whatever we do in life, there is someone watching us. Whether consciously or unconsciously while they are watching us, our actions (whether large or small) have an influencing power upon them. By us living our lives as Christ would, the people we meet will be able to see Christ in us. A personal witness is one of the best ways in leading people to Christ.

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest.”  
Ecclesiastes 9:10

We need to remember that if we give a Spirit of Prophecy book to a friend or colleague at work (or even if they know we are Seventh Day Adventists) and they read it and discover the truth in that book (which they will do) then we need to be living up to the light we know. If we aren't and the person realizes this, we may be the ones who deter them from the truth whilst we are zealously trying to lead them to it.

### **IN CLOSING**

As previously mentioned in prior newsletters I would like to ask for your prayers for this work and that the Lord will lead us in our work for Him. I would like to specifically request for you to pray for the leaflets delivered throughout the country but especially in Scotland. - Thank you!

### **Testimonies for the Church Volume Four PP 537**

If we obtain the victor's crown, we must stretch every nerve, and exercise every power. We can never be saved in inactivity. To be an idler in the Lord's vineyard is to relinquish all title to the re-

ward of the righteous.

### **Manuscript Releases Volume Two PP 330**

Of the church the Lord says, Why stand ye here all the day idle? Work while it is day. The night cometh, when no man can work. There is not time for us to plan and study how we can amuse ourselves, please our own fancies, follow our own methods. The mind may reach high attainments by being directed in the right channel, but if not properly cultivated it reaches no higher than the lowlands of earth. It settles in the dust. God means that His people shall have a deep and rich experience themselves for the benefit of others. He means that the capabilities of the mind shall be developed and shall triumph over circumstances. God is to be made the centre of everything. Earthly things are not to be allowed to have the ascendancy.

### **Testimonies for the Church Volume Three PP 208**

Men will invest means in that which they value the most and which they think will bring them the greatest profits. When men will run great risks and invest much in worldly enterprises, but are unwilling to venture or invest much in the cause of God to send the truth to their fellow men, they evidence that they value their earthly treasure just as much more highly than the heavenly as their works show.

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