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Introduction

Seventh-day Adventist Church is an end-time movement raised by God to proclaim God's last message of love and solemn message of warning to the perishing world. This message is outlined in the book of Revelation 14:6-12 as an everlasting gospel, being proclaimed by the three angels.

Last semester we studied about history of this church; how it was raised and how God sustained the work through human instrumentalities, working through them in spreading the precious rays of light which Heaven had shed upon them. This semester however, we will study about the progress of the mission work of the Church, the progress of the great advent message in the context of JKUSDA Church through the various outreach platforms organized by the church and independent ministries within the church.

Welcome and enjoy!!



Special Notes.

This study guide comprises of: Biblical key texts and quotations from a wide range of literature material available in our church library. All are encouraged to study these books in line with this study guide before any study of the day. The exact references have been given at the end of each quotation. The discussion questions are provided at the end of each study. These questions are to expand our scope of thinking within the study subject, giving us an allowance of adding more references to materials not captured in the study.

NOTE: Those leading the discussions should make the studies interesting. Let them be interaction sessions

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The Church and Its Mission

Study 1

This Study is based on Ezekiel 33:7-9

“O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from Me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it ...thou hast delivered thy soul.”

These words of the prophet declare the solemn responsibility resting upon those who are appointed as guardians of the church, stewards of the mysteries of God. They are to stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion, to sound the note of alarm at the approach of the enemy. If for any reason their spiritual senses become so benumbed that they are unable to discern danger, and through their failure to give warning the people perish, God will require at their hands the blood of those who are lost. GW 15

“In every period of this earth’s history, God has had His men of opportunity, to whom He has said, “Ye are My witnesses.” In every age there have been devout men, who gathered up the rays of light as they flashed upon their pathway, and who spoke to the people the words of God. Enoch, Noah, Moses, Daniel, and the long roll of patriarchs and prophets,—these were ministers of righteousness. They were not infallible; they were weak, erring men; but the Lord wrought through them as they gave themselves to His service.” GW 14.1

It is the responsibility of the remnant church of God to carry the glad tidings of our Lord to the perishing world. Mathew says, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven,” [Mathew 5:16-16]. The church of God ought to be the light of the world that the whole world may glory the father who dwells in heaven.



Standing but a step from His heavenly throne, Christ gave the commission to His disciples [Church], “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth,” He said. **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.” “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”** Mark 16:15.

The gospel commission involves proclaiming the gospel to every creation.

Questions;

What are the possible ways of witnessing to the world?

Apart from the mission [far land mission] organized by the church, have you tried to reach out to your friends, classmates and even family members?

What are the challenges of ministering to friends? How can one overcome the challenges?

As a missionary in the vineyard of the Lord, are you doing mission work as a formality, is it from a burning desire within for the perishing souls of men?

“The Jewish people had been made the depositaries of sacred truth; but Pharisaism had made them the most exclusive, the most [820] bigoted, of all the human race. Everything about the priests and rulers—their dress, customs, ceremonies, traditions—made them unfit to be the light of the world. They looked upon themselves, the Go Teach All Nations 715 Jewish nation, as the world. But Christ commissioned His disciples to proclaim a faith and worship that would have in it nothing of caste or country, a faith that would be adapted to all peoples, all nations, all classes of men” DA 820



Go Ye Therefore.

Study 2

This study is based on Mathew 28: 19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"

Jesus strongly emphasized the need and importance of witnessing and mission as He was nearing the close of His earthly ministry. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mathew 28: 19-20).

"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature'" (Mk 16: 15). Then, why did Jesus stress so much the need of witnessing and mission? When Jesus was departing from the world, He anxiously desired to come back to take His loved ones to heaven. Jesus knew that it will be realized when the gospel work is completed in the entire world. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come" (Mathew 24: 14).

Witnessing and mission, then, should be priority in the life of Christian believers. All church activities and plan should focus on it. "We must be laborers together with God; for God will not complete His work without human agencies" (RH, March 1, 1997)

God is telling His followers to go into all the world and share the good news with the people who are living in darkness with no knowledge of the living God. Our honor and responsibility is to tell the world of the good news of Jesus Christ. Through witnessing and mission, the people who have been doomed to eternal death find the marvelous truth of the Scriptures and receive the mercy of God. (1 Pet 2: 10)

God has prepared a provision of salvation for all mankind. Jesus died for all, and the only condition for salvation is to believe in Jesus who is the Savior of the world



Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Rom 10: 13).

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom 10: 14) How can the gospel message be available to those who are living in the world of darkness without the knowledge of Jesus Christ? "And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things! (Rom 10: 15)

Our knowledge of God increased by witnessing

God does not use angels but human beings to communicate the good news of salvation to others. (ChS, 7) By sharing the message of eternal life Christians themselves are spiritually blessed and benefited. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," as Jesus said (Acts 20:35).

When the followers of Jesus participate in witnessing and mission, they pray that God will prepare their own hearts in order to be ready to share the gospel message with others and also others' hearts to be receptive of the message of the Savior of the world.

In order to explain about the God of the Bible to others, they will spend time to study the Bible themselves. It will become their daily food and thus they will be able to overcome all temptations and challenges by the power of the word of God as Jesus did while on earth. (Matt 4: 1-11)

When they go out to visit the people with the gospel message, they will understand that it is not their work but the Lord's work, and the Holy Spirit and the heavenly angels will work with them for the salvation of men and women. Through witnessing and mission, their understanding of God's love is deepened and their faith in God is strengthened. In the process of man's salvation, God's people become the first beneficiaries.

Question. What is your witnessing life? How often do you share the gospel, the blessed hope with non-believers? Which is the best ministry you love serving in? How has it been helpful to your spiritual growth? Is there a testimony of a soul brought to the knowledge of truth through your labors?



Mission preparation

Study 3.

This study is based on 1 Peter 3: 15

Key Text: *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* [1 Pet.3:15]

The distinguishing features of our religious faith are unpopular. We are fully aware that much prejudice exists in the religious world against many of our opinions of Bible truth. This, however, exists mainly for want of information as to our real positions, and probably, in some degree, for the want of intelligence and piety on the part of some who have represented our views. May God help us to overcome this prejudice by a clear and intelligent defense of the truth, and by well-ordered lives, and the spirit of humility and love, that shall melt its way into the hearts of the people

The text above would suggest:

1. Heart preparation

A preparation of heart before engaging in the work of teaching our fellows. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." In our hearts we should set apart the Lord God as the being of our supreme love and the only object of worship. We should be cleansed from sin and should be imbued with the Spirit of God before engaging in the responsible work of teaching the truth of God to others, **lest we mar the work, and create prejudice, instead of removing that already existing.**

2. A preparation of the mind

This is necessary in order to be always ready to teach those of inquiring minds. "And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." Divine truth appeals to the understanding. The people ask for reasons, not assertions merely. Those who teach should be intelligent. They should be ready. They should be "ready *always* to give an answer to every man that asketh." The veriest novice in heavenly things may give assertions with all the confidence of experienced Bible students, and yet for want of disposition to "search



the Scriptures," and to "study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," he may not be able to give one forcible reason.

Preparation through Study.

The work of winning souls to Christ demands careful preparation. Man cannot enter the Lord’s service without the needed training, and expect the highest success.... The architect will tell you how long it took him to understand how to plan a tasteful, commodious building. And so it is in all the callings that men follow. Should the servants of Christ show less diligence in preparing for work infinitely more important? Should they be ignorant of the ways and means to be employed in winning souls? It requires a knowledge of human nature, close study, careful thought, and earnest prayer, to know how to approach men and women on the great subjects that concern their eternal welfare.—Gospel Workers, 92 (1915)

As an individual, have you attended any mission? Organized by the church, or evangelistic group? How was your preparation through prayers and study?

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How are you preparing for the coming mission?



Door to Door Visitations [Part 1]

Study 4

This study is based on Mark 6:7;

“And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;”

Calling the twelve about Him, Jesus bade them go out two and two through the towns and villages. Thus they could help and encourage each other, counseling and praying together, each one’s strength supplementing the other’s weakness. In the same manner He afterward sent forth the seventy. It was the Savior’s purpose that the messengers of the gospel should be associated in this way. In our own time evangelistic work would be far more successful if this example were more closely followed.—The Desire of Ages, 350

From the savior’s formula, what is the underlying principle for conducting door to door visitations in pairs?

By sending His disciples in pairs to minister, Christ gave them power over unclean spirits, {mark 6:7}, however, Luke giving a clearer instruction adds that they [disciples] were given power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases ~ Luke 9:1. The special message that the master has bestowed upon his children is accompanied by the power which not only saves from sin but also from various maladies. Paul describing this gospel says, “...for am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation...”

From your past mission experience, share any of your encounter with devil possessed individuals, the sick, the heartbroken...etc. how did you go about the situation? Did you claim the promises of the Master in Luke 9:1?



God's Plan for door to door ministry

When Jesus sent His disciples forth to labor... they did not feel as some do now, that they would rather work alone than have anyone with them who did not labor just as they labored. Our Savior understood what ones to associate together. He did not connect with the mild, beloved John one of the same temperament; but He connected with him the ardent, impulsive Peter. These two men were not alike either in their disposition or in their manner of labor. Peter was prompt and zealous in action, bold and uncompromising, and would often wound; John was ever calm, and considerate of others' feelings, and would come after to bind up and encourage. Thus the defects in one were partially covered by the virtues in the other. [Evangelism pg. 73]

God never designed that, as a rule, His servants should go out singly to labor. To illustrate: Here are two brothers. They are not of the same temperament; their minds do not run in the same channel. One is in danger of doing too much; the other fails to carry the burdens that he should. If associated together, these might have a molding influence upon each other, so that the extremes in their characters would not stand out so prominently in their labors. [Evangelism pg. 73].

Advantages of United Labor.

There is need of two working together; for one can encourage the other, and they can counsel, pray, and search the Bible together. In this they may get a broader light upon the truth; for one will see one phase, and the other another phase of the truth. If they are erring, they can correct one another in speech and attitude, so that the truth may not be lightly esteemed because of the defects of its advocates. If the workers are sent out alone, there is no one to see or correct their errors; but when two go together, an educating work may be carried on, and each worker become what he should be—a successful soul winner.—The Review and Herald, July 4, 1893



Door To Door Visitation [Part 2].

Study 5

(Continuation of study 4...)

In part 1 of this study, we learnt of the manner in which Christ desires us to conduct our house to house visitations. The need for more than one person laboring in house to house. We also learnt of the advantages of united labor. In this part 2 of the study, however, we are going to learn the skills of presenting truth as we move from one house to another during our mission campaigns.

We should, however, not forge that Christ method alone can bring success to our mission labors.

We need to win people by exalting Jesus and hiding self.--Those who labor for Christ should be men and women of great discretion, so that those who do not understand their doctrines may be led to respect them, and regard them as persons void of fanaticism, void of rashness and impetuosity. Their discourses and conduct and conversation should be of a nature that will lead men to the conclusion that these ministers are men of thought, of solidity of character, men who fear and love their heavenly Father. They should win the confidence of the people, so that those who listen to the preaching may know that the ministers have not come with some cunningly devised fable, but that their words are words of worth, a testimony that demands thought and attention. Let the people see you exalting Jesus, and hiding self.--RH Apr. 26, 1892.

Gain the confidence of people before introducing the Sabbath and immortality questions.--I have been shown that our ministers go too rapidly through their subjects and bring the most objectionable features of our faith too early into their effort. There are truths that will not involve so great a cross, that should be kept before their minds, day after day and even weeks before the Sabbath and immortality questions are entered upon. Then you gain the confidence of the people as being men who have clear, forcible arguments, and they think you



understand the Scriptures. When once the confidence of the people is gained, then it is time enough to introduce publicly the Sabbath and immortality questions.--Ev 246.

Do not at first urge your peculiar views too strongly.

Here is a lesson for all our ministers, colporters, and missionary workers. When you meet those, who, like Nathanael, are prejudiced against the truth, **do not urge your peculiar views too strongly.** Talk with them at first of subjects upon which you can agree. Bow with them in prayer, and in humble faith present your petitions at the throne of grace. Both you and they will be brought into a closer connection with heaven, prejudice will be weakened, and it will be easier to reach the heart.--Ev 446

Do not spend visitation time talking on common themes.

In all his labors, let the minister educate his hearers from the very first. Let him present to them the precious pearls of truth, and not confine his work to mere sermonizing, but let him minister to the people. Let him visit his hearers at their homes, not waiting for invitations, but going as one sent of God. Let him invite himself to the people's homes, in meekness and humbleness of mind seeking admission, and then present to them a sin-pardoning Saviour. The minister, when visiting at the homes of the people, is not to spend the precious time in mere talk upon common themes of conversation, but he is to watch for an opportunity to introduce them to his best Friend. Too often men and women are indifferent and careless in regard to that which concerns their spiritual interests, but even to this class, a word in season may be as seed dropped into good soil.--RH March 11, 1902.

Other denominations as Jehovah's Witness hold some views in common with Adventists, such as immortality of the soul. Have you ever had a visitation to a JW's house? How was the experience? What were the challenges you encountered?



Open Air Meetings.

Study 6.

This study is drawn from Acts 2: 14-38

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you and hearken to my words...”

Here is presented the first sermon of Peter after they had received the Holy Ghost. It was the best time for the disciples to make known to the house of Israel God's saving power in the gospel. The crowd was pulled to the disciples after they had ministered to the needs of a lame man, thereby winning the confidence of many Jews. Some, however, came to see the healed man, others perhaps standing afar off were pulled by the crowd around these humble servants of God. However, at the end of Peter's sermon, [verse 37]; “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do?” - We are told that a large number of the congregation gave their lives to Christ, and were numbered among the fold of God.

Drawing from Peter's public Crusade held in Jerusalem, what could have led to the great success of the campaign?

How to make Open Air Meetings Successful.

Employing Extraordinary Methods

In the cities of today, where there is so much to attract and please, the people can be interested by no ordinary efforts. Ministers of God's appointment will find it necessary to put forth extraordinary efforts in order to arrest the attention of the multitudes. And when they succeed in bringing together a large number of people,



they must bear messages of a character so out of the usual order that the people will be aroused and warned. They must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly.—9T. 109

Devise New and Unusual Plans—Let every worker in the Master’s vineyard, study, plan, devise methods, to reach the people where they are. We must do something out of the common course of things. We must arrest the attention. We must be deadly in earnest. We are on the very verge of times of trouble and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of.—Letter 20, 1893

In the context of JKUSDA Missions, [Kenyan audience], what are the possible ways [extra ordinary efforts] we can employ to arrest peoples’ attention during our open air meetings?

Attracting and Holding Large Numbers—Those who will study the manner of Christ’s teaching, and educate themselves to follow His way, will attract and hold large numbers now, as Christ held the people in His day... When the truth in its practical character is urged upon the people because you love them, **souls will be convicted, because the Holy Spirit of God will impress their hearts.**

In the Open Air meetings, what are the role of the missionaries not ministering from the pulpit? What should we do to hold the large numbers of people attending our meetings?

Arm yourselves with **humility**; pray that angels of God may come close to your side to impress the mind; for it is not you that work the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit must work you. It is the Holy Spirit that makes the truth impressive. Keep practical truth ever before the people. [6T. 57]



Camp Unity and Conflict Management.

Study 7.

This study is based on Mathew 18:15-17

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, Thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.”

Diversity in temperament, taste and preference as well as in opinions constantly lead to disagreements not only at homes but also in places of large gatherings. Mission site, one of large gatherings has constantly exhibited high rates of conflicts. Christ, however, desires that His children should dwell in unity, not only in truth, but also during their stay in the camp. From the past JKUSDA missions, people have disagreed with one another, an occurrence which has led some [missionaries] to quit the vineyard before the mission is over.

What could have led to some of the conflicts you witnessed in your site [during any of the past missions]?

How was the problem solved? Was there unity thereafter?

The members of the church must come into unity; and in order to do this, they must have less of self, and more of Jesus. They must learn of Christ. They must be meek and lowly of heart. Their selfish pride must die. Then their mountains of difficulty will be reduced to mole-hills.--RH Jan. 6, 1891.

When united with Christ, members will solve church [camp] problems with sympathy, tenderness, and love.--The Bible sets before us a model church. They are to be in unity with each other, and with God. When believers are united in Christ



the living vine, the result is that they are one with Christ, full of sympathy and tenderness and love.--3SM 18.

Missionaries should have meekness, kindness, and mercy

Never question the motives of your brethren; for as you judge them, God has declared you will be judged. Open your hearts to kindness, to the cheering rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Encourage kindly thoughts and holy affections. Cultivate the habit of speaking well of your brethren. Let not pride or selfish righteousness prevent you from making a frank and full confession of your wrong-doings. If you do not love those for whom Christ has died, you have **no genuine love for Christ,** and your worship will be as a tainted offering before God...When you go to those who you think are doing wrong, you must have the spirit of meekness, of kindness, and be full of mercy and good fruits. Do not show partiality to one or more, and neglect other of your brethren because they are not congenial to you. {PaM 268.1}

How do we then solve the problems?

Suggest possible ways in which we can solve conflicts in the camp.

Solve problems by counseling together.--The Spirit of Christ is grieved when any of His followers give evidence of possessing a harsh, unfair, or exacting spirit. As laborers together with God, each should regard the other as part of God's great firm. He desires that they shall counsel together. There is to be no drawing apart, for the spirit of independence dishonors the truth we profess. One special evidence that the Spirit of Christ is abiding in His church is the unity and harmony which exist among its members. This is the brightest witness to the possession of true religion; for it will convert and transform the natural man, and fashion him after the divine similitude.--RH Feb. 18, 1909.

[Unity in the church reveals Christ more than **do sermons and arguments**]



Camp Adornment.

Study 8

This study is based on 1 Timothy 2:9

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.”

The sanctuary shows God has a preference in regard to the dress of those who minister for Him.

There should be no carelessness in dress. For Christ's sake, whose witnesses we are, we should seek to make the best of our appearance. In the tabernacle service, God specified every detail concerning the garments of those who ministered before Him...Our appearance in every respect should be characterized by neatness, modesty, and purity. But the Word of God gives no sanction to the making of changes in apparel merely for the sake of fashion,--that we may appear like the world. Christians are not to decorate the person with costly array or expensive ornaments. {PaM 61.2}

The worker's dress is no trivial matter.

Our words, our actions, and our dress are daily, living preachers, gathering with Christ, or scattering abroad. This is no trivial matter, to be passed off with a jest. The subject of dress demands serious reflection and much prayer. Many unbelievers have felt that they were not doing right in permitting themselves to be slaves of fashion; but when they see some who make a high profession of godliness dressing as world lings dress, enjoying frivolous society, they decide that there can be no wrong in such a course.--4T 641.

Your clothes preach to your people.

Carefulness in dress is an important item. There has been a lack here with ministers who believe present truth. The dress of some has been even untidy. Not only has



there been a lack of taste and order in arranging the dress in a becoming manner upon the person, and in having the color suitable and becoming for a minister of Christ, but the apparel of some has been even slovenly. Some ministers wear a vest of a light color, while their pants are dark, or a dark vest and light pants, with no taste or orderly arrangement of the dress upon the person when they come before the people. These things are preaching to the people. The minister gives them an example of order, and sets before them the propriety of neatness and taste in their apparel, or he gives them lessons in slackness and lack of taste which they will be in danger of following.--2T 610.

Discussion Thought.

[This is an open discussion and each person's opinion should be respected, as we learn from the Lord]

Why should our Missionaries [especially ladies], keep natural hair during our mission campaigns but keep them braided when we are back in JKUSDA? What message are we conveying by this? ISN'T THIS HYPOCRASY? How about ladies trousers? Or tight skirts [dresses] that expose our nakedness? Is God pleased when His daughters [children] wear neatly in the mission fields but the same is not reflected in our normal activities back in school? Is God only exalted in our dressing when in mission fields? IS THIS NOT HYPOCRASY?

Or does it not matter how we dress?

How about Men tight trousers? Do we have mission clothes and JKUSDA clothes?

Think about this text:

“Behold, thou art called a Jew [A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST], and resteth in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest His will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind [A MISSIONARY], a light of them which are in darkness...Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou no thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal [DRESS DECENTLY], dost thou steal [DOST THOU DRESS DECENTLY]? Romans 2; 17-21 {Emphasis supplied}



Are we as a people fulfilling this verse? Brethren we need to be very consistent in our lifestyle. By these acts we make the name of the Holy God to be blasphemed among the gentiles ~Romans 2;24.

Cultivate courtesy and a quiet dignity.

The minister must remember that favorable or unfavorable impressions are made upon his hearers by his deportment in the pulpit, his attitude, his manner of speaking, his dress. He should cultivate courtesy and refinement of manner, and should carry himself with a quiet dignity becoming to his high calling. Solemnity and a certain godly authority mingled with meekness, should characterize his demeanor. Coarseness and rudeness are not to be tolerated in the common walks of life, much less should they be permitted in the work of the ministry. The minister's attitude should be in harmony with the holy truths he proclaims. His words should be in every respect earnest and well chosen.--GW 172.

Other denominations such as Kings Outreach Church [Ministry of Repentance and holiness] esteems dressings that cover 'nakedness' of women. In this mindset, as a lady, [a Seventh Day Adventist], how would you preach to them suppose you were invited into their rooms for a bible study? How would you ensure your message is well delivered with less prejudice from your audience?



Social Relations and sexual purity in the mission Field.

Study 9.

(The study should be conducted by the family dad or mum)

How shall we relate with one another in the mission field?

This study is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:22 [King James Version (KJV)].

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

Here Paul counsels us, [young missionaries] to avoid any appearance of evil, in all our manner of conducts and conversation. Peter also speaking on the same theme says, “...Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.” 2 peter 3:11

There is a higher calling for the children of God to partake of the ministry of Jesus Christ, the ministry of soul winning. We cannot in any way take lightly the work of our Lord and instead of turning the hearts of men to their heavenly father, engage in idle talks and trifling conversations which may injure our testimonies.

There should be decency and godliness in how our men relate to our ladies in the mission work. Much of the present truth we bear witness of is not common in most of the popular churches of today. This has led to development of much prejudice against the message the Lord has given us. We therefore, need to break down this prejudice and get into the very hearts of these people, presenting to them none but Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

How we win the hearts of our audience is determined by our manner of dress and deportment [refer to study 8] as well as our relation in the mission field with the opposite sex.

What are some of the occurrences in the mission field [in regard to social relations] that can lead men to reject our testimonies?



NB.

This is a very sensitive study and the members of the family are encouraged to share their mission experiences in regard to this topic on how we [may have injured] the testimonies God has given us through our social relations. Or how through our social relations we have uplifted the Lord's banner in foreign lands thereby bringing men to their heavenly Father.

Family dads to lead the discussions.



The Saints' Reward

Study 10.

Study based on Revelation 22:12

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward *is* with me, to give to every one according to his work.”

It will be a great joy being with brethren we once evangelized to in the mission fields; I cannot describe the joy more than it was shown to Ellen White. O brethren be faithful to the Lord.

Then I saw a very great number of angels bring from the city glorious crowns—a crown for every saint, with his name written thereon. As Jesus called for the crowns, angels presented them to Him, and with His own right hand, the lovely Jesus placed the crowns on the heads of the saints.

In the same manner the angels brought the harps, and Jesus presented them also to the saints. The commanding angels first struck the note, and then every voice was raised in grateful, happy praise, and every hand skillfully swept over the strings of the harp, sending forth melodious music in rich and perfect strains.

Then I saw Jesus lead the redeemed company to the gate of the city. He laid hold of the gate and swung it back on its glittering hinges and bade the nations that had kept the truth enter in. Within the city there was everything to feast the eye. Rich glory they beheld everywhere. Then Jesus looked upon His redeemed saints; their countenances were radiant with glory; and as He fixed His loving eyes upon them, He said, with His rich, musical voice, **"I behold the travail of My soul, and am satisfied. This rich glory is yours to enjoy eternally.** Your sorrows are ended.

There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." I saw the redeemed host bow and cast their glittering crowns at the feet of Jesus, and then, as His lovely hand raised them up, they touched their golden harps and filled all heaven with their rich music and songs to the Lamb.



I then saw Jesus leading His people to the tree of life, and again we heard His lovely voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, saying, "The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations. Eat ye all of it." Upon the tree of life was most beautiful fruit, of which the saints could partake freely. In the city was a most glorious throne, from which proceeded a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal. On each side of this river was the tree of life, and on the banks of the river were other beautiful trees bearing fruit which was good for food.

Language is altogether too feeble to attempt a description of heaven. As the scene rises before me, I am lost in amazement. Carried away with the surpassing splendor and excellent glory, I lay down the pen, and exclaim, "**Oh, what love! what wondrous love!**" **The most exalted language fails to describe the glory of heaven or the matchless depths of a Saviour's love!!!!**

O brethren be Faithful.