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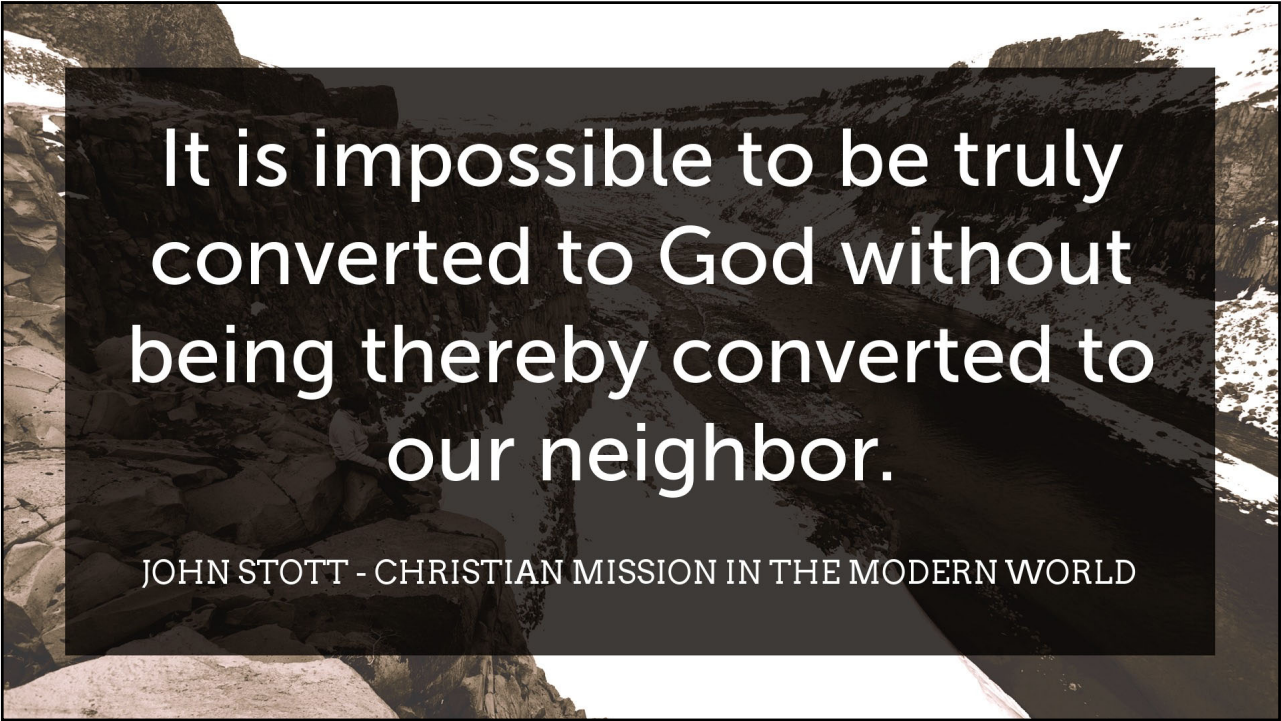
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The Kingdom of God
demands a new mentality, a
reorientation of all their
values, repentance.

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It is impossible to be truly
converted to God without
being thereby converted to
our neighbor.

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Repentance ethics is a complete reorientation of life in the world in response to the work of God in Jesus Christ. Thus, social responsibility becomes an aspect not of Christian mission only, but also of Christian conversion.

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LUKE 3:11

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He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

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LUKE 3:12

LUKE

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

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LUKE 3:13

LUKE

And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

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LUKE 3:14

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Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?"

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LUKE 3:14

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So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

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ISAIAH 58:1

ISAIAH

"Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins.

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ISAIAH 58:2

ISAIAH

They look for me every day and want to know my ways.
They act as if they were a nation that has done what is right

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ISAIAH 58:3

ISAIAH

Why have we fasted if you are not aware of it?

Why have we inflicted pain on ourselves if you don't pay attention?

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ISAIAH 58:4

ISAIAH

Don't you see that when you fast, you quarrel and fight and beat your workers?

The way you fast today keeps you from being heard in heaven.

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ISAIAH 58:5

ISAIAH

Is this the kind of fasting I have chosen? Should people humble themselves for only a day?

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ISAIAH 58:5

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Is fasting just bowing your head like a cattail and making your bed from sackcloth and ashes?
Is this what you call fasting?

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ISAIAH 58:5

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Is this an acceptable day to the
LORD?

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ISAIAH 58:6

ISAIAH

This is the kind of fasting I have
chosen: Loosen the chains of
wickedness, untie the straps of
the yoke, let the oppressed go
free, and break every yoke.

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ISAIAH 58:7

ISAIAH

Share your food with the hungry, take the poor and homeless into your house, and cover them with clothes when you see them naked. Don't refuse to help your relatives.

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ISAIAH 58:8

ISAIAH

Then your light will break through like the dawn, and you will heal quickly. Your righteousness will go ahead of you, and the glory of the LORD will guard you from behind.

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ISAIAH 58:9

ISAIAH

Then you will call, and the LORD
will answer. You will cry for help,
and he will say, "Here I am!"
Get rid of that yoke. Don't point
your finger and say wicked things.

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ISAIAH 58:10

ISAIAH

If you give some of your own food to
feed those who are hungry and to
satisfy the needs of those who are
humble, then your light will rise in the
dark, and your darkness will become
as bright as the noonday sun.

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ISAIAH 58:11

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The LORD will continually guide you and satisfy you even in sun-baked places. He will strengthen your bones. You will become like a watered garden and like a spring whose water does not stop flowing.

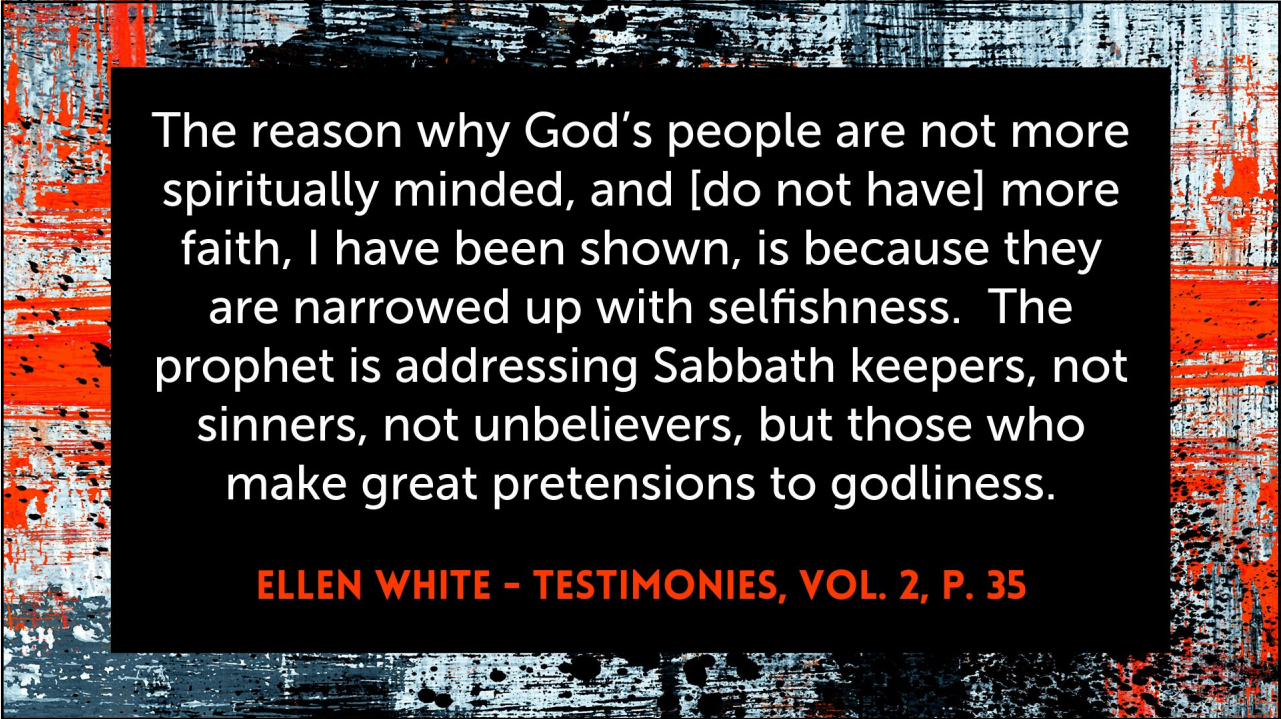
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ISAIAH 58:12

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Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the foundations of past generations. You will be called the Rebuilder of Broken Walls and the Restorer of Streets Where People Live.

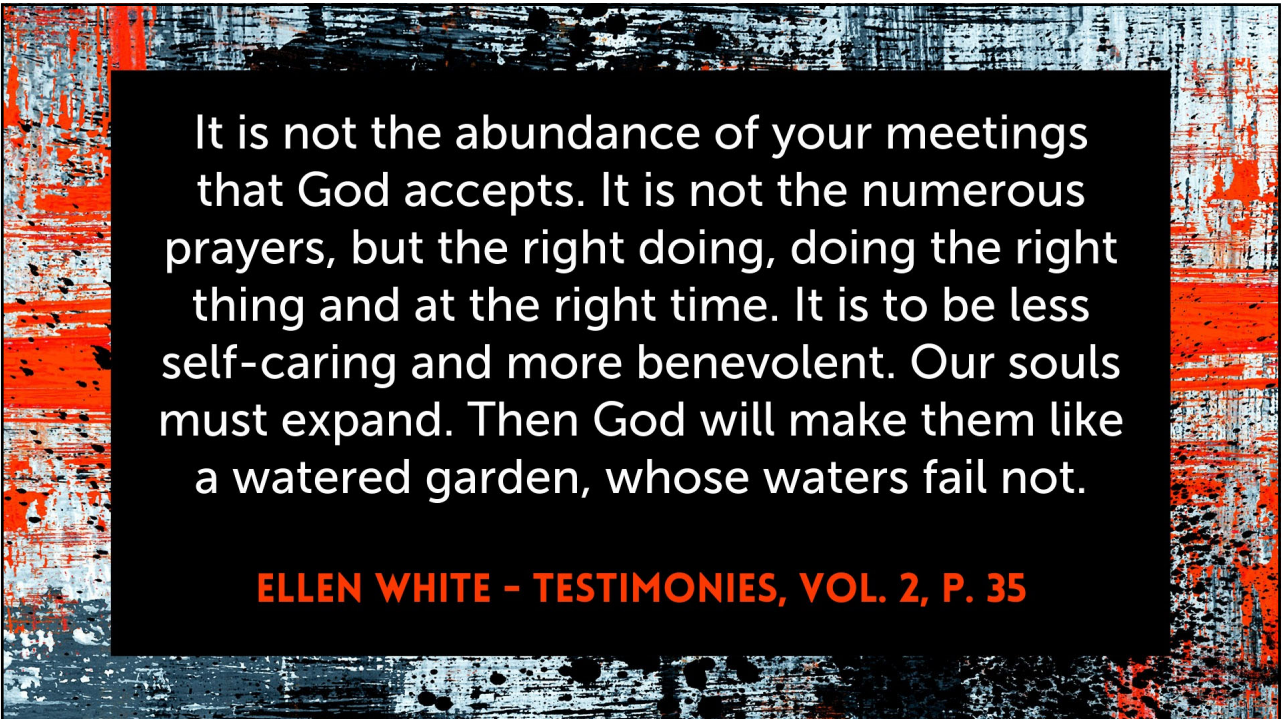
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The reason why God's people are not more spiritually minded, and [do not have] more faith, I have been shown, is because they are narrowed up with selfishness. The prophet is addressing Sabbath keepers, not sinners, not unbelievers, but those who make great pretensions to godliness.

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It is not the abundance of your meetings that God accepts. It is not the numerous prayers, but the right doing, doing the right thing and at the right time. It is to be less self-caring and more benevolent. Our souls must expand. Then God will make them like a watered garden, whose waters fail not.

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I have been instructed to refer our people to the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. Read this chapter carefully and understand the kind of ministry that will bring life into the churches.

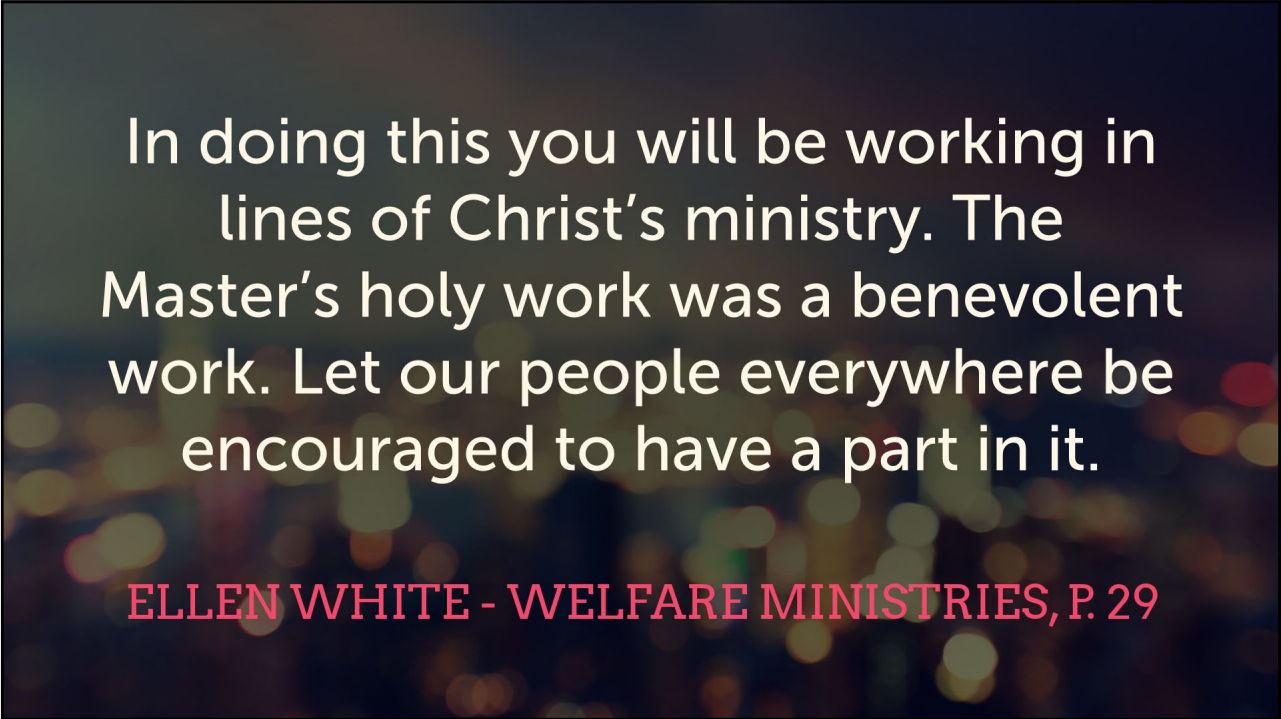
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The work of the gospel is to be carried by means of our liberality as well as by our labors. When you meet suffering souls who need help, give it to them. When you find those who are hungry, feed them.

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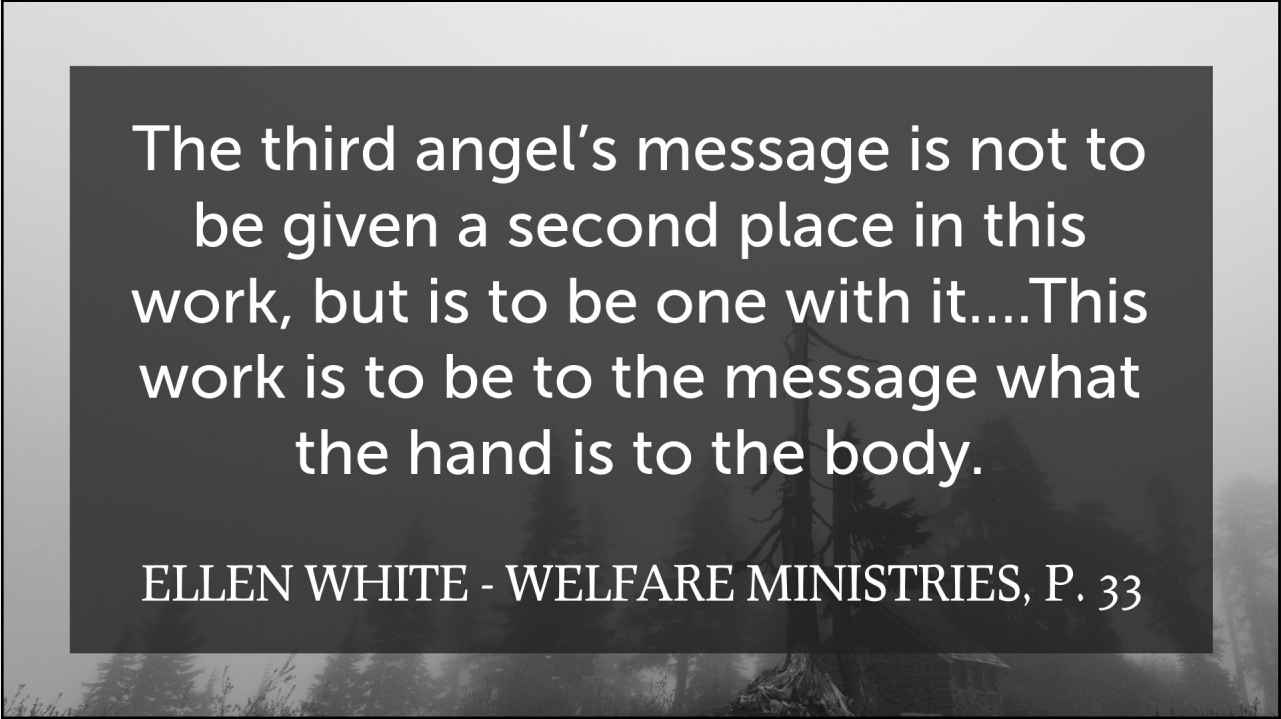
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In doing this you will be working in lines of Christ's ministry. The Master's holy work was a benevolent work. Let our people everywhere be encouraged to have a part in it.

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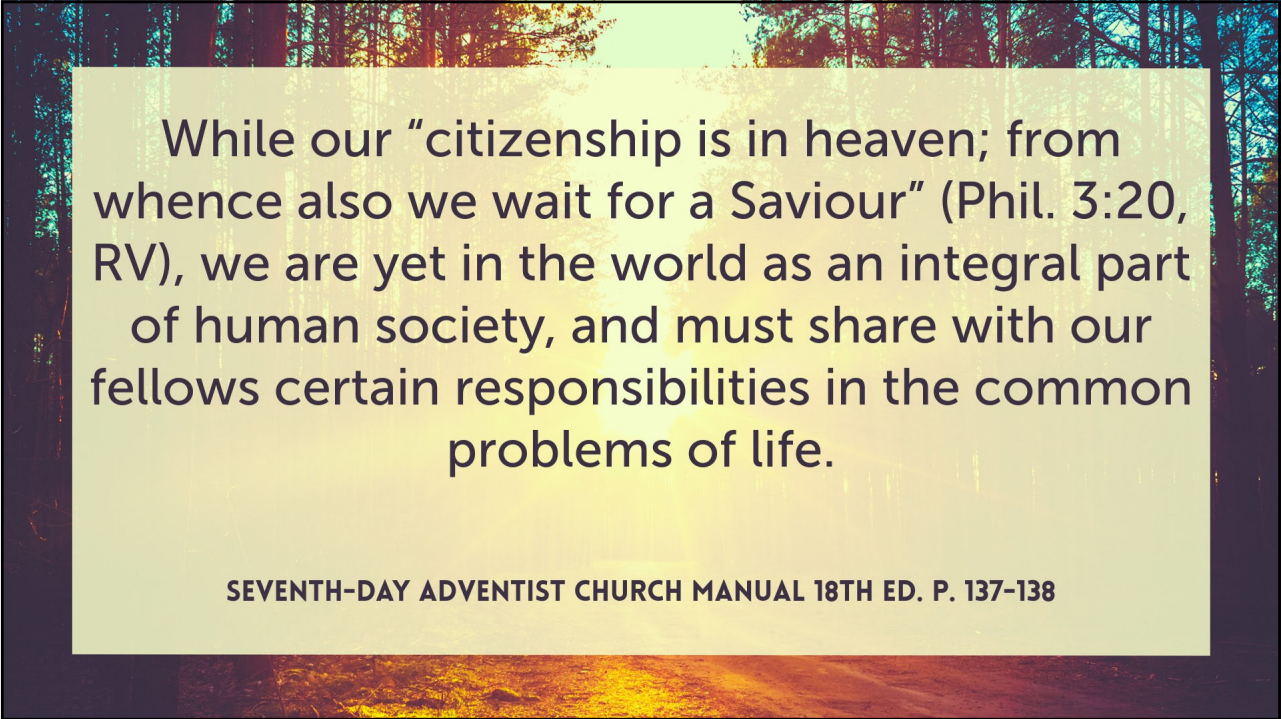
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The third angel's message is not to be given a second place in this work, but is to be one with it....This work is to be to the message what the hand is to the body.

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While our “citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we wait for a Saviour” (Phil. 3:20, RV), we are yet in the world as an integral part of human society, and must share with our fellows certain responsibilities in the common problems of life.

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In every community where they live, Seventh-day Adventists, as children of God, should be recognized as outstanding citizens in their Christian integrity and in working for the common good of all.

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While our highest responsibility is to the church and its commission to preach the gospel of the kingdom to all the world, we should support by our service and our means, as far as possible and consistent, all proper efforts for social order and betterment.

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The Seventh-day Adventist Church sees as part of its mission the extending of the ministry of Christ among the world's suffering. His was a ministry of comfort, of empowerment, of liberation, and of reconciliation. Alongside other Christians, we intend to be a healing and stabilizing force in times of change.

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When all is turbulent about us, the church provides assurance that there is One who sits above the turmoil of this world whose purposes are eternal and will ultimately prevail. The church serves as a watchman in society and as an empowering community, urging individuals and families to evaluate conditions around them, upholding that which is good and transforming that which is detrimental.

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The presence of active, spiritually renewed Christians in the community can do a work that political and social ideologies cannot accomplish. Believers who have experienced the transforming power of Christ can be a stabilizing, strengthening force in society and preserve life-affirming values.

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They can be agents of change in the face of moral decay. Their active presence in the community provides hope, as individuals and families are ennobled by Christian principles and their lives and relationships impact others around them.

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