

A Personal Responsibility

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

Mountain View, California
January 22nd, 1905

"Elder Watson
My Brother:—

"I wish to say to you, be careful how you move. You are not moving wisely. The least you have to speak about the tithe that has been appropriated to the most needy and the most discouraged field, the more sensible you will be.

"It has been presented to me for years that my tithe was to be appropriated by myself to aid the white and colored ministers who were neglected, and did not receive sufficient to properly support their families. While my attention was called to aged ministers, white or black, it was my special duty to investigate into their necessities and supply their needs. This was to be my special work, and I have done this in a number of cases. No man should give notoriety to the fact that in special cases the tithe is used in that way.

"In regard to the colored work in the South, that field has been, and is still being robbed of the means that should come to the workers in that field. If there have been cases where our sisters have appropriated their tithe to the support of the ministers working for the colored people in the South, let every man, if he is wise, hold his peace.

"I HAVE MYSELF APPROPRIATED MY TITHE TO THE MOST NEEDY CASES BROUGHT TO MY NOTICE. I have been instructed to do this, and as the money is not withheld from the Lord's treasury, it is not a matter that should be commented upon, for it will necessitate my making known these matters, which I do not desire to do, because it is not best.

"Some cases have been kept before me for years, and I have supplied their needs from the tithe, as God has instructed me to do, and if any person shall say to me, 'Sister White, will you appropriate my tithe where you know it is most needed?' I shall say, 'Yes,' and I will; and I have done so. I COMMEND THOSE SISTERS WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR TITHE WHERE IT IS MOST NEEDED TO HELP TO DO A WORK THAT IS BEING LEFT UNDONE—and if this matter is given publicity, it will create a knowledge which would better be left as it is. I do not care to give publicity to this work, which the Lord has appointed me to do and others to do.

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"I send this matter to you so that you shall not make a mistake. Circumstances alter cases. I would not advise that any one make a practice of gathering up the the tithe money. But for years there have now and then been persons who have lost confidence in the appropriation of the tithe who have placed the tithe in my hands and said if I did not take it they would themselves appropriate it to the family of the most needy minister they could find. I have taken the money, given them a receipt for it and told them how it was appropriated.

"I write this to you so that you shall keep cool and not become stirred up and give publicity to this matter, lest many more shall follow their example.

(Signed) Ellen G. White"

(This letter is now published in the Spaulding-Magan collection of manuscripts. Its authenticity has never been questioned.)

THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH MEANS CAN BE GIVEN AND DISBURSED

"The Lord has made us individually His Stewards. We each hold a solemn responsibility to invest our means ourselves. GOD DOES NOT LAY UPON YOU THE BURDEN OF ASKING THE CONFERENCE, OR ANY COUNSEL OF MEN, WHETHER YOU SHALL USE YOUR MEANS AS YOU SEE FIT TO ADVANCE THE WORK OF GOD." Special to Battle Creek pp. 41, 42.

"Those who have had experience in the work of God should be encouraged to follow the guidance and counsel of the Lord. Do not worry lest some means shall go direct to those who are trying to do missionary work in a quiet and effective way. ALL THE MEANS IS NOT TO BE HANDLED BY ONE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION. To those in our conferences who felt that they had authority to forbid the gathering of means in certain territory I now say: This matter has been presented to me again and again. I now bear my testimony in the name of the Lord to those whom it concerns. Wherever you are, withhold your forbiddings. The work of the Lord is not to be thus trammelled. This wonderful burden of responsibility which some suppose God has placed upon them with their official position, has never been laid upon them." To Those Bearing Responsibilities in Washington and Other Centers, Jan. 6, 1908. Ellen G. White.

In a letter from Mrs. E. G. White to her son, J. E. White, written from Cooranbong, Australia, under the date of August 15, 1898, occurs the following statement:

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APPEALS FOR MEANS

"You ask me what you shall do in view of the fact that so little help is given to that department of work in which you are working. I would say. 'Trust it with the Lord. There is a way opened for you in regard to securing help for the Southern field. Appeal to the people. This is the only course you can pursue, under the circumstances. Send no statement of the situation through our religious papers; because it will not be honored. Send direct to the people. God's ways are not to be counter-worked by man's ways. There are those who have means, and who will give large and small sums. Have this money come direct to your destitute portion of the vineyard. THE LORD HAS NOT SPECIFIED ANY REGULAR CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH MEANS SHOULD PASS.'" (Quoted in the Spaulding-Magan Collection, p. 498.)

"The Lord has shown me that men in responsible positions are standing directly in the way of His work because they think the work must be done and the blessing must come in a certain way, and they will not recognize that which comes in any other way. My brethren, may the Lord place this matter before you as it is. God does not work as men plan, or as they wish; He 'moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.' Why reject the Lord's methods of working, because they do not coincide with our ideas? God has His appointed channels of light, but these are not necessarily the minds of any particular set of men. When all shall take their appointed place in God's work, earnestly seeking wisdom and guidance from Him, then a great advance will have been made toward letting light shine upon the world. When men shall cease to place themselves in the way, God will work among us as never before." Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 726.

UNSANCTIFIED MINISTERS SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED FROM GOD'S TREASURY

"IT WOULD BE POOR POLICY TO SUPPORT FROM THE TREASURY OF GOD THOSE WHO REALLY MARRY AND INJURE HIS WORK, AND WHO ARE CONSTANTLY LOWERING THE STANDARD OF CHRISTIANITY." 3T 553.

"No man should be set apart as a teacher of the people while his own teaching or example contradicts the testimony God has given His servants to bear in regard to diet, for this will bring confusion. His disregard of health reform unfits him to stand as the Lord's messenger." Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 378.

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(The above has been published in the Church Magazines for one Reason + for one Reason ONLY! Because this was Released - and so to save Face - they Published it also. Thus the Membership is led to believe they are getting all that is in the Vaults. Together with their cunning Explanations. For Tithe + Means is a Vote - so they intend for you to Vote for their Programme. Even if they + their Master = Billy Babylon Graham = failed in spite of MILLIONS thrown away in their 3-Fold Union in Key '73. (A) Adventist Head - Fall of '72. (B) Billy Graham Evangelical Body - Hell-Fire Breathing Dragon, Clam-Chowder, Pork + all. Easter-Sunday that has no higher Authority than the Pope in Rome. Queen of Heaven - Lady's Day of Styles + Mini-Skirts. Watch them next Easter-Lenten Season as they whirl their Partners + their Choirs through Sunday Ecumenical Union. (C) Key '73 saw the Catholic Tail in the Fall. A 3-fold Union!)

WE ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE AS TO HOW OUR MEANS ARE USED

"There are fearful woes for those who preach the truth, but are not sanctified by it, and also for those who consent to receive and maintain the unsanctified minister to them in word and doctrine." Ibid., vol. 1, pp. 261, 262.

"If God pronounces a woe upon those who are called to preach the truth and refuse to obey, a heavier woe rests upon those who take upon them this sacred work without clean hands and pure hearts. As there are woes for those who preach the truth while they are unsanctified in heart and life, so there are woes for those who receive and maintain the unsanctified in the position which they cannot fill." Ibid., vol. 2, p. 552.

"Whoever solicits to sin is a tempter. Whoever imitates the great deceiver becomes his aid. Those who give their influence to sustain an evil work are doing Satan's drudgery." Ibid., vol. 5, pp. 102, 103.

"I call upon God's people to open their eyes. When you sanction or carry out the decisions of men who, as you know, are not in harmony with truth and righteousness you weaken your own faith, and lose your relish for communion with God." Testimonies to Ministers, p. 91.

THOSE WHO SHOULD BE SUPPORTED FROM THE LORD'S TREASURY

"The tithe should go to those who labor in word and doctrine, be they men or women." Evangelism, p. 492.

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This tract was compiled to answer questions which have arisen in the minds of many of our people. In some of our denominational periodicals the impression has been left that there is only one treasury through which means should pass, i. e., the Church treasury. We believe that our people everywhere should have this tract so that they can prayerfully consider both sides of this subject and make their own decision in the fear of God. Won't you help us distribute this tract? Additional copies may be

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TITHE and MEANS =

The Truth about Tithe is that it was meant for Truth and Truth alone. Not for any other purpose. That there are Blessings for giving it to God's Work - Curses for diverting it for any other cause.

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It has taken us 17 years to put this together=

[1] In 1958 Health Research published: "Special Testimonies to Ministers + Workers." Then, mysteriously - sent me a "SERIES A." Writing to them, they did not know anything about it. But we received it just-in-Time to See what the Conference was up to in the man-made Tradition to pay your Tithe = "No matter what is done with it."

[2] They were able to accomplish that Hoax by quoting part of "SERIES A #1." which, for some unknown reason = "Health Research" did not Print. Nor did they identify the ORIGINAL TM as being the "SERIES A" =

[3] Feb. 8, 1975 = Br. Davis loaned me: "SERIES A" printed in 1962 by: "TRUE MEDICAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION" PO Box 261, Loma Linda, Calif. This Book follows the "Health Research" Edition almost exactly - but with an ADDED: "SERIES A 1+2." First 24 pages. (In fact it is: "SERIES A 1-10" while Health Research Edition claimed to be: "3-7, etc.") (Both Books - p.1-351 are cut from the same masters. [3] has 24 pages added in the Front)

[4] SERIES A 1-10 as covered under [3] above, has p.2-6 by O.A. Olson. Therefore the Key "TITHE" reference is found in p.7-24. EGW.

[5] This same Key Testimony can be found in p.3-34 in "SERIES A" - a tiny little Book from BABCOCK BOOKS, Salem, Ark. 72576. for \$3.00. It would be better to try to get the complete Book. Try "LEAVES OF AUTUMN" PO Box 440, Payson, Ariz. 85541. (They bill you.)

THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT TITHE STATEMENT =

[1] Beginning with: "EXISTING EVILS + THEIR REMEDY" = p.14(16) "The Members of our Churches... Their Ministers do not feed them." They themselves are not: "Sanctified through obedience... are sounding Brass + a tinkling Cymbal." p.14(16). "... and if they fail to Reform, should be deprived of their License or Credentials. Otherwise the Conference will

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share their Guilt." It is a Mercy to him to remove him: "... for the Rebuke of God is upon him. It is a Duty... he has mistaken his Calling. The Lord has laid no such burden upon him... He is not united to Christ... and by beholding become CHANGED." That is why there is no more Vitality in the Churches. The Standard of the Gospel Ministry has been LOWERED. THE DEAD BRANCH: "The Elders of our Churches + the Ministers have not all been as BRANCHES of the Living Vine... are DRY and CHRISTLESS." p.15(18).

[2] "The Churches would be far better off without such Elders + Ministers." Some are dishonest, some licentious. p.15(19).

[3] The Conference explains this by saying there was a man gave a Minister a Sum of Money pledged for a certain cause + the Minister promised but did not. This Testimony says nothing of the Kind. This Testimony speaking in general Terms as applying to 1890 =

Do not rob God by withholding your Tithes + Offerings even if "some" finds it's way to unworthy Ministers. "If the Conference business is not managed according to the Order of the Lord, that is the sin of the erring ones. The Lord will not hold you responsible for it..." p.17(21).

Now how would it be = as they have done 200 Times = cut it off right there? Wouldn't that be lovely? So all can Forever pay their Tithe = BLIND-DEAF-and-DUMB?

But the Testimony did not stop there, it went on, and this could be the Subject for 10 Sermons: "... IF you DO what you CAN to CORRECT the EVIL." p.17(21).

By the Straight Testimony to the Dumb Dogs that will not Bark = of course! Or else their Fate will be yours. 5T:80-1,211-2,463,136. AND IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR OF THE OMEGA THE MESSENGERS ARE TO RECEIVE TITHE + MORE FOR THE MESSAGE! Go ye OUT to meet Him!" EW 49-58.

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