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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature. Then we will provide answers to the questions posed and recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

TIME OF THE END FEATURE – New and Strange Things

Dangers of False Revivals Among God's People

The end is near. New and strange things will continually arise to lead God's people into false excitement, religious revivals and curious developments. **2SM 17**

The danger that threatens our churches is that new and strange things will be brought in, things that confuse the minds of the people and give them no strength in spiritual things. Clear discernment is needed that things new and strange shall not be laid alongside of truth. **2SM 14**

Deceptions within the SDA Church Multiply Near the End

Delusions and deceptions will come in among us, and will multiply as we near the end of time. Of your own selves men shall arise, speaking perverse things to draw disciples after them. Bear in mind that trials of this character are to come upon us, not only from without, but from within our own ranks, and our only safety is in entire surrender to God. **7BC 952, also MS 27, 1894**

Reverence in Worship is Changing

Unless correct ideas of true worship and true reverence are impressed upon the people, there will be a growing tendency to place the sacred and the eternal on a level with common things, and those professing the truth will be an offense to God and a disgrace to religion. **5T 500**

There has been a great change, not for the better but for the worse, in the habits and customs of the people in reference to religious worship. The precious, the sacred, things that connect us with God are fast losing their hold upon our minds and hearts, and are being brought down to the level of common things. The reverence in sacred service has largely passed away. Nevertheless, God Himself gave the order of His service, exalting it high above everything of a temporal nature. **5T 491**

In this stage of our history we must be very careful to guard against everything that savors of fanaticism and disorder. We must guard against all peculiar exercises . . . noise and confusion accompanied by eccentricities of action. In the last days the enemy of present truth will bring in manifestations that are not in harmony with the workings of the Spirit, but are calculated to lead astray those who stand ready to take up with something new and strange. No greater harm could be done to the work of God at this time than for us to allow a spirit of fanaticism to come into our churches, accompanied by strange workings which are incorrectly supposed to be operations of the Spirit of God. Let us give no place to strange exercisings, which really keeps the mind away from the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. God's work is ever characterized by calmness and dignity. **2SM 41, 42**

With some, a religious exercise means nothing more than a good time. When their feelings are aroused, they think they are being blessed. Some do not think they are blessed unless they are stirred and excited. The intoxicant of excitement is the object they are seeking. **2SM 21.**

A view of one such company was presented to me, where were assembled those who profess to believe the truth. One was seated at an instrument of music, and such songs poured forth as made the angels weep. There was mirth, there was coarse laughter, there was an abundance of enthusiasm, and a kind of inspiration; but the joy was such as Satan only is able to create. It prepares the participants for unholy thought and action. **CT 339 (Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students)**

When a new excitement is raised, there are some who cast their influence on the wrong side. Every man and woman should be on guard when there are deceptions abroad calculated to lead away from the truth. There are ever those who are ready to see and hear some new and strange thing. This fluctuating revival enthusiasm that comes and goes like the tide, carries a delusive exterior that deceives many honest persons into believing it to be the true Spirit of the Lord. It multiplies converts. Those of excitable temperaments, and weak and yielding, flock to its standard; but when the wave recedes they are found stranded on the beach. There will ever be flashing meteors to arise; but the trail of light they leave goes out in darkness that seems denser than it was before. **4T 73, 74**

Genuine Joy in Subdued Gentleness, Reverence and Dignity

Those who abide in Jesus will be happy, cheerful, and joyful in God. A subdued gentleness will mark the voice, reverence for spiritual things will be expressed in actions, and music, joyful music, will echo from the lips. **4T 626**

In our speaking, our singing, and in all our spiritual exercises [worship], we are to reveal that calmness and dignity and godly fear that actuates every true child of God. There is constant danger of allowing something to come into our midst that we may regard as the working of the Holy Spirit, but in reality is the fruit of a spirit of fanaticism. I am afraid of it, I am afraid of it. **2SM 43**

Healthful Living Feature –Physicians and the Medical Missionary Work

Saving Souls is First Work of Physician

The Savior of the world devoted more time and labor to healing the afflicted of their maladies than to preaching. His voice was the first sound that many had ever heard, His name the first word they had ever spoken, His face the first they had ever looked upon. **4T 225**

The Savior made each work of healing an occasion for implanting divine principles in the mind and soul. This was the purpose of His work. **MH 20**

The Redeemer expects our physicians to make the saving of souls their first work. **MM 37**

If you are a Christian and a competent physician, you are qualified to do tenfold more good as a missionary for God than if you were to go forth merely as a preacher of the Word. **CH 504**

The work of the true medical missionary is largely a spiritual work. It includes prayer and the laying on of hands; he therefore should be as sacredly set apart for his work as the minister of the gospel. Those who are selected to act the part of missionary physicians are to be set apart as such. This will strengthen them against the temptations to withdraw from the sanitarium work to engage in private practice. **CH 540**

The work of the Christian physician is of self-denial, and not the appearance of fraud and extortion. Many good and merciful acts have been done by practicing physicians, for they have a broad field in which to work, but I was shown that as a general thing the medical profession as a body has become a den of thieves. **1MR 210**

Questions

- 1 As the end draws near what dangers threaten God's church?
Answer: New and Strange things along with deceptions and delusions will be brought into the church which will confuse the minds of the people; give them no strength in spiritual things; and bring about false excitement and false religious revivals.
- 2 How will these dangers affect church worship?
Answer: They will cause the reverence in worship to diminish; place the sacred and the eternal on a level with common things; and cause the sacred things that connect us with God to lose their holds on our minds and hearts.
- 3 IN this stage of church history what must we guard against and why?
Answer: We must guard against any indications of fanaticism and disorder; noise and confusion; peculiar exercises and eccentricities of action; because these are calculated to lead astray those members and converts who stand ready to take up anything new and strange.
- 4 What is the consequence of seeking the intoxicant of excitement as the object of religious worship?
Answer: Those of excitable temperament who are easily drawn to strange and new forms of worship will be left stranded on the beach when the wave of excitement recedes and will be left in a dense spiritual darkness when the meteoric flash of the light of sensationalism goes out.
- 5 What should be the characteristics of a reverent and godly worship service?
Answer: In our speaking, singing and all worship activities should be found a subdued gentleness, calmness, dignity and godly fear in congregational worship.
- 6 What should be the first work of the Christian Physician and why?
Answer: His first work should be the saving of souls since Jesus made the purpose of each work of healing to be an occasion for implanting divine principles in the mind and soul.
- 7 What should be the attitude of the Christian physician and why?
Answer: He should have an attitude of self-denial and spiritual generosity since his field of work is so broad and provides much opportunity for good and merciful acts; instead of the fraud and extortion that seems to characterize the medical industry.

Take Away Tips

- We know the end is near when we see new and strange things entering our worship services creating excitement, confusion and noise which are incorrectly represented as the operation of the Holy Spirit but is actually the work of another spirit.
- We must constantly be on guard against the intoxicant of excitement and the growing tendency in our churches to place the sacred and the eternal on a level with common things. God's work is always characterized by calmness, dignity and a fear if the Lord.
- Because Jesus used each opportunity of healing to implant divine principles so too should the first work of the Christian physician be the salvation of souls since they have so many opportunities in their line of work to perform acts of healing and mercy.