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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 – Music in Worship

Music is an Idol for Some SDAs

Angels are hovering around yonder dwelling. The young are there assembled; there is the sound of vocal and instrumental music. Christians are gathered there, but what is it you hear? It is a song. A frivolous ditty, fit for the dance hall. **1T 506**

Music is the idol which many professed Sabbath-Keeping Christians worship. Satan has no objection to music, if he can make that a channel through which to gain access to the minds of the youth and they are paralyzed by his power. When turned to good account, music is a blessing, but it is often made one of Satan's most attractive agencies to ensnare souls. **1T 506**

Music Charms Youths Minds

Young men and women have a keen ear for music, and Satan knows what organs to excite, to animate, engross and charm the mind, so that Christ is not desired. **1T 496, 497**

Display and Unconsecration of Musicians is Offensive

There is nothing more offensive in God's sight than a display of instrumental music when those taking part are not consecrated. **Ev 510**

Strange, False Conversions Among Youth

Young men and women will be lifted up and will regard themselves as wonderfully favored, called to do some great thing. There will be conversions many, after a peculiar order, but they will not bear the divine signature. Immorality will come in, and extravagance, and many will make shipwreck of their faith. **2SM 59**

Not to Mingle Sacred and Common to Influence Youth

Every influence surrounding the young should be of a holy character. The sacred and the common should not be co-mingled. **5T 479, 480**

Sacred and holy things are brought down to the level of common things, and a commonness, a cheapness, is working its way into our churches. The standard must be elevated. The work must have a higher mold. There must be a coming out from the customs and practices of the world and being separate. **TM 451**

If Jesus is in the Heart, we will not use Cheap Music

No one who has an indwelling Savior will dishonor Him before other by producing strains from a musical instrument which call the mind from God and Heaven to light and trifling things. **1T 510.**

The long drawn out notes and the peculiar sounds common in operatic [worldly] singing are not pleasing to the angels. They delight to hear the simple songs of praise sung in a natural tone. Some think that the

louder they sing the more music they make; but noise is not music. Good singing is like the music of birds – subdued and melodious. **Ev 510**

Music is acceptable to God only when the heart is sanctified and made soft and holy by its facilities. BUT many who delight in music know nothing of making melody in their hearts to the Lord. Their heart is gone after their idols. **Ev 512**

Purpose of Music in Worship

Music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God. What a contrast between the ancient custom and the uses to which music is now too often devoted! How many use this gift to exalt self, instead of using it to glorify God. **PP 594**

Music forms a part of worship in the courts above, and we should endeavor in our songs of praise, to approach as nearly as possible to the harmony of heavenly choirs. Singing as part of religious service, is as much an act of worship as is prayer. The heart must feel the spirit of the song to give it the right expression. **PP 594**

Singing is a part of the worship of God. But singing should not be allowed to divert the mind from the hours of devotion. If one must be selected, let it be the singing. **Ev 506**

True ministers are content with simplicity in religious services. Instead of making much of popular singing, they give their principle attention to the study of the Word. **Ev 502**

Healthful Living Feature – The Final Work

Medical Missionary Work Continues Longer Than Ministry

Soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work. You will never be ministers after the gospel order till you show a decided interest in medical missionary work. **WM 139 (Welfare Ministry)**

As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation, those who would stand for freedom of conscience will be placed in unfavorable conditions. For their own sake they should, while they have the opportunity, become intelligent in regard to disease, its causes, prevention and cure. And those who do this will find a field of labor anywhere. There will be suffering ones, plenty of them who will need help, not only among those of our own faith, but largely among those who know not the truth. **WM 137**

Final Test is the Medical Missionary Work

The truth for this time, the third angels message, is to be proclaimed with a loud voice as we approach the final test. This test must come to the churches in connection with the true medical missionary work, a work that has the Great Physician to dictate and preside in all it comprehends. Under the Great Head we are to present God's Word requiring obedience to the system of Bible truth [health laws] which is a system of authority and power, convicting and converting the conscience. **10MR 314**

As the medical missionary works intelligently to relieve suffering and save life, hearts are softened. Those who are helped are filled with gratitude. As the medical missionary works upon the body, God works upon the heart. **Ev 517**

Every Member Involved in Medical Missionary Work

We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. **WM 138**

From the instruction that the Lord has given me, I know that there should be workers who take medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages. Those who do this work will gather a rich harvest of souls, from both higher and lower classes. **CH 397**

Small companies are to go forth to do the work which Christ has appointed His disciples. While laboring as evangelists, they can visit the sick, praying with them, and if need be, treating them not with medicines but with the remedies provided in nature. **CH 501**

In every place the sick may be found, and those who go forth as workers for Christ should be true health reformers, prepared to give those who are sick the simple treatments that will relieve them and pray with them. Thus they will open the door for the entrance of truth. The doing of this work will be followed by good results. **MM320**

Questions

- 1 Why does Satan have no objection to music in worship?
Answer: If Satan can use music as a channel to gain access to the mind then he can use it to ensnare our souls and paralyze our minds and turn them from Jesus.
- 2 What is offensive to God regarding music in worship?
Answer: Unconsecrated musicians participating in worship and making a display of their talents is most offensive to God.
- 3 What are some of the unfortunate results when youth are called to organize and perform the musical portion of the worship service?
Answer: Young men and women will be lifted up and regard themselves as wonderfully favored; and while there may be many conversions, they will be after a peculiar order without the divine signature causing immorality and extravagance to enter making a shipwreck of their faith.
- 4 Why should the sacred and common not be mixed in worship?
Answer: Every influence surrounding the congregation should be of a holy character. When the sacred and the common are mixed, a cheapness works its way into the church; the standard is lowered; the customs and practices of the world enter in and the church is no longer separate.
- 5 What is the true purpose of music in worship?
Answer: As music forms a part of worship in the heavenly courts above so too should music in the church serve a holy purpose to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble and elevating and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God.
- 6 Why is the medical missionary work considered to be the final work?
Answer: As religious aggression subverts the liberties of our nation there will be no work done in ministerial lines but the medical missionary will find a field of labor anywhere there are sick and suffering people in need of help and truth.
- 7 How does God work with the true medical missionary?
Answer: While the intelligent medical missionary works to relieve suffering and save lives, hearts are softened and filled with gratitude so that God can work on the heart while the missionary works on the body.

Take Away Tips

- When you enter a church and hear music fit for a dance hall then you can be sure that angels are not present and the final conflict draws closer and closer yet.
- Satan delights in the use of worldly music in church worship since it is the tool he uses to ensnare congregants; enter and paralyze the minds of worshippers; and animate, charm and engross the mind so that Christ is not desired.
- Music is part of heavenly worship therefore the music of earthly worship must be holy, pure, and ennobling to awaken the soul devotion and gratitude to God.
- Every church member should be involved in the medical missionary work since it will be the final work when religious aggression prevents evangelism and ministerial lines will be prohibited; and when we cannot buy or sell there will still be a field of work anywhere there are sick and suffering people who need physical and spiritual help.