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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 – Sabbath Labor and Sunday Rest

Forced Sunday Rest and Sabbath Labor

The time will come when men will not only forbid Sunday work, but they will try to force men to labor on the Sabbath. And men will be asked to renounce the Sabbath, and to subscribe to Sunday observance or forfeit their freedom and lives. **SpM 21 (Spalding & Magan Collection)**

Instructions For Sabbath Keepers – Be Not Combative

Make no demonstration on Sunday in defiance of law. **9T 235.**

To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no occasion to call you lawbreakers. One does not receive the mark of the beast because he shows that he realizes the wisdom of keeping peace by refraining from work that gives offense. **9T 232**

We must take a firm stand that we will not reverence the first day of the week as the Sabbath. **3SM 388**

Let there be no unnecessary act of arousing the combative spirit or passions of opponents. There should be no just occasion to our enemies to charge us with being lawless and defying the laws through any imprudence of our own. We should not feel it enjoined upon us to irritate our neighbors who idolize Sunday by making determined efforts to bring labor on that day before them purposely to exhibit an independence. Our sisters need not select Sunday as the day to exhibit their washing. There should be no noisy demonstrations. **6MR 87, 88**

If the payment of a fine will deliver our brethren from the hands of the oppressors, let it be paid, rather than to be pressed and made to work on the Sabbath. Everything we can do should be done that those who are willing to suffer for the truth's sake may be saved from oppression and cruelty. **3SM 400**

Where to Go and What to do

We are not to locate where we will be forced into close relations with those who do not honor God. A crisis is soon to come in regard to the observance of Sunday. The Sunday party is strengthening itself in its false claims, and this will mean oppression to those who determine to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. We are to place ourselves where we can carry out the Sabbath commandment in its fullness. And we are to be careful not to place ourselves where it will be hard for ourselves and our children to keep the Sabbath. **2SM 359**

When the people were moved by a power from beneath to enforce Sunday observance, SDAs were to show their wisdom by refraining from their ordinary work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort. Keep right on with your missionary work, with the Bible in your hands and the enemy will see that he has worsened his own cause. When we devote Sunday to missionary work, the whip will be taken out of the hands of the arbitrary zealots who would be well pleased to humble SDAs. When they see that we employ

ourselves on Sunday in visiting people and opening the Scriptures to them, they will know it is useless to try to hinder our work by making Sunday laws. **9T 232**

As the question of enforcing Sunday observance is widely agitated, the event so long doubted and disbelieved is seen to be approaching, and the third message will produce an effect which it could not have had before. **GC 606**

Evangelists should be finding their way into all places where the minds of men are agitated over the question of Sunday legislation and the teaching of religion in public schools. **9T 51**

As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation, in enforcing the papal Sabbath, will be a warning to us. It will be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. **5T 464, 465**

Healthful Living Feature – Be Very Careful

We have been given the work of advancing health reform. The Lord desires His people to be in harmony with one another. Beware how you place yourself in opposition to the work of health reform. It will go forward, for it is the Lord's means of lessening the suffering in our world, and of purifying His people. **Letter 48, 1902**

Be careful what attitude you assume lest you be found causing division. My brother, even while you fail to bring into your life and into your family the blessing that comes from following the principles of health reform, do not harm others by opposing the light God has given on this subject. **Letter 48, 1902**

The Lord has given His people a message in regard to health reform. He is displeased when His servants act in opposition to the message upon this point, which He has given them to give to others. Can He be pleased when half the laborers working in a place, teach that the principles of health reform are as closely allied with the third angel's message as the arm is to the body, while their co-workers, by their practice teach principles that are entirely opposite? This is regarded as sin in the sight of God. **Letter 48, 1902**

Nothing brings such discouragement upon the Lord's watchmen as to be connected with those who have mental capacity and who understand the reasons of our faith, but by precept and example manifest indifference to moral obligations. **Letter 48, 1902**

The light which God has given upon health reform cannot be trifled with without injury to those who attempt it; and no man can hope to succeed in the work of God while, by precept and example, he acts in opposition to the light which God has sent. **Letter 48, 1902**

Questions

- 1 In addition to enforcing Sunday observance, what else will Sunday laws require?
Answer: The Sunday laws will force men to labor on and to renounce the Sabbath as well as to subscribe to Sunday observance or forfeit their freedom and lives.
- 2 Why should Sabbath keepers not openly defy the laws forbidding work on Sunday?
Answer: Working on Sunday in open defiance of Sunday laws will only increase persecution by religious zealots enforcing Sunday and gives them the opportunity to charge God's people with law breaking.

- 3 What counsel is given regarding the location of God's people when Sunday laws are agitated and passed?
 Answer: God's people are not to locate themselves close to those who do not honor God; they should locate themselves where they can keep the Sabbath commandment in its fullness; and they should see the advance of Sunday laws as a warning to flee the large cities.
- 4 What should be the focus of SDAs on Sunday when the laws are being agitated and passed and why?
 Answer: SDAs should then focus on evangelism and missionary work on Sundays with Bible in hand so that the whip will be taken out of the hands of persecution-loving zealots and the enemy will see that it is useless to try to hinder our work through Sunday laws.
- 5 How do Sunday laws affect the teaching and preaching of the third angel's message?
 Answer: Sunday laws will give the third angel's message an effect it did not have before since that event so long doubted and disbelieved is now seen to be at hand.
- 6 Why must God's people come to one accord regarding health reform in the last days?
 Answer: we must be in one accord regarding health reform first, because it is the Lord's means of lessening suffering in the world and therefore it will go forward; and second because it is sin in the sight of God when some of His people teach that it is as closely related to the gospel as the arm is to the body while others by precept and example teach principles that are entirely opposite.
- 7 What are the consequences of trifling with the light God has given on health reform?
 Answer: The light God has given on health reform cannot be trifled with without injury to those who attempt it; and no man can hope to succeed in the work of God while by precept and practice he acts in opposition to this light.

Take Away Tips

- When laws are passed prohibiting work on Sunday God's people are not to be combative in spirit but submissive giving the enemy and religious zealots no opportunity to mark us as law breakers and bring unnecessary persecution on God's obedient children.
- Evangelism and missionary work with Bible in hand should be the focus of SDA's when Sunday laws are and passed making of none effect the religious zeal who wish to persecute God's people.
- Sunday laws will give the third angel's message a powerful impetus since the events prophesied therein which have long been doubted and disbelieved are now at hand.
- The agitation and passage of Sunday laws are the final warning for God's people to leave the cities and relocate where the Sabbath commandment can be kept in its fullness.
- Beware of opposing the light of health reform for it is a work of God that will go forward regardless of opposition and it is a sin in His sight when His people by practice and example teach opposition to the principles of health reform.