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WITHOUT **1** WISDOM THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP

The world needs wise leaders. It needs leaders capable of winning the hearts of those they lead. To be loved, admired, and followed. To inspire and serve as a reference for those who come after them. To influence and transform the lives of those around them. You have been called by God to be that kind of leader.

1. What is one of the main characteristics of a Christian leader? Proverbs 11:14

Note: The world's need is for wise leaders. But wisdom is a gift that God gives only to those who come to Him in humility.

2. Is it wrong to desire leadership? Mark 9:33-35

Note: The confusion of the disciple's regarding leadership is evident. They wanted the position, but they thought that being "the first", "the greatest", "the most important", or "the leader", did not combine with the humility of the Christian. So, they wanted Jesus to go ahead, and they stayed behind. They were tempted to argue with something that, deep down, they considered "wrong". But Jesus told them that the problem did not lie in the desire to be a leader, but in the motivations for wanting to be a leader.

3. In Jesus' view, what does it mean to be a leader? Matthew 20:28

Note: To lead is to love and serve. Jesus was undoubtedly the greatest leader in history because no one loved and served as he did. His life was an inspiration for millions and millions of human beings. He broke the parameters established by the society in which he lived and conquered millions of followers. From this perspective to lead is not to push, but to inspire. It is not ordering or commanding. It is to make people feel like doing things. The leader has to be able to love and be loved, so that people feel compelled to follow him to the end.

4. What did Solomon ask of God when he was appointed leader? 1 Kings 3:2-9

Note: The expression "an understanding heart" can also be translated as "a wise heart. It means "wisdom", "common sense", "balance", "prudence" and "good judgment". These are essential attributes, not only to leadership, but to life itself. Some people are failures, frustrated and unhappy because they do not know how to live. To exist is not to live. Living is an art that requires wisdom. But wisdom is not only the sum of knowledge, but the ability to use it. Knowledge has to do with the theory of things. Wisdom comes out of the paper and enters the field of life. There are people who have a lot of ~~to~~ knowledge, but do not know how to use it.

5. From whence cometh wisdom? Job 28:20, 23, and 27

Note: God is the source of true wisdom. The wise leader sees situations, things, and people from the divine perspective.

6. In what does true wisdom consist of? Psalms 111:10

Note: True wisdom is not the result of mystical contemplation of God but of faithful obedience to His principles outlined in His Word.

7. What feeling should never exist in the heart of a wise leader? Proverbs 16:5

Note: Arrogance is the direct road to unhappiness. The arrogant person loses track of who he is. In his delirium of appearing great, he does not perceive the grotesque and ridiculous image he projects. He forgets that whoever wants to be great one day, needs to be small in order to grow. But in his own concept, he is born big, he is big, he is much bigger than any other mortal. Ironically, people do not see him that way, and do not treat him as he would like to be treated. No matter how much he demands, re- clamors, and if he has power, even compels.

8. What condition must a leader meet to be considered credible and trustworthy? Christian Leadership pg. 38 "We see the need for men who are devout and fervent to do the work that must be done in the future.... We must not regard any human being as credible and trustworthy *unless it is evident that he is affirmed in the truths of God's Word.*"

9. What should be seen in the life of a wise leader? Christian Leadership Page 40 "If those who command have no self-control, they place themselves on a lower level than servants. God expects the steward whom He honors to represent the Master. If he cannot worthily represent the patience, *kindness, patient love, honesty, and self-denial proper to Christ*; if he forgets that he is a servant and exalts himself, it would be better for the people that he should be dismissed."

10. What another characteristic should the wise leader have? Christian Leadership Page 40 "We must not be discouraged if things of an annoying nature arise. Do not allow your passions to arise. *Master yourself. Do not allow your own peace to be disturbed when things occur that seem inexplicable, that seem out of harmony with the great Counselor Book.* Remember that at your side is a Witness, a heavenly Messenger who is your refuge and strength. You may escape her and find safety. But a word of retaliation will destroy your own peace and your trust in God. Who did you harm? Himself. Who was the wronged and injured? The Holy Spirit of God."

11. Where should the work of the wise leader begin? Christian Leadership Page 41 "I beg you for Christ's sake to remove the spirit of rudeness and censure. You need to manifest the tender love of a mother. You need the love of Christ. Then you will not complain about every mistake; you will have toward those little lambs of the flock a portion of the same patience that Christ has manifested toward you. Then God will accept your labors on behalf of others. *When you faithfully bear the responsibilities of your home, you will be better prepared to bear the responsibility of feeding the flock of God*, and especially of manifesting the tender care of the Savior toward the lambs of the flock."

MY DECISION

THE LEADER KNOWS WHERE IS GOING

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There is no worse leader than one who does not know where he is going and where he is leading his group. The goal must be defined, and clear in the leader's mind, so that the group reaches its destination. The leader of a Small Group must know what God's church exists for in this world, and what God expects from His people. The church is not a religious club that exists to conduct spiritual enrichment programs It is a soul-winning agency, as it heads to its glorious destiny.

1. In John's vision, what was the purpose of the Angel, the everlasting gospel? Revelation 14: 6 and 7

Note: The conjunction "For" denotes purpose. The Angel of Revelation 14, symbolizing God's remnant, arises "to" preach the gospel. There is no other purpose.

2. What does the Servant of the Lord say about it? Counsels to the Church Page 436 "*The church is the means appointed by God for the salvation of men. It was organized to serve, and its mission is to proclaim the Gospel to the world.* From the beginning it was God's plan that His church should reflect His fullness and sufficiency to the world. The members of the church, those who have been called out of darkness into his marvelous light, are to reveal his glory to the world.

3. To what did Jesus compare his church? Matthew 5:13

Note: Jesus said that if salt does not fulfill its purpose, which is to give flavor to things, it is good for nothing except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. What does this statement of the Master suggest to you regarding the church and its purpose?

4. Who is to carry on the work that Jesus began on earth? Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 295. "Someone must fulfill the commission of Christ; someone must carry forward the work that He began to do on earth; and *that privilege was granted to the church*. For this purpose it was organized. Why, then, did not the members of the church accept the responsibility?"

5. On what does success in fulfilling the mission depend? Evangelical Workers P. 88 "Although only a few officers are necessary, many soldiers are required to form the ranks of the army; and yet *success depends upon the fidelity of each soldier*. the treachery of a single man can bring disaster upon the whole army".

6. How is the character of a church measured? Christian Service p. 172 "The true character of the church is not measured by the high profession it professes, nor by the names found in its record, but *by what it is actually doing for the Master*, by the number of its persevering and faithful workers.

7. How should the church live in the end time? Testimonies 5 P. 276 "What is our position in the world? We are in a time of waiting. But this period should not be dissipated in abstract devotion. *Waiting, watchfulness, and attentive labor must be combined*.

8. What is the result of doing nothing for Christ? The Way to Christ Pg. 80 "Those who strive to maintain a Christian life by passively accepting the blessings that come by grace, doing nothing for Christ, seek simply to live by eating without working. But *the result of this, both in the spiritual and temporal world, is always degeneration and decay*."

9. What do we need to keep in mind when things are going well for us? The Desire of Ages. P. 328 "*We need to constantly look to Jesus, realizing that it is His power that does the work*. While we are to work earnestly for the salvation of the lost, we must also take time for meditation, prayer, and the study of God's Word. It is only the work done with much prayer and sanctified by the merit of Christ that will finally be effective for good.

10. What great commission did God give His church before returning to His Father? Acts 1:8

Note: No church that fails to fulfill the mission of evangelizing the world justifies the reason for its existence on this earth.

MY DECISION

WHAT IS **3** A SMALL GROUP

If the director of a small group is the one who is going to lead his small flock to grow in Christ and to reach its evangelistic objectives, he needs to know why it is indispensable for every church to be organized in this way. The organization of the church into Small Groups is not the will of a human being, nor is it a new method that the church has established. It is a divine plan that the director must know very well.

1. What is a small group? Acts 20:20 and 21

Note: Small groups are Bible teaching centers where believers are edified mutually, including people who, week after week, are invited by the members of the group. This way of evangelizing comes from the time of the early church. "The word of the Lord increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem." Acts 6:7

2. What does the Spirit of Prophecy say about small groups? Jewel of the Testimonies 3 Page 84 "The formation of small groups as the basis of Christian endeavor, has been presented to me by one who cannot err."

Note: The expression "One who cannot err" should be analyzed with prayer and meditation.

3. To what did Jesus compare his church? Matthew 5:14

Note: The believer should keep in mind that opening the door of his home for a small group to function is equivalent to bringing the ark of God, the presence of God into his home, seeking from there to radiate the light of the gospel to the community where the house is located.

4. What counsel does the Spirit of Prophecy give us?" Testimonies 7 Page 21 "Why do not believers have a deeper, more earnest concern for those who are alienated from Christ? Why do not two or three meet together and plead with God for the salvation of one person and then pray for another? *Let us form groups in our church for service.* Let several members join together to work as fishers of men. Let them seek to snatch more from the corruption of the world to the saving purity of Christ's love.

5. How did Jesus view the crowd, and to what did He compare them? Mark 6:34

Note: Jesus' concern was always to help people solve their problems. Small groups make it possible to do things as Jesus did. Even the humblest believer can gather his family and friends in his home. The small group leader can assist the minister in shepherding these people.

6. What is the radius of action of the Small Group? Christian Service P. 92 "Let there be in every church well-organized group of Workers working in the neighborhood of the church."

7. What four things does God desire to do in the lives of believers? 1 Peter 5:10

Note: Perfecting, affirming, strengthening, and establishing are ideals that God desires to accomplish in the life of every believer. The instruments to help the church achieve these ideals in its life is the Pastor. But it is impossible for one man to do this in an average church. Therefore, small groups are necessary to achieve these objectives.

8. How do Small Groups help you reach God's ideal for your church? Christian Service. Page 92 "Let there be small groups that meet for Bible study in the evenings, or early in the morning at the beginning of the day. *Let them set aside time to pray in order to be strengthened, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit...*if they do in this way, they will receive a great blessing from One who consumed His life in service by offering it to redeem us."

9. Besides helping believers grow in Christ, what else does Small Group work accomplish? Evangelical Workers P., 201 " The presentation of Christ in the family, in the home, or in small meetings in homes, *often wins more souls for Jesus* than sermons preached in the open air, to the agitated crowd, or even in halls and chapels."

10. What should be done in the church if there are many, or if there are few members? Christian Service Page 92 "If there are many members in the church, *organize yourselves into small groups* to work not only for the members of the church but also for unbelievers. If in any place there are only two or three who know the truth, organize yourselves into groups of workers."

MY DECISION

RESOLVING PROBLEMS | 4

Living is solving problems. From birth to death. Personal, professional, family problems, in short. We define a problem as an obstacle on the way to where you want to go. It can be a circumstance, a person, or even the leader himself. The problems do not exist to destroy anyone, but to strengthen the attitude in front of the life, and make it grow.

1. What does a wise leader do with the group he leads? Proverbs 28:2

Note: Caudillo, from Latin: capitellium, head. A term used to refer to a military or ideological leader. It is used for any person who leads others against the established. When warlords appear, it is because there is a weak leader, incapable of dealing with problems and conflicts. A leader who follows divine advice will inspire dreams and generate stability in the group he leads.

2. What does truth do in the life of the one who accepts it? John 8:32

Note: Problems do not exist to be ignored, but to be solved. However painful the truth may be, the attitude of a Christian leader is to accept it and try to set things right. The truth sets you free. Do not think that to have faith is to pretend that the problem does not exist. It is useless to run away from the problem claiming that you are not to blame and therefore the problem is not yours.

3. What should the Christian leader make his group understand in order to solve problems? We must learn in the school of Christ. *Only His righteousness can entitle us to one of the covenant blessings of grace.* For a long time, we have desired and sought to obtain these blessings, but we have not received them because we have fostered the idea that we could do anything to make ourselves worthy of them. We have not looked away from ourselves, believing that Jesus is a living, Savior. We must not think that we are saved by our own grace and merit. The grace of Christ is our only hope of salvation."

4. How should the Christian leader deal with problems? Ephesians 4:26

Note: Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Step back for a moment. Don't react in the moment of trouble. Ask for God's guidance, and then face the difficulties. The worst thing you can do is to put off solving the problem. That breeds distrust.

5. What should the Christian leader who is tired of so much trouble do? Counsel for the Church Page 85 "*Come to Jesus and receive rest and peace.* Right now, you can have the blessing. Satan suggests to you that you are powerless and cannot bless yourselves. It is true: you are powerless. But exalt Jesus before him: "I have a risen Savior. In him I trust, and he will never let me be confounded. I triumph in his name. He is my righteousness and my crown of rejoicing".

6. What should you do when faced with problems? James 1:5

Note: God never fails to respond to the sincere child who seeks counsel with Him, but besides God there are the leaders of this earth. Consult with the elder, or the Pastor, and they will gladly help you. But do not try to solve the problems alone.

7. What do those who refuse to work in harmony with others do? Counsel for the Church Page 75 "Those who refuse to work in harmony with others *dishonor God.* The enemy of souls rejoices when he sees certain brothers opposing one another in their work. Such need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness in their hearts. If they could draw aside the veil that covers the future and perceive the consequences of their disunity, they would certainly repent."

8. What is the most powerful testimony in favor of Christianity? Tips

The harmony and union existing between men of diverse tendencies is the most powerful testimony that can be given that God sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is for us to bear this testimony; but to do so, we must place ourselves under the orders of Christ; our character must harmonize with his, our will must yield to his. Then we will work together without contradicting each other."

9. What is the great challenge for Christian leaders? It is not great numbers of institutions, great buildings, or outward ostentation that God requires, but *the harmonious action of a peculiar, God-chosen, precious people, whose members are united with one another, whose life is hidden with Christ in God.* Each one must take his place and his proper place and exert a right influence in thought, word, and deed. When all God's workers act thus and not before, their work will be a complete and symmetrical whole."

MY DECISION

THE LEADER | 5 CONNECTS WELL

Life is made up of relationships. With family, with neighbors, with friends, with co-workers. The person who does not relate well creates difficulties all the time. If ~~relationships~~ problems were solved, the way to horizons never imagined would be paved.

The church and society today value the leader who relates well.

1. What is the golden rule of relationships? Matthew 7:12

Note: People are usually the mirror of our attitudes. They reflect back to us the image we project. If we are courteous to them, they will treat us courteously. A gesture of kindness is returned in kind. Try it today. Say hello with a smile to any stranger on the street, in the elevator, or at the airport. You will get the greeting back. The person may seem puzzled at first, but he or she will react immediately and return the greeting.

2. What does Solomon say about the way we speak? Proverbs 15:1

Note: Be rude and you will get rudeness back. It is a law of human behavior. There is no escaping its sphere of action. And the leader, more than anyone else, needs to relate well with people. At the end of the day, we do not lead things, nor objects. We lead human beings, with feelings, traumas, complexes, virtues and defects.

3. To what does what human beings say compare? Proverbs 18:4

Note: The expression "deep water" illustrates how delicate it is to say something. The power of words is mysterious, but real. If you don't have the ability to keep air in your lungs for long, don't venture into deep water. And if you don't have the ability to use words wisely, don't venture into leadership.

4. How did Jesus speak? The Way to Christ. P. 12 "Jesus did not suppress a word of truth, but always expressed it with love. In his dealings with people, he spoke with the

tact, care, and merciful attention. He was never harsh, nor did he unnecessarily utter a harsh word, nor did he cause a sensitive soul needless grief. He did not censure human weakness. He spoke the truth, but always with love. He denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity; but tears veiled his voice when he uttered his penitent rebukes."

5. Where did Christ's compassion come from? The Way to Christ Page 12 "Every soul was precious in His sight. While He always conducted Himself with divine dignity, He bent with the tenderest regard upon every member of the family of God. In all men he saw fallen souls whom it was his mission to save. Such was the character that Christ revealed in His life. Such is the character of God. Out of the Father's heart flow for all the children of men the rivers of divine compassion, demonstrated by Christ."

6. What should the leader do when the led make mistakes? Proverbs 17:9

Note: Because of his role, the leader learns many things. Sometimes sensitive and ~~poor~~ Ethics demands that you keep silent. Light-hearted comments destroy more lives than you can imagine. If anyone needs to be careful about using what they know, it is the leader. People have the right to say whatever they want. Accuse, add, comment, spread intrigue, in short. Social networks have become a breeding ground for irresponsibility. But the leader needs to be above human mediocrity.

7. What should the leader do when he is offended? Proverbs 19:11

Note: Forgiven people are grateful and faithful collaborators. The leader never loses by forgiving. Likewise, the leader will always work with difficult people. That is a law of leadership.

8. What has always existed in the church? Acts of the Apostles. P. 135 "There have always existed in the church *those who constantly tend to act individually*. They seem unable to understand that independence of spirit may lead the human instrument to have too much confidence in himself, and to trust in his own judgment instead of respecting the counsel of his brethren and duly esteeming their judgment, especially that of those who occupy the offices which God has assigned for the direction of his people. The Lord has invested his church with special authority and power which no one has a right to disregard and despise, for he who does so despises the voice of God."

9. How can the leader obtain peace in the midst of all difficulties? Mind Character and Personality 1 Page 57 "The soul finds rest *only in cherishing meekness and humility of heart*. The peace of Christ is never found where selfishness reigns. The soul cannot grow in grace if it is self-centered and proud. Jesus assumed the position that man must take in order that the peace of Christ may dwell in the heart."

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A LIVING, GROWING | 6 AND MULTIPLYING GROUP

Un pequeño grupo sano y animado, que crece constantemente y se divide en otro grupo. El tamaño ideal es de 4 a 12 miembros. A partir de ese número es saludable dividirse en dos nuevos Grupos que crezcan respetablemente. ¿Cómo? Muy sencillo. "El interés sigue creciendo y los que abrazan la verdad se ponen a trabajar para sus amigos, invitándoles a venir y escuchar. Más aún, invitan a sus vecinos y amigos a venir a sus casas. Luego se aseguran de que uno de nuestros ministros venga a darles estudios bíblicos. Estas reuniones se vuelven muy interesantes". El Ministerio Pastoral Página 151

1. To what does the Wise Solomon compare the way of the righteous? Proverbs 4:18

Note: Growth is a law of life. A person or a group of people that does not grow is dead. Experience has shown that small groups that do not develop and multiply, fall into a state of anachronism, and eventually die, or disappear.

2. What would happen if every Christian did his duty? Selected Testimonies 4 Pg. 61 "I have been shown that those who have a knowledge of the truth, and yet allow all their faculties to be absorbed by worldly interests, are unfaithful. They are not, by their good works, allowing all their faculties to be absorbed by worldly interests, they are unfaithful.

the light of truth to shine for others. Almost all their ability is devoted to making themselves cunning and skillful men of the world. They forget that God gave them talents to use for the advancement of His cause. If they were faithful to their duty, *the result would be a great gain of souls for the Master*; but many are lost through their neglect."

3. What happened to the early church when they met in homes and lived in fellowship with Christ and other believers? Acts 2:46 and 47

Note: The Lord increased the number of them, and logically they did not continue re-uniting all in the same house, but went to another house until the number of them grew in sufficient size to continue dividing.

4. What happens to those who remain silent and do not preach the good news of salvation? 2 Kings 7:9

Note: "Our wickedness will overtake us" does not mean that we will be punished if we do not fulfill our duty, but that the clean water that stops flowing and stagnates, becomes a well of contaminated and deadly water. Wickedness is "our own".

5. Why do many Christians fall into a deadly spiritual rut? Many there are who, *having a thorough knowledge of the truth... do nothing for the edification of the kingdom of Christ.* We meet them from time to time; but...they do not tell of new victories won in the holy war. Instead of that, one notices in them the same old routine, the same old expressions in their prayer and exhortation. Their prayers have no new note; they express no greater intelligence in the things of God, no more fervent and living faith. Such persons are not living plants in the garden of the Lord, to be covered with new foliage, and the pleasing fragrance of a holy life. They are not growing Christians."

6. What will happen in the heart of him in whom Christ dwells by faith? Ephesians 3:17-19

Note: "Be fully able to understand with all the saints". This experience will be a reality when the church is able to organize itself into Small Groups where the faithful have the opportunity to help one another."

7. How do we know that the Thessalonians were true missionaries? Acts of the Apostles. P. 211 "The Thessalonian believers were true missionaries. The truths presented *won hearts, and new souls were added to the believers*".

8. How do we know that Adventists were making progress early in their history? Christian Service p. 97 "Seventh-day Adventists are making progress, *doubling their numbers, establishing missions, and unfurling the banner of truth in the dark places of the earth*; yet the work is proceeding more slowly than God would have it.

9. What advice does God give to his people? Isaiah 54:2

Note: Widen, lengthen, extend. These are all verbs that denote ~~grow~~ growth. The Christian's life is a constant growing. And the life of the Small Group should also be an experience of growth. A group that does not grow does not fulfill the divine plan. The Servant of God always supported the idea of growth and multiplication. She once said, "If every Seventh-day Adventist had done his part, the number of believers would now be much larger. Jewels of the Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 293.

10. What happens to the Christian or group that does not grow? Evangelical Workers. Pg. 87 "Those who do nothing in the cause of God, will cease to grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth. A man who lies down and refuses to exercise his members, *will soon lose all faculty of employing them.*"

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EVANGELISTIC GROUPS

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One of the reasons for the failure of some Small Groups is that they become merely groups of fellowship and camaraderie and lose their missionary sense. What keeps a group alive is the sense of mission. every believer who participates in a Small Group should do so leading a person who has not yet accepted Jesus.

1. Who were evangelized in the Philippian jailer's house? Acts 16:32 and 34

Note: In the jailer's house was not only his family, but there were other people who had been invited when Paul and Silas went there. Friends gathering in a person's home to study the Word of God was a practice in the early church.

2. Would that divine plan work today? Jewel of the Testimonies 3 Page 61 "*In the family circle, in the homes of our neighbors, at the bedside of the sick, very quietly we can read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth.*"

3. What did Cornelius do in view of Paul's visit to him? Acts 10:24

Note: Cornelius did not limit himself to receive the Word with his family but invited his friends to come to his house to participate in the study of the Holy Scriptures.

4. What method was used to evangelize in the early years of our history? Evangelism P. 302 "It is extremely difficult to attract people. *The only method we have found to be successful is to hold Bible study meetings, by which the interest of one, two or three persons is secured; these then visit others and try to interest them,* and in this way the work progresses slowly as has happened in Lausanne."

5. What did Philip do after accepting Jesus? John 1: 44

Note: Philip immediately sought out his friend Nathanael to tell him about Jesus. "Philip knew that his friend Nathanael was searching for the prophecies, and he discovered him in his place of retirement while praying under a fig tree, where many times they had prayed together, hidden by the foliage." (DTG Page 144)

6. Why do you think Philip sought out Nathanael? Christian Service Page 127 "*The first impulse of the regenerate heart is to bring others* also to the Savior."

7. How did the message begin to spread in the days of Christ? Conflict and courage. P. 281 "*With the call of John, Andrew, Simon, Philip, and Nathanael,* the foundation of the Christian church began. John led two of his disciples to Christ. Then one of these, Andrew, found his brother, and brought him to the Savior. Then Philip was called and sought out Nathanael. These examples should teach us the importance... of... our relatives, friends, and neighbors... In the family itself, in the neighborhood, in the town in which we live, there is work for us to do as missionaries for Christ."

8. What command did Jesus give to the possessed Gadarene after he was freed? Luke 8:39

Note: The best mission field is close to where we live. It is made up of friends, neighbors and family members who have not yet accepted Jesus. It is God's plan for each believer to bring these people to the nearest small group so that in fellowship with that group of believers, the person will come to know Jesus and grow in their Christian experience.

9. Where is the best mission field? Conflict and Courage Pg. 281 "There are many who need the ministry of loving Christian hearts."

Many have gone down to ruin when they could have been saved, had their neighbors, ordinary men, and women, made some personal effort on their behalf. Many are waiting to be spoken to personally. *In the family itself, in the neighborhood, in the village in which we live*, there is work for us to do as missionaries for Christ."

10. Whom should we seek to bring them to Jesus? Testimonies 9 P. 34 "My brothers and sisters, visit *those who live near you*, and by sympathy and kindness, seek to reach their hearts. Be sure to work in a way that will remove prejudice rather than create it. And remember that those who know the truth for this time, and yet confine their efforts to their own churches, refusing to labor for their unconverted neighbors, will be called to account for their unfulfilled duties."

MY DECISION

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

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If you want to have a small group, full of life and that attracts people, reaching the hearts of non-believers, you need to form a Christocentric group. Only Jesus is able to fill the emptiness of the hearts of the unbelievers and satisfy the needs of the soul.

1. What did Jesus promise to do if He were raised up? John 12:32

Note: Jesus is the only person capable of captivating the human heart. He penetrates to the depths of the heart and removes all the preconceptions and arguments that human beings invent. No one can resist the magnetism of his love.

2. Who should be the focus of our message? Acts of the Apostles p. 23 "The disciples were to do their work in the name of Christ. All their words and deeds were to call attention to the vital power of His name to save sinners. Their faith was *to* be concentrated in Him who is the source of mercy and power. *The "signa signa, his distinctive motto, his bond of union, the authority for his course of action and the source of his success.* Nothing that did not bear his name and inscription was to be recognized in his kingdom."

3. What did the disciples of Emmaus ask each other after they met Jesus?
Luke 24:32

Note: Jesus is able to conquer the most hardened heart. For this reason, "Those who preach the last message of mercy should bear in mind that Christ is to be exalted as the sinner's refuge." Evangelism Pg. 139

4. What is the last message that the remnant must preach? Revelation 14:6

Note. The everlasting gospel is the last warning message to the world. The Servant of God says, "Several persons have written to me asking if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have replied, "It is indeed the third angel's message." Evangelism p. 143 In another place he states, "The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other, to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God finishing the work of the third angel." Jewels of the Testimonies 2 Pg. 374.

5. And what is the message of present truth? Evangelism Page 144 "We thank God with all our hearts that we have a precious light to present before the people, and we rejoice that we possess for this time a message which is present truth. *The glad tidings that Christ is our righteousness* have brought relief to very many souls, and God says to His people, 'Press on.

6. Does this mean that we should not preach the other truths? 2 Timothy 3:16

Note: We must preach the whole chain of truths, including Prophecies and final events, but "Theoretical discourses are essential, in order that people may see the chain of truth, which, link by link, unites to form a perfect whole; but no discourse should ever be preached without setting forth Christ, and Him crucified, as the foundation of the Gospel. Preachers would reach more hearts if they dwelt more on practical piety. Evangelism Page 139

7. What must we do in order to break down the barriers of prejudice and impenitence among people? Evangelism Page 142 "In order to break down the barriers of prejudice and impenitence, *the love of Christ must have a place in all discourse.* Let men know how much Jesus loves them, and what ~~else~~ He has given of His love. What love can equal that which God has manifested toward man, through the death of Christ on the cross? When the heart is filled with the love of Jesus, it can be presented to people, and will affect hearts."

8. What is the basis of our message? Evangelism P. 142 "*The Sacrifice*

of Christ as the atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths are grouped. In order to be fully understood and appreciated, every truth of God's Word, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light that flows from the Cross of Calvary... Such must be the foundation of all discourse delivered by our ministers."

9. What is the central message of the book of Revelation? Evangelism Page 146 "The book of Revelation must be opened before the people. Many have been taught that it is a sealed book; but it is a sealed book only for those who reject light and truth. The truth it contains must be proclaimed, so that people may have an opportunity to prepare themselves for the events that are soon to take place. The third angel's message must be presented as the only hope for the salvation of a perishing world."

10. How does one develop intelligent faith? Evangelism p. 144 "Preachers are to present Christ fully both in the churches and in the new fields, that the hearers may gain an intelligent faith. *The people should be taught that Christ is their salvation and their righteousness.* Satan has a premeditated purpose to prevent souls from believing in Christ as their only hope; for the blood of Christ that cleanses from all sin works effectually only for those who believe in His merit."

MY DECISION
