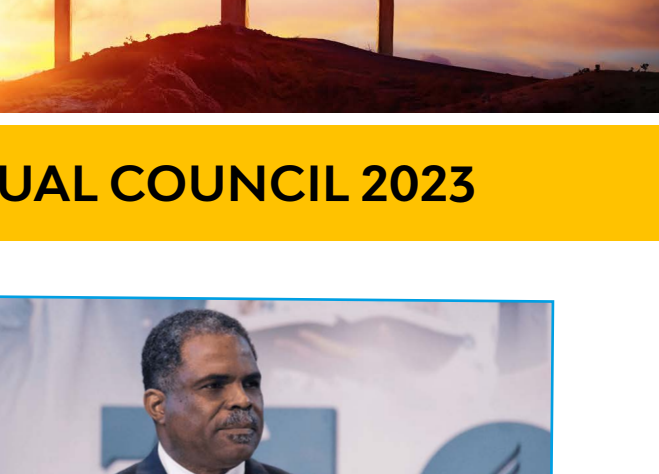


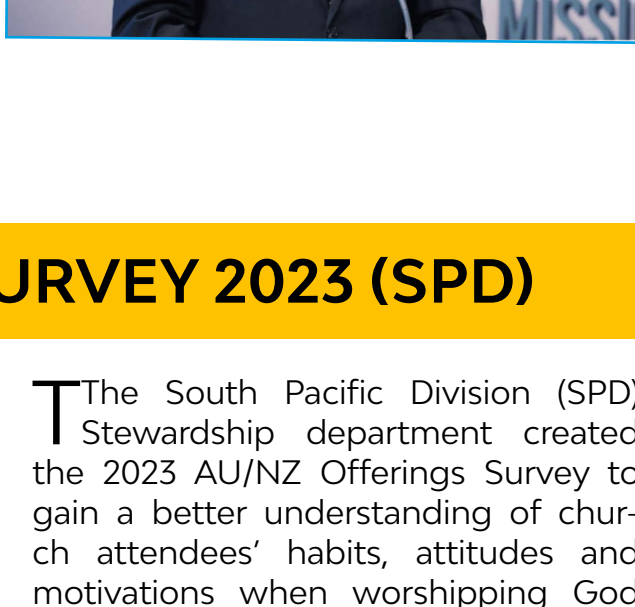
# Matthew 6:33



## TREASURER'S REPORT—ANNUAL COUNCIL 2023

### Mission Refocus

On October 9, Paul H. Douglas, General Conference (GC) treasurer, opened the day's business session for the 2023 Annual Council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the Treasurer's Report, emphasizing the theme Mission Refocus. Douglas began by highlighting global macroeconomic trends that have a significant impact on the financial situation and financial system of the church . . .



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## AU/NZ OFFERING SURVEY 2023 (SPD)

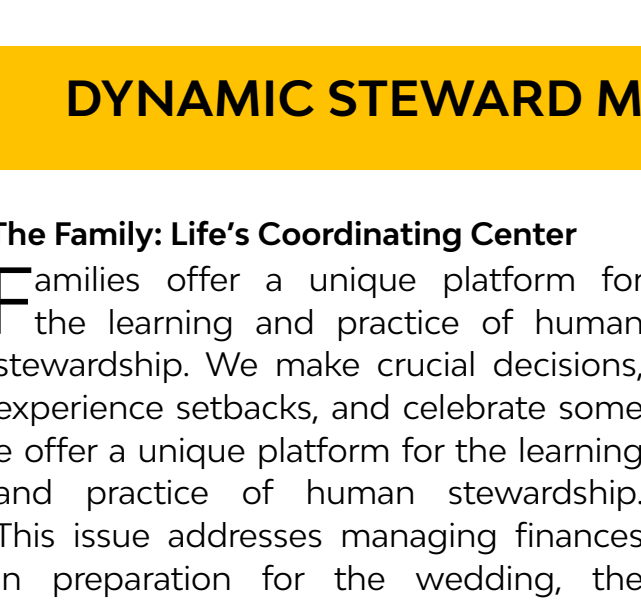


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The South Pacific Division (SPD) Stewardship department created the 2023 AU/NZ Offerings Survey to gain a better understanding of church attendees' habits, attitudes and motivations when worshipping God through the giving of offerings. A key aim is to glean insights that will help to revive mission offerings across Australia and New Zealand. More than 2,000 people completed the survey . . .

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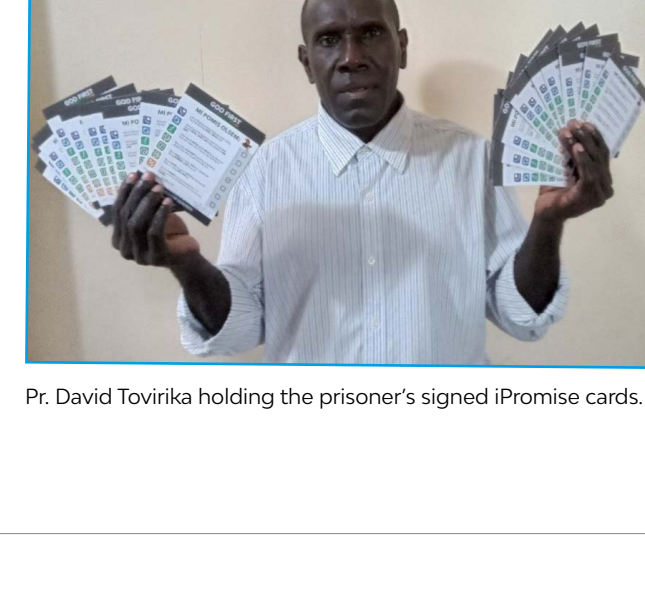
## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—3RD QUARTER

### The Family: Life's Coordinating Center

Families offer a unique platform for the learning and practice of human stewardship. We make crucial decisions, experience setbacks, and celebrate some . . .

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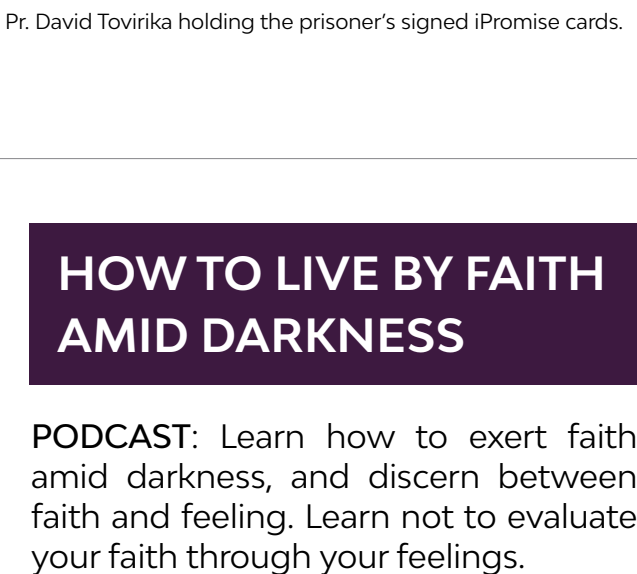
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Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 26, No. 3, July - September 2023, The Family: Life's Coordinating Center. Read in PDF on our website: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2023-26-3.pdf>

## GOD FIRST PREACHED IN PRISON CELLS (SPD)

The prisoners of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, really enjoyed the teachings and the fellowship with the Seventh-day Adventist members. As a result, twenty-four prisoners signed the iPromise cards and asked for Bible studies to prepare for baptism. All glory to God! on Sunday morning, 19 November, the two congregations went early in the morning to clean up around the town's . . .



Pr. David Tovirika holding the prisoner's signed iPromise cards.

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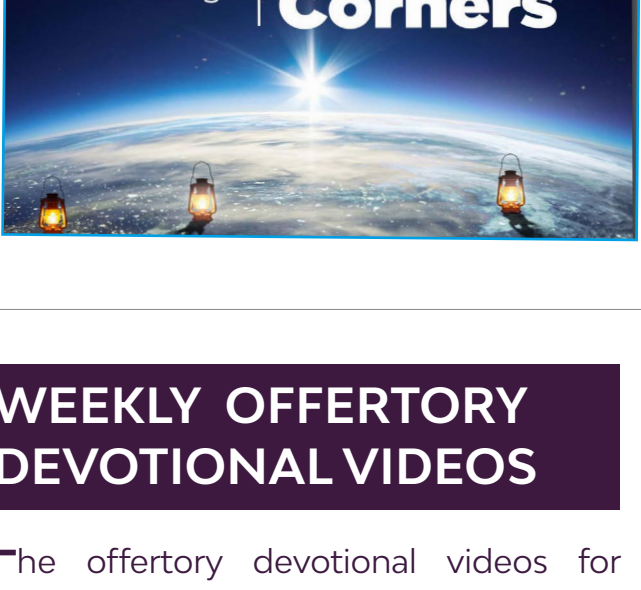


### HOW TO LIVE BY FAITH AMID DARKNESS

PODCAST: Learn how to exert faith amid darkness, and discern between faith and feeling. Learn not to evaluate your faith through your feelings.

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## NEW BOOK—TRUE WEALTH



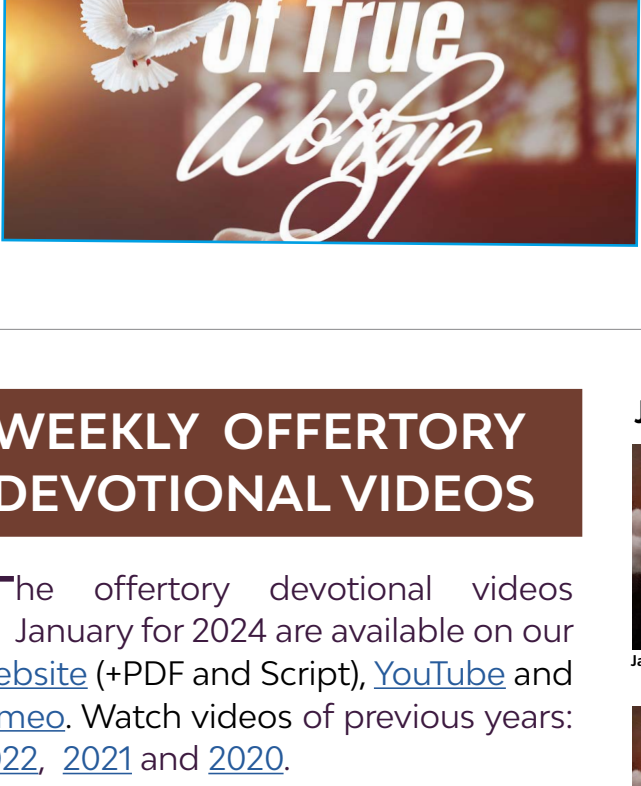
Also available in [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#)

This new book contains finance-related chapters from the *Testimonies* for the Church series. It features a selection of letters written by Ellen G. White to individuals who faced financial challenges while striving to live by biblical principles of prosperity and speaks to our present reality. Originally produced by the SAD Stewardship Ministries and graciously given to the GC, this book is now available for translation and/or printing.

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## 2023 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS AND VIDEOS

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS



[English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#)

Lighting Up All Corners is a collection of true stories written by Charlotte Ishkanian—stories of people around the world who have heard the voice of God and answered "Yes" to His call, "Follow me." The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for Us?" Will you go? Contact us below if your church entity wants to translate the manuscript for distribution in your territory.

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The offertory devotional videos for 2023 are available on our [website](#) (+PDF and Script), [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). Watch videos of previous years: [2022](#), [2021](#) and [2020](#). This year's videos are also available in [Cantonese](#), [French](#), [Hungarian](#), [Mandarin](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Russian](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), and [Ukrainian](#).

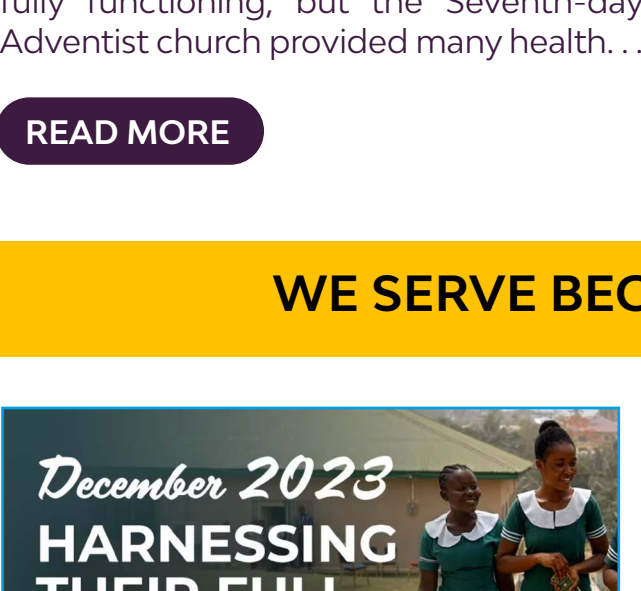
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## 2024 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READING



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### Principles of True Worship

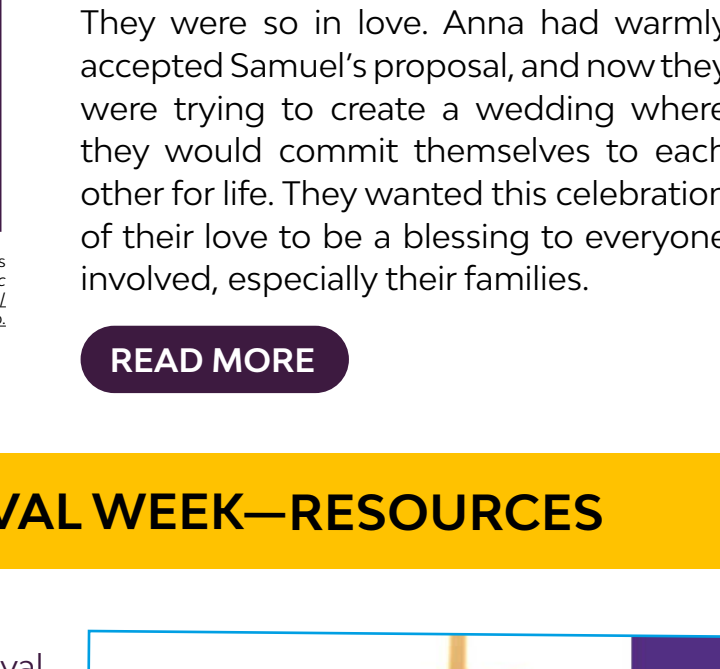
Author Josanan Alves uncovers 52 Principles of True Worship in the 2024 Tithes and Offerings Devotional Readings. These readings are to be presented in the local church every Sabbath before the local offering collection. Contact us below if your church entity wants to translate the manuscript or videos for distribution in your territory. The videos are being produced and will be made available [here](#) soon.

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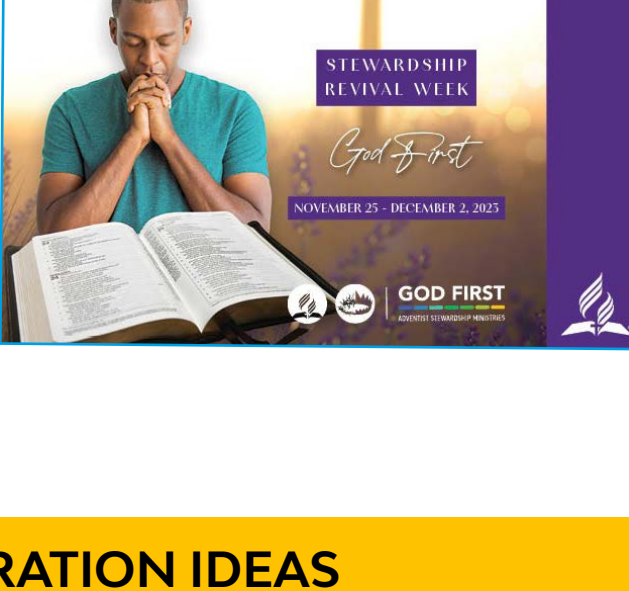
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## A QUICK QUESTION: WHAT IS TIME?

That question was probably a bit harder to answer than you thought, right? Time is one of those things that is instantly and intuitively understood, yet almost impossible to define. One succinct description of time is "the thing that clocks measure," which is as good a description as any, but it still doesn't quite explain WHAT it is. Scientists and philosophers continue to search for an inclusive definition of time, but it continues to . . .

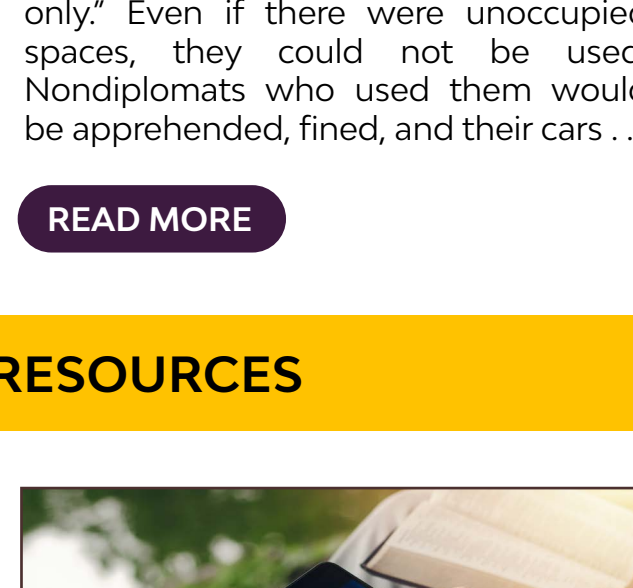


The article was written by Geoffrey Marshall, a hydrogeologist, and previously published in the *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 11 no. 1, January - March 2012, pp. 10-11. Read the entire magazine [here](https://ssuu.com/dynamicsteward/docs/2012-1): <https://ssuu.com/dynamicsteward/docs/2012-1>

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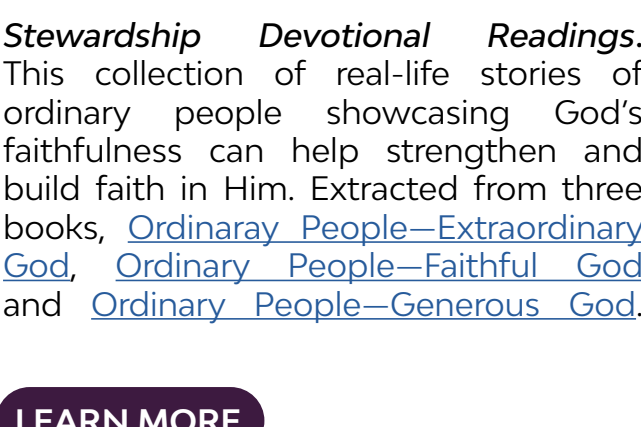
## BOUGAINVILLE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING (SPD)

Fifty years ago, when its copper mines were in full operation, Bougainville Mission was one of the richest missions in Papua New Guinea. The local people enjoying incomes from mining and coconut plantations. When the mining companies left Bougainville most of the government services were not fully functioning, but the Seventh-day Adventist church provided many health . . .



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## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



### HARNESSING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

This quarter's 13th Sabbath Offering will help improve education for eager students in the countries of Ghana and Cameroon. Thank you for supporting this special offering!

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## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE IN POWERPOINT



The article was written by Karen Hofford, Family, Women and Children's ministries director for the Trans-European Division, and previously published in *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 26, no. 3, July-September 2023, pp. 22-25 (<https://ssuu.com/dynamicsteward/docs/2023-26-3>). Read the article [here](https://stewardship.adventist.org/growing-emotionally-healthy-family-members).

### GROWING EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY FAMILY MEMBERS

Anna and Samuel sat at the table in the café, planning their wedding. They were so in love. Anna had warmly accepted Samuel's proposal, and now they were trying to create a wedding where they would commit themselves to each other for life. They wanted this celebration of their love to be a blessing to everyone involved, especially their families.

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## STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK—RESOURCES

### NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 2, 2023

The GodFirst Stewardship Revival Week is an annual initiative of the GC Stewardship Ministries to invite the global membership to renew their commitment to God as stewards. Each year the prepared material comprises seven inspirational messages aligned with the "I Promise Card," which covers various topics. The resource materials are available in [English](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#).



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## SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

### TITHE: ATTITUDE

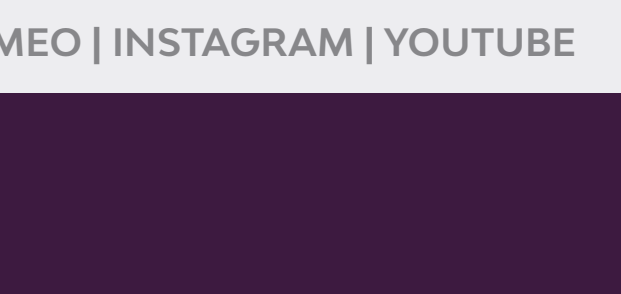


Illustrates Giving Motive

Jane was tired. She worked two jobs and needed three hands to count all the people she owed money to. The amount she made was just too small to cover everything. But Jane believed it was her duty to pay her tithe. Every . . .

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### SPECIAL PRIVILEGES: DIPLOMAT



Illustrates Mission

On a sign in a parking area at the airport were the words "Diplomats only." Even if there were unoccupied spaces, they could not be used. Nondiplomats who used them would be apprehended, fined, and their cars . . .

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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



**Stewardship Devotional Readings.** This collection of real-life stories of ordinary people showcasing God's faithfulness can help strengthen and build faith in Him. Extracted from three books, [Ordinary People—Extraordinary God](#), [Ordinary People—Faithful God](#) and [Ordinary People—Generous God](#).

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**Nine Stewardship Audio Teachings and Scripts.** Courtesy of SPD Stewardship Ministries, these teachings may be presented as they are with the presenter's voice or each local Stewardship director could use the text and re-record the audio, using his/her own voice, and launch it on their local Adventist Radio Station.

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



Let those who have become careless and indifferent, and are withholding their tithes and offerings, remember that they are blocking the way, so that the truth cannot go forth to the regions beyond. I am bidden to call upon the people of God to redeem their honor by rendering to God a faithful tithe— Counsels on Stewardship, p. 96.

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