

## Demonstrate Self-denial

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What does Jesus' sacrifice for you truly mean? Jesus left heaven, His comfort zone, and He embraced the plight of fallen humanity. He accomplished His mission against fearful odds and dire resistance. Finally, He offered it all, His own life. "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

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As God's representatives, a sacrificial spirit is part of our true identity. That was the spirit demonstrated by our church's pioneers. John Andrews, for example, was a widower with two children when he accepted a call to go to Europe as the first official Seventh-day Adventist missionary. He accepted the call without knowing what his specific salary would be. They agreed to send him money from time to time, but did not do so as regularly as needed.

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To publish tracts, pamphlets, and the French periodical *Les Signes des Temps*, he often used his personal funds, sometimes going without food and other necessities. He contracted pneumonia in 1877. After his examination, the physician commented: "This man is almost starved to death!" One year later, Andrews' daughter died of tuberculosis. The committed missionary nevertheless relentlessly continued his groundbreaking work until he died of tuberculosis at 54.

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We live in a time when money and other resources are hard to find. Waiting for surplus or leftover resources to support God's mission could be a pious, well-intended wish but may never be accomplished. In this context, these words of Ellen White are most relevant: "The absence of SELF-DENIAL in His professed followers, God regards as a denial of the Christian name. Those who profess to be one with Christ and indulge their selfish desires for rich and expensive clothing, furniture, and food, are Christians only in name. To be a Christian is to be Christlike" (Review & Herald, Oct. 13, 1896).

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As we return our tithe and regular and systematic offerings, which we call Promise, let us show a spirit of self-denial, which is the Spirit of Christ.  
May we put our desires last and God first.

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