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SATISFACTION



### Editorial - Satisfaction

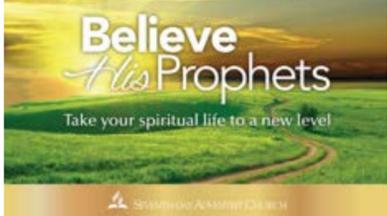
There is a saying that "SATISFACTION is not always the fulfillment of what we want, but it is a realization of how BLESSED we are for what we have." In other words, we feel SATISFIED not because we have all we want, but because we are thankful for the blessings we received from God. Life is much better if we are SATISFIED and happy with what we have and with what we don't have. Not many people, however, have this kind of attitude ...

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## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

# 'God First' Sabbath Materials

for Sabbath, December 1, 2018



### "Believe His Prophets" Begin New Cycle

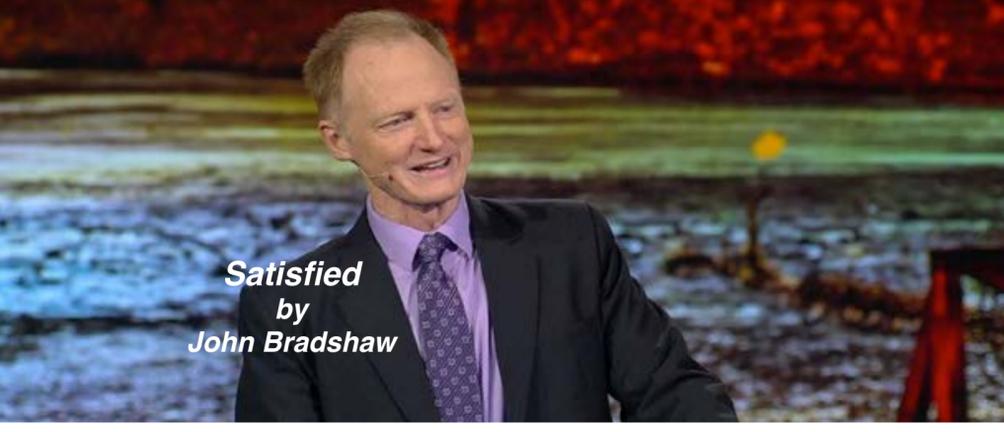
Just one chapter a day! A new cycle of "Believe His Prophets," a daily Bible reading plan designed to encourage believers around the world and deepen their spiritual experience with God, was launched on Sabbath, October 13, 2018, beginning with the book of Genesis and continuing with *The Desire of Ages* by Ellen G. White...

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### "Believe His Prophets" Video Series

A new three-minute video is launched every day on the GC Stewardship Ministries Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Dynamicstewardships/>) commenting on the daily Bible chapter suggested by the "Believe His Prophets" Bible reading plan. In accordance with its 2017–2020 Strategic Plan, the videos are aimed at encouraging viewers to put...

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Satisfied by John Bradshaw

3ABN Fall Camp Meeting 2017 - "Satisfied" by Pastor John Bradshaw. Jesus was satisfied with His mission. He came to die for man so that we can have life. Jesus loves us dearly and wants us to live with Him one day. Get involved in mission and win souls for Christ. Jesus wants us to be satisfied.

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### Adventist Church's Mission Statement Update

The 2018 Annual Council delegates approved the revision of the church's mission statement to read, "Make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the three angels' messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev. 14:6-12)."

The previous statement read, "The mission of the Seven..."

Excerpt taken from "Adventist Church Presents New 'I Will Go' Strategic Plan" by Andrew McChesney, Adventist Mission

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### Sermon Illustrations on SATISFACTION



#### Be Content Where You Are

The story is told about a pilot who always looked down intently on a certain valley in the Appalachians when the plane passed overhead. One day his co-pilot asked, "What's so interesting about that spot?" The pilot replied, "See that stream? Well..."

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#### Personal Devotion

In the 1880s a young man who was an earnest Christian found employment in a pawnshop. Although he disliked the work, he did it faithfully as unto the Lord until a more desirable opportunity opened for him. To prepare himself for a life of Christian service...

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#### Stewardship Sound-Bites

by Penny Brink  
2019 TITHE AND OFFERINGS READINGS

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### Suggested Resource(s)

#### Simplified Commitment cards for Adults and Children



These simplified Commitment cards are made available, courtesy of the South Pacific Division. We also have Commitment Cards in Hindi, Bengali, and Punjabi, courtesy of the Southern Asia Division.

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### How Do I Make A Budget?

To begin a budget based on actual expenses, follow the steps below:

Keep all your receipts. You will need them to create a monthly financial summary.

Create a Word document in landscape mode (or turn an 8 1/2"-by-11" piece of paper sideways).

List monthly expenses in the left-hand column. For example: Tithe, Offering, Auto, Gasoline, Food, Rent, Mortgage, etc.

Written by John Mathews, NAD Stewardship Ministries Director

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### E. G. White's Quotations on Satisfaction

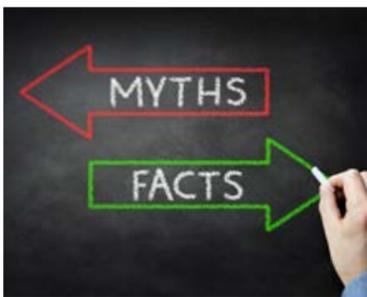
The precious grace of God is made secondary to matters of no real importance; and many, while collecting material for no real importance, lose the capacity for happiness. They find that their possessions fail to give the satisfaction they had hoped to derive from them. This endless round of labor, this unceasing anxiety to embellish the home for visitors and...

—E. G. White, *Adventist Home*, p. 151.

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### MYSTIFYING MYTHS

#### Facts and Fiction About the General Conference's Compliance Document by Pastor Mark Finley

If a myth is repeated often enough and loud enough a lot of people will accept it as reality. For centuries people believed the earth was flat, and the sun revolved around the earth. Even reputed scientists and scholars of the day taught and repeated the myth. A myth is a myth no matter how loud it is trumpeted and no matter who shouts it...

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## Division News (View More)

### Stewardship Ministries Activities during the Month of October.



SID Stewardship Ministries Advisory



360 Degrees Stewardship Convocation in Dallas, Texas



Stewardship Programs in Northern India Union. Featured above is a training in Uttar Pradesh, India.

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