

These Perilous Times
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Called for Service

Jesus told His disciples that He didn't come to the earth to be ministered unto, but to serve others. We are to do likewise! ¹ Members of many different denominations think it's the sole responsibility of the pastor to do all the evangelistic ministering and outreach. Unfortunately, that mindset has even infiltrated some of God's remnant churches.

The "**Spiritual gifts**" that are listed in Romans 12; I Corinthians 12; and Ephesians 4, are not there for literary decorations. They are there for a reason. Service for the Lord! Anyone {*Old* and *Young* alike} who becomes a member of God's remnant church is to work for the salvation of souls, using the Heaven-sent gifts the Holy Spirit has endowed them with!

¹ Mark 10:36-45

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

Laodicean

Recently I had a procedure done at the hospital and was administered a powerful anesthetic, {Propofol} which has some dangerous side effects. After the procedure I was in the recovery room waiting for the effects of the drug to wear off. A few days later I still felt somewhat lethargic from the anesthesia.

Perhaps that's the condition one encounters when falling victim to a "spiritual Laodicean coma" concerning God's written Word!

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of

darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:11&12

Counsel from God’s inspired messenger

“The message that I am bidden to bear to our people at this time is, Work the cities without delay, for time is short...”² I appeal to our brethren who have heard the message for many years. It is time to wake up the watchmen. I have expended my strength in giving the messages the Lord has given me.

The burden of the needs of our cities has rested so heavily upon me that sometimes seemed that I should die. May the Lord give wisdom to our brethren, that they may know how to carry forward the work in harmony with the will of the Lord,”³ {Emphasis provided}.

Where are the workmen...? Shall we not plan to send messengers all through these fields, {large

² E. G. White. Letter 168, 1909.

³ E. G. White. Manuscript 13, 1910.

cities, and cities in the South in Ellen White's day} and support them liberally? Shall not the ministers of God go into these crowded centers, and lift up their voices in warning to multitudes? At such a time as this, every hand is to be employed," ⁴ {Emphasis provided}.

Though the Bible was written hundreds of years ago, and the Spirit of Prophecy over a hundred years ago their messages are still applicable today, and need to be carried *with urgency* to the *unconverted* -"prepare to meet your God!"



⁴ The Review & Herald, Nov. 25, 1909