

These Perilous Times

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“Listen Closely”

Part II

Several years ago while attending the “West Point of Evangelism,”¹ in Semi Valley California, I was truly blessed by the classes I attended. The class that stood out the most, as I recall, was one concerning those whom are grieving the loss of a loved one. Our instructor shared with us some of the most practical Christian ways to comfort those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, {the class was actually titled, “Grieving Seminar”}.

The instructor was very candid, she stated that some folk grieve for 20 minutes and others for 20 years. She also stated the grieving process must take place in order for one to move forward, toward a healthy mental condition.

¹ An evangelistic convocation where once a year Seventh-day Adventist evangelists, and G. C. self-supporting ministries from all over the world come together and share their ministry methodologies and evangelistic strategies for winning souls for Jesus’ kingdom.

“What is our duty as a Christian, she said, when trying to console someone who is grieving?-Try Just Listening! Don’t Talk!”

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

Today we are living in a time when people love giving advice, {don’t we}. He or she is so self-confident that they believe they possess fail-safe methods, and solutions for whatever may ail you-If only you will listen they will tell you, exactly what you need.

Counsel from Solomon

“To everything there is a season to every purpose under heaven... a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7

Seven times in the book of Revelation John the beloved stated, **“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the**

churches... ²

Hear: To **notice, observe, be on one's guard, take care, to become aware of, to listen to and consider,** ³ {emphasis supplied}.

There are a lot of people living today with **physical impairments and handicaps.** In my opinion, I believe those who are totally deaf, or have a severe hearing loss have the worst type of disability.

However, many persons who have hearing impairments have had their hearing partially and/or fully restored by innovative electronic technology; i.e. digital hearing aids, and cochlear implants and other methods. Praise God!

What about God's remnant?

Is it possible that some of God's people are becoming spiritually deaf, **because they refuse to hear, and listen** to the instructions that God's Word is consistently speaking to them?

² Revelation 2:7, 11. 17. 29; 3:6, 13. 22.

³ Webster's New World Dictionary, {College Ed.}, Cleveland and New York, The World Publishing Co., 1965, p. 668.

My good friends, electronic devices, and modern technology are not the solution for spiritual deafness-**Jesus is!**

Can you hear Him now?

