

KINGDOM WORDS

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In March, we celebrate Women in History, as well as International Women's Day and so the newsletter will follow this theme of celebrating women. Whatever your opinion about women in the church or their role in furthering the gospel, I'd like to share these words from Heather-Dawn Small, director of the Women's Ministries Department at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists:

"Each person in God's end-time church has been called to salvation and called to serve. The way we serve may differ by gender, means, or location. What matters is our willingness to surrender to God to be used by Him, however, and wherever He knows will be best. He calls. What is our answer? The hall of fame in the book of Hebrews celebrates young and old, male and female. We can all be saints of distinguished service because we have answered God's call and surrendered to His will for our lives. God in me and God through me should be our cry."

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-Sis. Alison Legall, Women's Ministries

Was Ellen White a Social Justice Advocate?

an excerpt by John Skrzypaszek, Rocky Mountain Conference, published in the Adventist Review, March 4, 2021

Ellen White and Social Justice

Space does not permit a detailed analysis of White's response to the wide range of social justice issues, both with the community of faith and in society at large, but her influence commenced at the ground level of practical responses to human needs. Soon after her marriage in 1846, God instructed her to show a particular interest in motherless and fatherless children. She understood this responsibility as part of God's missional response to human suffering (Isa. 58:6, 7) with a specific goal: "I have taken children from three to five years of age and have educated them and trained them for responsible positions." During White's tenure in Australia, her home, Sunnyside, in Cooranbong, New South Wales, became "an asylum for the poor and afflicted." Her concern for the sick and suffering "won the confidence of the people." Thomas Russell, a local businessman, summarized her influence's impact: "Mrs. White's presence in our village will be greatly missed. The widow and the orphan found in her a helper. She sheltered, clothed, and fed those in need, and where gloom was cast, her presence brought sunshine." In her life and practice, the truth in Jesus translated into practical Christian experience, a place where people felt kindness and loving care.

Ellen White and Race Relations

The great controversy theme (1858-1888) contributed to White's in-depth understanding of God's love and His purpose for life in a broken world. It highlighted the value of freedom of choice and the intrinsic value and potential in human life.

The named theme extended her ministry's impact beyond the boundaries of the Adventist community into the "public arena—race relations and religious liberty." During her time in Australia, she wrote extensively on issues relating to colored races. In 1891, she wrote, "The Lord Jesus came to our world to save men and women of all nationalities. He died just as much for the colored people as for the white race. Jesus came to shed light over the whole world." Her words reflected a fearless but deeply seeded spiritual conviction streaming from her view of Jesus' ministry: **"I know that that which I now speak will bring me into conflict.**

This I do not covet, for the conflict has seemed to be continuous of late years; but I do not mean to live a coward or die a coward, leaving my work undone. I must follow in my Master's footsteps. It has become fashionable to look down upon the poor, and upon the colored race in particular. But Jesus, the Master, was poor, and He sympathizes with the poor, the discarded, the oppressed, and declares that every insult shown to them is as if shown to Himself. I am more and more surprised as I see those who claim to be children of God possessing so little of the sympathy, tenderness, and love which actuated Christ. Would that every church, north and south, were imbued with the spirit of our Lord's teaching."

*To read the full article, visit
<https://www.adventistreview.org/social-justice>.*

Family Life Corner
Resources



Tips For Building a Healthy Family
(Part 2)* - Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr.
Shannon Warden
Focus on the Family

**The link for part 1 is in the February
newsletter*

**Join us for Sabbath
School each week
at 10:00 a.m.**

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From the author of 5 LoveLanguages,
Winning the Screen Wars featuring Dr. Gary Chapman & Arlene Pellicane

Do you want to break your family free from technology trance? Is your home overrun by screens? Why are screens such a powerful force? And why is it so difficult for your children to break from their devices? With so many schools happening online, how should that inform the rest of the day's screen time?

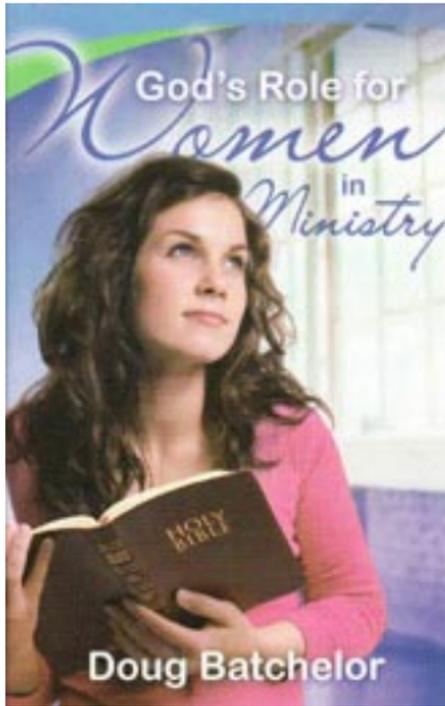
These are all questions parents battle with as they navigate through this increasingly digital age. Now is the time to equip your child with a healthy relationship with screens and a healthier relationship with others.

In Winning the Screen Wars, Dr. Gary Chapman & Arlene Pellicane will empower you with the tools needed to make positive changes in your home. Through stories, science and wisdom you'll learn how to take back your home from an obsession with screens and help your children become less dependent on the screen world.



God's Role for Women in Ministry

by Doug Batchelor



After reviewing hundreds of applications, a Fortune 500 company's search for a new marketing director had been narrowed to just three candidates. The first person called for the final interview was asked just one simple question: "What is two plus two?" Surprised by the inquiry, she wondered if it was a trick question—but in the end, she answered "four." The CEO thanked her for coming and ushered her out the door. The next candidate received the same question: "What is two plus two?" She thought about it for a moment and replied, "Statistically, it is the number between three and five." Though more impressed with this answer, the CEO thanked her for coming and ushered her out the door. Finally, the last candidate to be interviewed was also asked, "What is two plus two?"

Without pause, she replied, "What do you want it to be?" She was hired on the spot. In today's culture, when it comes to marketing, absolute truth is a rare commodity. Morals are more often determined by popularity or political correctness than by the simple truth. This is not how we should approach the Bible's teachings, no matter how sensitive the lesson to be learned can be. When you consider that more than 60 percent of all practicing Christians are women, this dynamic between truth and popularity can be especially volatile when exploring the subject of women's ordination. The question of women's roles in the church, and whether or not they ought to be pastors and elders, is under serious debate within many churches. Both sides of the argument stir strongly held beliefs—which is why I want to approach this topic not only with great caution but, more important, much prayer and humility.

Laying the Groundwork

A discussion about the Bible, men, and women in this culture leaves the door wide open to impassioned and often false interpretations of biblical lessons, so I want to lay out a foundation of how we should approach this issue together. We must each ask ourselves: What is my view of the Bible? Is it God's Word, or is it just the thoughts of men?

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Does it contain errors, and if it does, can we decipher those errors from what is true? For instance, many who advocate the position that the Bible sees no difference at all between men and women in the church and the family must often discard very pointed remarks from Paul's letters, sometimes without any textual reason for doing so. Paul, they suggest, made an error—but on what basis do they come to that conclusion?

Another question each Christian must consider is this: **If the Bible teaches something that I am uncomfortable with, will I still obey it?** That is, are we as individuals the final arbiters of truth? If we consider that we are the authors of truth, we put ourselves on a dangerous path. As Christians, we must resist falling prey to our "instincts," because the prevailing thoughts and value systems of the world can influence our thinking in unbiblical ways. Indeed, the most fundamental basis for Christians is that Christ says if we love Him, we will obey Him. We must stand for the truth that God has shown us in His Word. That's why I have written this booklet based on the following principles:

1. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

2. When God's people have been unfaithful to Him, negative consequences follow. With these ideals in mind, I firmly believe we can come to a biblical conclusion to just about any doctrinal disagreement between people who love God.

The Family and the Church At the end of Creation week, God not only established the Sabbath (Genesis 2:1-3) but also the family (Genesis 2:18, 21-24). And in the last days, we will see Satan not only attacking those who remain faithful to the Sabbath, but he will also strike at man's most intimate relationship—the family. In fact, this battle has already begun. Any victory by the devil in the war against the family is ultimately reflected in the church. The very survival of both society and the church leans heavily upon the family unit. In this unit, seen not only in God's Word but also His creation, we find a basic truth: Men are fathers, and women are mothers.

As we shall see later, men and women are without question equal as humans, but they are also entirely unique as creatures. They are not only distinct sexually, but almost every other aspect of their natures is different as well.

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Health Nugget: Light (Sunshine)

Enjoy some sun and boost vitamin D levels

Light was the first essential thing our Creator made, and it still divides the night from the day. Genesis 1:3, 4. Sunlight was then added on the fourth day of creation week and is essential for healthy human beings as well as healthy plants. Our body needs at least 15-30 minutes of exposure to sunlight each day to provide sufficient vitamin D, which is synthesized in the skin, when exposed to the sun. Other benefits of sunlight include:

- 1. Elevates the mood and gladdens the heart.**
- 2. Kills germs, viruses, bacteria, and mold.**
- 3. Stimulates melatonin output, and enhances restful sleep.**
- 4. Strengthens the immune system.**
- 5. Relieves pain and aids healing.**
- 6. Imparts a healthy glow to the skin.**
- 7. Improves home atmosphere.**

The building of our homes should include plans that provide windows for letting in an abundance of sunlight. All rooms should be well supplied with pure air and warmth of sunshine at various times of the day.

Avoid sunburn or over-exposure to direct sunlight, a leading cause of skin cancer. Sunlight is truly one of God's gifts, we often take for granted. If possible, get out in the sunshine every day. What a dark, dismal world it would be, without it!

Excerpt from Ten Talents Cookbook

Celebrate March Birthdays

- 1 - Donny McKay
- 2 - Jessica Khonyongwa
- 5 - Bradford Black
- 6 - Aliyah Lilly
- 6 - Deandra Thoms
- 8 - Nigel Martial
- 8 - Owen Sison
- 8 - Calvin Whitter
- 11 - Charlene Mwila
- 13 - Judy Russell
- 14 - Zhane Prudent
- 17 - Harold Bradshaw
- 17 - Minnie Hightower
- 17 - Jude Vanderveen
- 19 - Mabel Duncan
- 20 - James McKay
- 20 - Brandon Thompson
- 22 - Brenda Black
- 24 - Amonique Thoms
- 25 - Rita Russell
- 26 - Gwendolyn Jeanglaude
- 30 - Ron Russell Jr.
- 31 - Ariel Wilkins



Worship With Us!

Wednesday Night | 7:00 p.m.
Friday night Prayer | 7:00 p.m.
(Prayer Line: 605-475-4000, PIN 739881)
Sabbath School | Saturday | 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service | Saturday | 12:00 Noon