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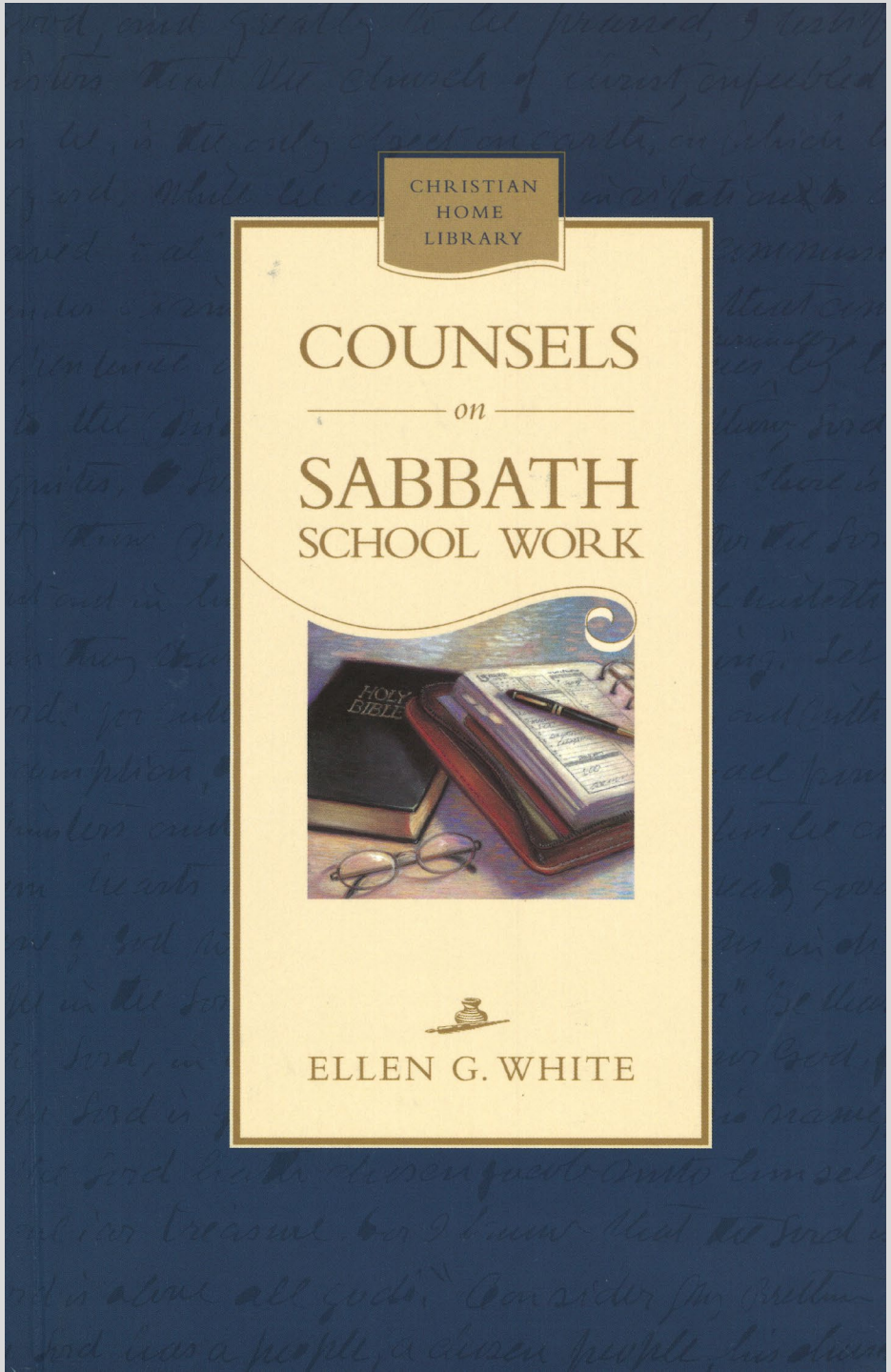
Counsels on Sabbath School Work



Counsels on Sabbath School Work, Foreword

"Contemporary review of the Ellen White writings confirms that **the present volume contains nearly everything she wrote about Sabbath school work.**"

The Lifeless Sabbath School

Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 61



"The object of the Sabbath school work should be **the ingathering of souls**. The order of working may be faultless, the facilities all that could be desired; but if the children and youth are not brought to Christ, **the school is a failure**; for unless

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"souls are brought to Christ, they become more and more unimpressionable under the influence of **a formal religion**."

Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 64



"When all those who profess to be Christians are Christians **in deed and in truth**, the Sabbath school will be no longer **a dry round of service**."

Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 84



"Do not make the Sabbath school lessons **dry and spiritless**."

Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 66



"How sad it is to think of the great amount of **mechanical work** that is done in the Sabbath school, while there is little evidence that there is **moral transformation** in the souls of those who teach and who are taught!"

Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 68



"**We do not want** our Sabbath schools conducted in such a way as **to make hypocrites**. . . . The **mechanical working** of the school is of little value if the Spirit of God does not soften and mold the hearts of teachers and pupils."

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"What evidence can we give to the world that the Sabbath school work is not a **mere pretense**? It will be judged by its fruits. It will be estimated by the **character and work** of the pupils."

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2. Dry round of service
3. Dry and spiritless
4. Makes hypocrites
5. Mechanical working
6. Mere pretense

What can give LIFE to Sabbath School?

Acts 2:41

“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

Acts 12:24



“But the word of God grew and multiplied.”

Acts 19:20

“So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”

John 6:63; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23



"The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are **life**."

"For the Word of God is **living** and **powerful**."

"Having been **born again** . . . through the Word of God."

If the Word Gives Life and Growth…



Sabbath School Should Create Growth!

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"The influence growing out of Sabbath school work should improve and **enlarge the church**."

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Christian Service, p. 59



"Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, **how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes**, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted."

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8. Adopt a quarterly class mission project—use 10-15 minutes of "TMI time" for community outreach focus

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"It is certainly important that we become acquainted with the reasons of our faith, but the most important knowledge to be gained is **the experimental knowledge of what it means to be born again**. The great want in our Sabbath school work is the

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"want of **the light of life**. All through our ranks are needed men and women who have learned at the feet of Jesus **what is truth**, and **how to present it to others**."

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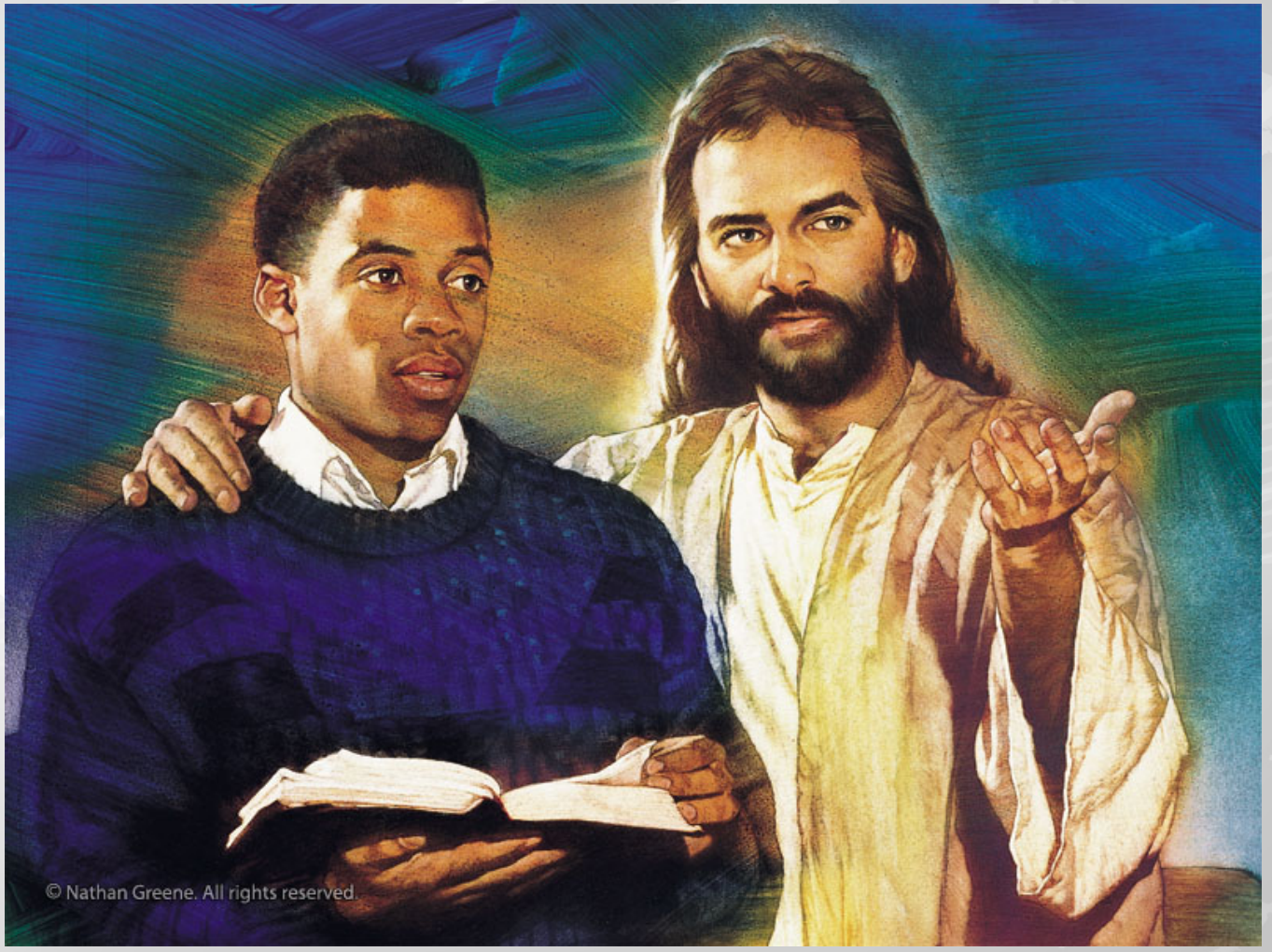



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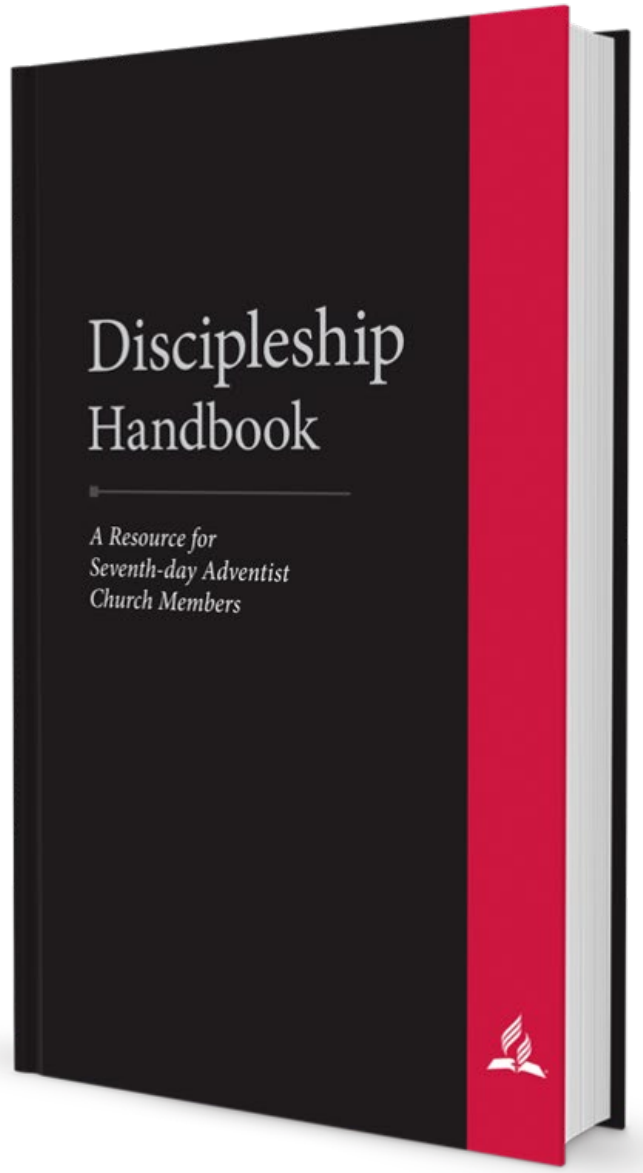
A Resource for Seventh-day Adventist Church Members



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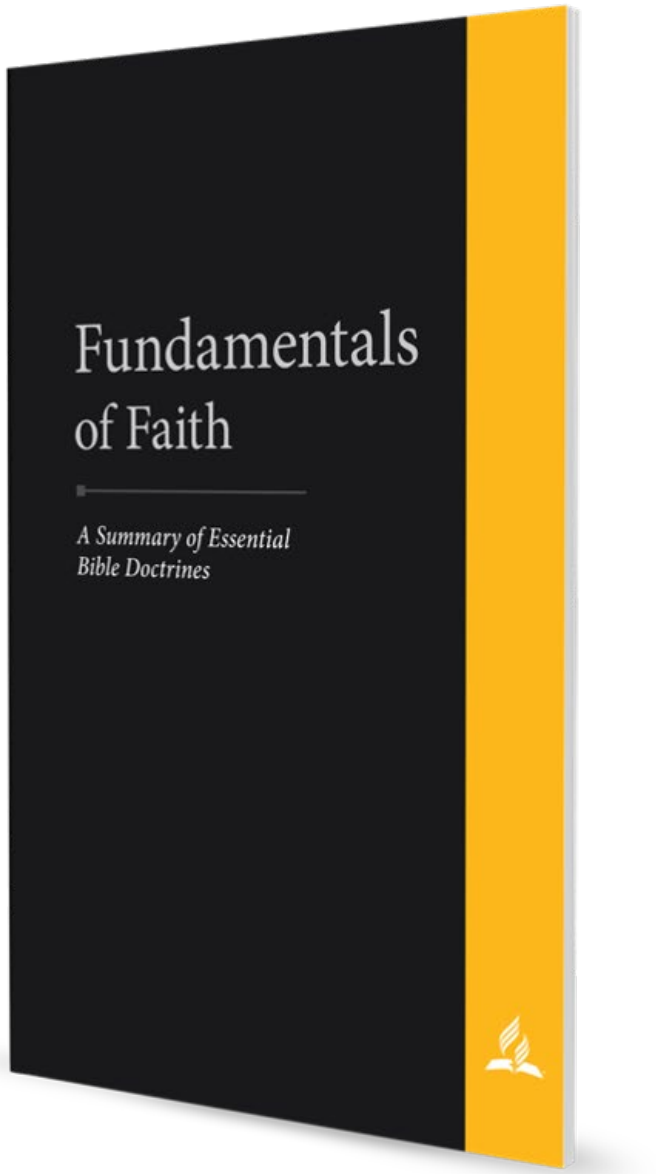

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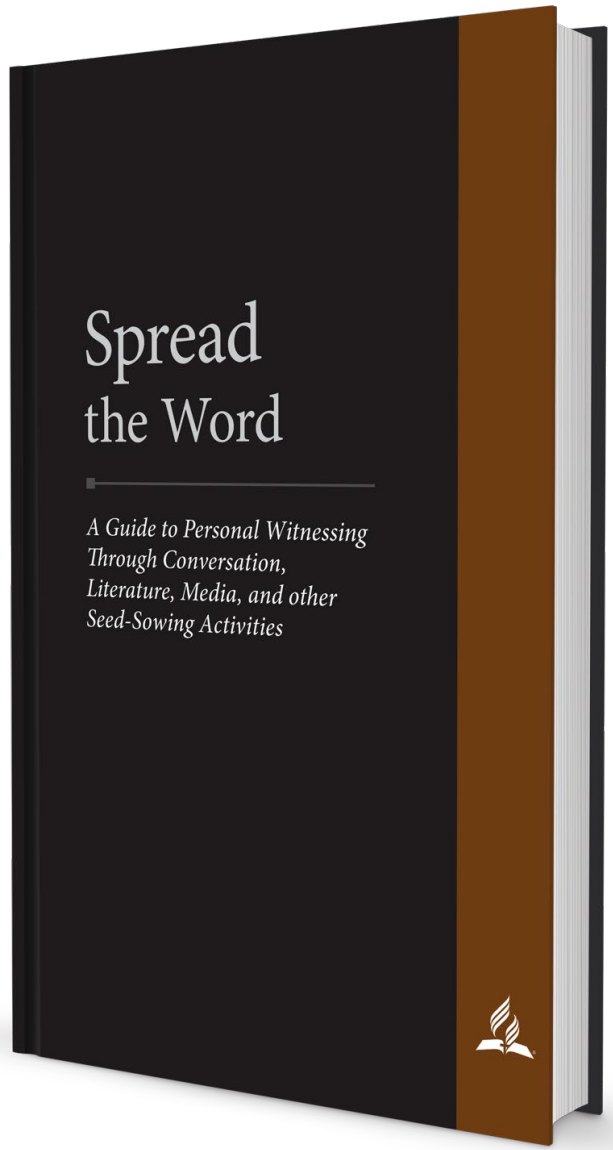


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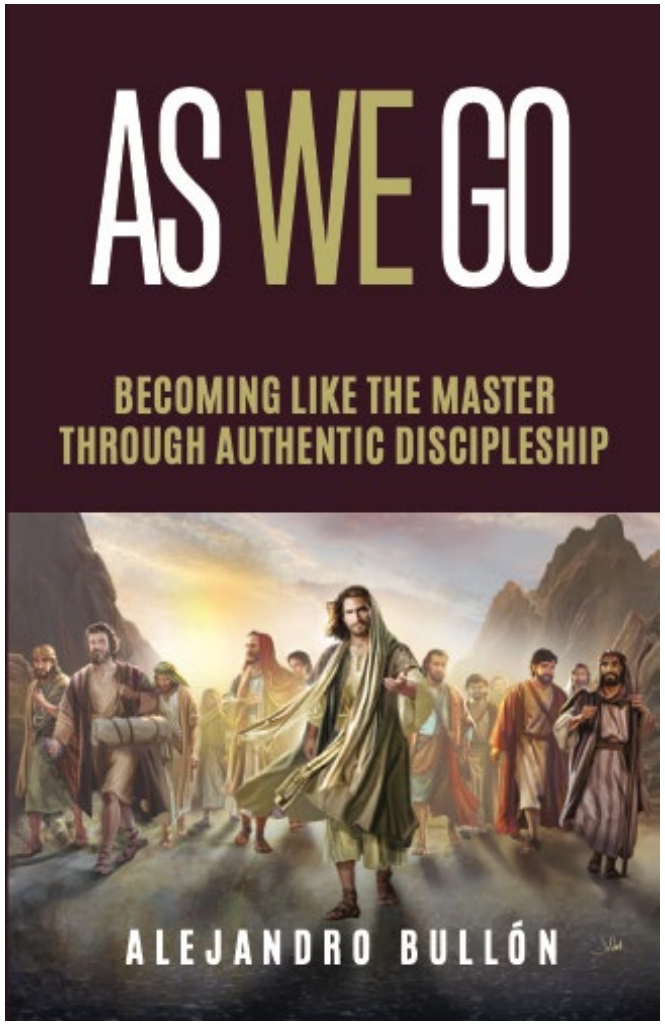
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