



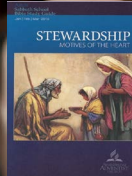
# GOD FIRST

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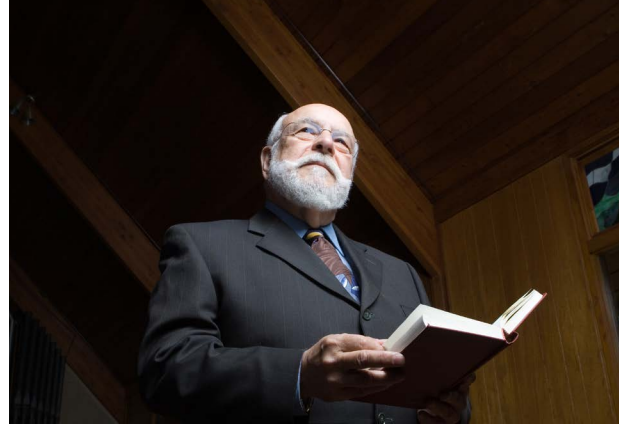
The Apostle Paul is known as a 'true' missionary. Prior to his conversion, he was a 'top persecutor' of Jesus' followers and disciples, but he met Jesus on his way to Damascus and became 'a Servant of Jesus Christ' – that's how he described himself. He preached the Gospel message that Jesus is the Son of God and will soon return. During his ministry, Paul travelled to many parts of Asia...

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### Focus on God

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 NIV "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Many people are convinced they are too bad for God to help, or they have problems that are too big for God to handle. They seem to have more faith in their inability...

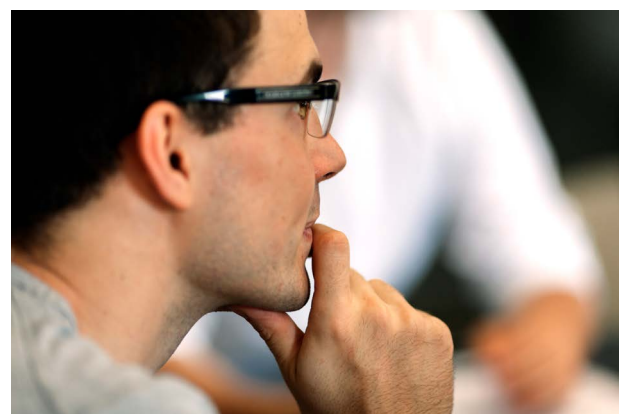
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### E. G. White's Corner

We have no enemy without that we need to fear. Our great conflict is with unconsecrated self. When we conquer self, we are more than conquerors through Him who has loved us. My brethren, there is eternal life for us to win. Let us fight the good fight of faith. Not in the future, but now, is our probation. While it lingers, "seek ...

E. G. White — Counsels on Stewardship, p. 21

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### Quotes on Focus

Jeremiah 24:7 -- I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.

Proverbs 4:25-27-- Let your eyes look directly ahead and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established. Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.

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One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out a way to get him out. Finally, he decided it was probably impossible and the animal was old, and the well was dry anyway, so it just wasn't worth it to try and retrieve the donkey. So, the farmer asked his neighbors to come over and help him...

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### God's Math

When I was young, I was great at math. I had started playing cards with my Mom, Dad, Nana, and brothers when I was only four years old. All of those pleasant evenings at the kitchen table evening "Knock" and "Rummy" had made me very good at addition and subtraction. It gave me a head start over the other graders...

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