

# Break Every Yoke

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“Those who are controlled by policy rather than by principle are not to be trusted. They will pervert the truth, conceal facts, and construe the words of others to mean that which was never intended. They will employ flattering words, while the poison of asps is under their tongue. He who does not earnestly seek the divine guidance will be deceived by their smooth words and their artful plans.” **E.G.W - ST Aug. 4, 1881.**

“A man is not to preach for the committee; he is not employed by the committee, he does not belong to the committee. He preaches for Jesus Christ. He belongs to Jesus Christ, and the committee must belong to Jesus Christ and serve Christ and let the other man alone, and let him preach the gospel which Christ gives.” **A.T Jones, 1903 G.C.B 156,**

“And on the other hand, the minister who submits his ministry to a superior, the Bishop, the President or one in authority in the Church, to be sent out and directed in his ministry, cannot in the fullest sense be Christ ambassador.” **James White, R & H Oct. 1874.**

“And yet it was not the design of God that any system of organization should exist in the Christian church that would take the leadership from Christ... Human creeds cannot produce unity. Church force cannot press the church into one body. Christ never designed that human minds should be molded for heaven by the influence merely of other human minds.” **James White, R & H Jan 4, 1881.**

“The officers of a local church are servants of that church and not Lords to rule over it with church force.” **James White IBID.**

The SDA Churches are in a terrible state, revival and reformation cannot come in the church because of the type of repressive church government that puts impediments in the way of members who are growing in the truth and who are doing the work of God by individual initiative. So controlled are the churches that if work is to be done to reach church members and to finish the last work, it will have to come from autonomous SDA Churches - churches that are not controlled by the conference. Ministers and Elders usually block us, threaten us, call us offshoots, and accuse us (unjustly) of pulling down the church, but we have our work to do, and do it we must, forgetting the false assumed authority of the conferences or their ministers who are themselves controlled.

Should Ministers stop us from giving out tracts to church members, or should they stop our preaching? No! Read what the spirit of prophecy says: “Now I want to say God has not put any kingly power in our hand to control this or that branch of the work. The work has been greatly restricted by the efforts to control it in every line. Here is a vineyard presenting its barren places that have received no labor and if one should start out to till these places in the name of the Lord, unless he should get the permission of men in a little circle of authority, he would receive no help. But God mean that His workers shall have help.

If a hundred should start out on a mission to these destitute fields, crying unto God, He would open the way before them. Let me tell you, if your heart is in the work, and you have faith in God, you need not depend upon the sanction of any minister or any people; if you go right to work in the name of the Lord, in a humble way doing what you can to teach the truth, God will vindicate you... If the work had not been so restricted by an impediment here and an impediment there, and on the other side an impediment, it would have gone forward in its majesty.” **Ellen G White, 1910 G.C.B p 26**

“A church which proclaims the priesthood of all believers but does not, in fact, provide ways for the general priesthood to express itself, will teach not initiative but docile obedience as the Christian stance.” Rex D. Edwards, **Every Believer A Minister p. 76**

“This lording it over God’s heritage will create such a disgust of men’s jurisdiction that a state of insubordination will result. The people are learning that men in high positions of responsibility cannot be trusted to mold and fashion other men’s minds and characters.” **TM p 361**

“For years there has been a growing tendency for man placed in positions or responsibility to Lord it over God’s heritage, thus removing from church members their keen sense of the privilege to counsel with God regarding their duty. This order of things must be changed.” **TM 477-478**

This is why church members lack so much spirituality and individual initiative. This is why they are so weak, ignorant and are not prepared to do the last work. So the call is to Break free church members and assert your liberty in Christ. Study your bibles and go and preach to all peoples... then the end will come!

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