

## When George King put God First

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George King put God first, even when the church rejected him as a preacher. What can we learn from him today that will help us put God first in our own lives?

George was a young man who firmly believed that God called him to preach the good news. This was 1880, and James White was still alive. So the King decided to ask him about becoming a preacher.

James and Ellen White invited King to their home, and although they were sure about his devotion to God's calling, they were unsure that he had the talent or educational background to become a preacher. So, they asked the Goodsmarks to take brother King and determine whether he could become a preacher.

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George then moved in with the Godsmark family, and they arranged a time when the young man would preach to them in their family room. These were agonizing times for him. His supplications could be heard before sunrise, and he would practice in the barn for hours, despite the cold.

George finally got his chance. The chairs were arranged, and everything was set up for his sermon. It was a disaster. After this occasion, they made clear to George that he couldn't become a preacher.

Rejection is never easy, but George King was so faithful that he decided to put God first, even when it meant being humble to accept rejection. Soon after that, George became a fireside preacher. Armed with literature, he started visiting house to house, sharing the good news, and selling books and tracks he carried with him. This was called colporteuring, and the Adventist mission would never be the same again.

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For nearly 30 years, until he died in 1906, George trained hundreds of books salespeople in North and South America and the West Indies. His method's influenced literature evangelism around the globe. By 1886, when the church's ministerial workforce was still counted in dozens, 400 Adventist colporteurs sold books worldwide and penny tracts door to door.

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George King put God first, even when he was rejected as a preacher. His courage and humility inspire us today. Jesus gave up everything to redeem us, and His love compels us to put His kingdom first in our own lives. As we return our tithe and Promise offerings, we are challenged to put God first.

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