

When William A. Spicer put God First

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William A. Spicer put God first as he traveled the world and set the DNA of the Adventist mission. What can we learn from him today that will help us put God first in our own lives?

Spicer was only 22 years old when he sailed to England to establish the work of the church there. He then returned to the United States to serve the General Conference as the foreign mission secretary, pursuing various expansions, like securing the land in Zimbabwe where Solusi University operates today.

In 1898, Pastor Spicer was called to go to India, and at that time he was one of the only three ordained Adventist ministers in the whole of Southern Asia.

Returning to the United States in 1902, Spicer became the secretary of the General Conference. One of the major responsibilities of the Secretariat is sending missionaries abroad, a difficult task involving a lot of logistics, which Spicer did for 20 years. Spicer created the infrastructure that allowed the Seventh-day Adventist Church to expand.

Then, God called him to be the president of the General Conference for eight years. Despite the difficult traveling conditions of his time, he didn't back down from his call and traveled internationally in almost every year of his ministry.

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Sometimes, putting God first means that we will have to sacrifice a lot of our present comfort, but it is a sacrifice worth taking. The Seventh-day Adventist Church still sends and supports hundreds of missionary families, bringing the Adventist message to every tribe, language, and people group. Spicer created this infrastructure for the mission, but you and I can maintain it through our tithe and 'Promise.' 'Promise' is our regular and systematic offering, given to God as a determined percentage of every income or increase, in recognition of His provision.

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William A. Spicer put God first year after year throughout his life. His resilience inspires 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 the tithe and our 'Promise' offering, we are challenged to put God first.

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