

## *Eternal Vigilance*

**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8. {UL 200.1}**

Christ has laid down the conditions of acceptable service. "He that loveth his life shall lose it," He says; "and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour" (John 12:25, 26). {UL 200.2}

It is Christ's method of serving that is of value in God's sight. The service of those who serve in the world's way is worthless, for it is all for self. The selfishness of human nature takes control. They do not serve as Christ has given them example. {UL 200.3}

Let us study the life and death of Christ. Let us do all in our power to work out the plan of God. What tongue can tell, what pen unfold the mighty results of looking to Jesus and living His life? How few of those claiming to be Christians have any real right to that sacred name. {UL 200.4}

**Satan watches eagerly to find Christians off their guard. O that the followers of Christ would remember that eternal vigilance is the price of eternal life.** Many have a slumbering faith. Unless they are invigorated, revived, quickened into action, their souls will be lost. {UL 200.5}

**Self must die, and Christ must be enthroned in the heart as all and in all.** The thoughts must be stayed on Him. Then the life will be an honor to His name. The soul will receive power from on high to resist Satan's specious devisings. {UL 200.6}

Have Seventh-day Adventists forgotten the warning given in the sixth chapter of Ephesians? **We are engaged in a warfare against the hosts of darkness. Unless we follow our Leader closely, Satan will obtain the victory over us.** {UL 200.7}

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:13-17).—[Letter 140, July 5, 1903](#), to "My Dear Brethren." {UL 200.8}