

# *7 Habits Of Highly Successful Sabbath School Classes: A Relational Approach*

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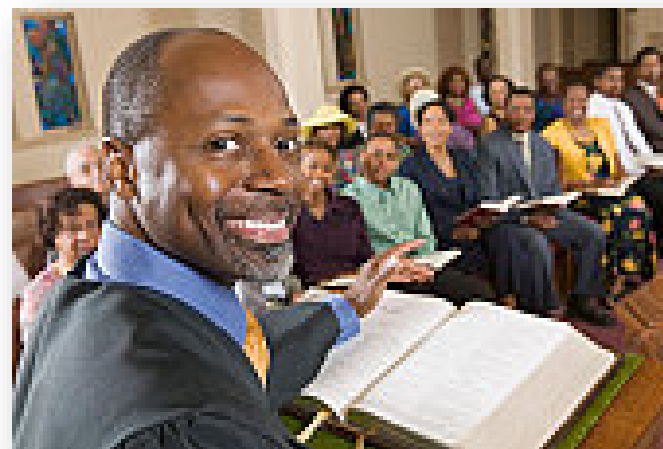
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# *PART 1*

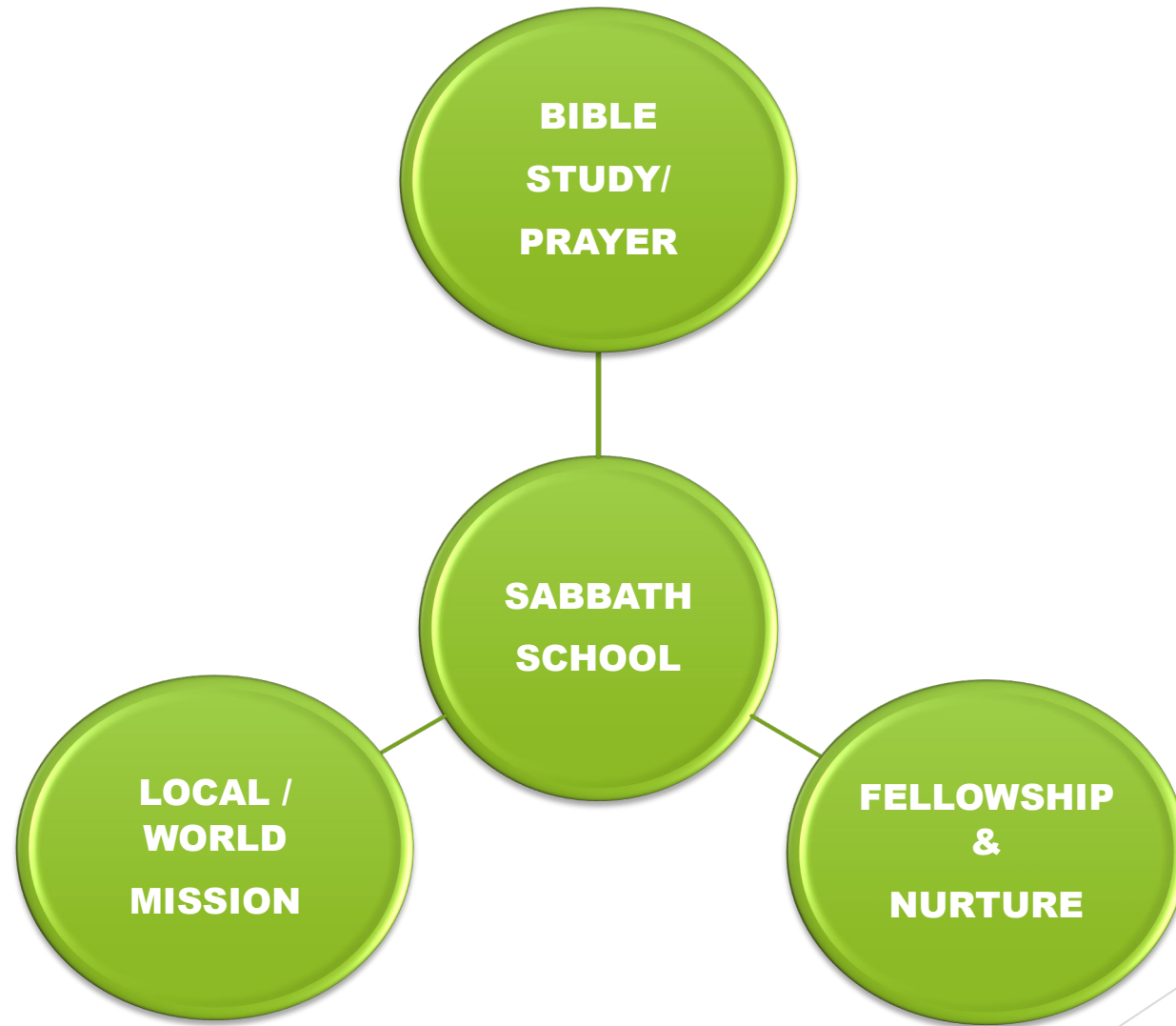
## *Getting Started: What It's All About!*

# *Sabbath School Is...*

“Relational, Small Group-Driven,  
Seventh-day Adventist Local Church  
Educational Fellowship That Builds  
*Faith and Practice* In The Context of  
*The Three Goals of  
Sabbath School.*”



# *3 Goals of Sabbath School*



# *Balanced Sabbath School*

- **Bible Study and Prayer**
- **Mission: Local and World**
- **Fellowship and Nurture**



# *Faith and Practice*

► ***Faith:*** Knowledge of the Bible +  
Personal Relationship With Jesus =  
“Know-Be”



► ***Practice:*** Application Of “Faith”  
In The Context Of Living and  
Witnessing *With* Jesus = “Do”



# *Relational Approach?*



*“Focus On Being Responsive  
To People and Their Needs”*

# *Relational Impact*

People Will Tend To Be  
Enthusiastically *and* Beneficially  
Involved In Sabbath School  
To The Degree  
That Their *Needs* Are Being Met



# *WHAT IF?*

- ▶ Sabbath School Was Structured To Address The *Baseline* Evangelism and Nurture Agenda Of The Congregation – Focusing On *Needs* Of People?
- ▶ Sabbath School Time Usage Was Formatted To Accomplish This?

# *WHAT IF?*

- ▶ Sabbath School Was Made *So Meaningful* --  
That People Would *Rush* To The *Experience*?
- ▶ The *Spirit* Of Positive, Joyful, Sabbath School  
Lasted *All Week*?

*Would You Be Willing?*

To Prayerfully Advocate  
For Adjustments

*If*

The Adjustments Would Prove To  
Be Beneficial?

**The Practice Of “*The 7 HABITS*”  
Will Facilitate Highly Effective  
Sabbath School Classes/  
Small Group Families**

# The Practice Of “*The 7 HABITS*”

STUDY – NURTURE – FELLOWSHIP  
PRAYER – RECLAMATION – OUTREACH  
(Local And World)



## *PART 2*

### *“The 7 Habits”: Working The Process!*



# *“Small Group Families”*

## ► #1 – *Nurture*

- Welcome and Greet *Everyone* By Name
- First Question, “What Kind Of Week Did You Have?”
- Time For Testimonies and Prayer Requests
- Organize For *ALL Family Members* To Be Contacted *EACH WEEK* (By Tuesday)



# *“Small Group Families”*

## *#2 - Prayer Emphasis*



*Family Takes Time For Prayer Ministry*



“The *greatest victories* gained for the cause of God are *not* the result of *labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means*; They are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest agonizing faith men lay hold upon The Mighty Arm Of Power.”

***Gospel Workers, 259***

(Italics and Other Emphasis Supplied)

# *“Small Group Families”*

## *#3 – Reclamation Emphasis*

- How Many Churches Have No Need Here?
- SS Secretary Gets List From Church Clerk
- List Is Divided Equally Between *Families*
- *No Contact Is Made! Only Prayer!*
- *Then Watch Our Lord Bring Them Back!*



# *“Small Group Families”*

## *#4 - Fellowship Emphasis*

- Most SS Setups Not “Interaction Friendly”
- Difficult To “Read” and “Feel” People By Looking At The Backs Of Their Heads!
- Balance The “Setup” With *Monthly Fellowship Opportunities!*
- Plan During Small Group Family Time!



# *“Small Group Families”*

## *#5 - Bible Study Emphasis*



- Begin With, “What Portion Of Your Study *Spoke To You*’, and Strengthened Your Witnessing Capacity?” (“So What?” Factor)
- *Then* Move To Other Points In The Lesson
- Emphasize That We Study For Knowledge That Leads To **Relationship and Action!** (“Know-*Be-Do* ”)

# *“Small Group Families”*

## *# 6 - Community Outreach (Local Mission)*

- Emphasize We Are Here To “***Know-Be-Do***”!
- Determine The *Family* “Corporate Spiritual Gift Cluster” (Common Ministry Areas For *Most Family Members*)
- Offer That Ministry To Church Leadership Through The Sabbath School!



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# *“Small Group Families”*

## *#7 - World Mission Focus*

- Support World Mission With Offerings!
- Go “The Second Mile” – Sponsor A World Mission Project As A *Family*



# *To Accomplish “The 7 Habits”:*

Consider *Minimizing Program Time AND Maximizing*  
*“Small Group Family” (Class) Interaction Time!*



# ***Your Church Will Grow Even More When “The Habits” Are Practiced, Because Attendees:***



- ▶ ***Will Be Loved, Valued, Appreciated and Respected!***
- ▶ ***Will Be Encouraged To Share and Serve!***
- ▶ ***Will Experience Their Needs Being Met!***
- ▶ ***Will Have Fun and Fellowship!***
- ▶ ***Will Sense They Are In A Secure Environment!***
- ▶ ***Will Experience The Goals of Sabbath School Packaged In A Relational Way!***



# *Resources*

- ▶ NAD Adult Ministries Website:

[www.nadadultministries.org](http://www.nadadultministries.org)

- ▶ [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org) Order:

Sabbath School, Personal, Prison Ministries  
Quick Start Guides and Catalogues

- ▶ 16 Course Sabbath School and  
Personal Ministry Development Curriculum  
at *[www.nadadultministries.org](http://www.nadadultministries.org)*

## *Resources Continued*

- ▶ Sabbath School Toolbox – [pacificpress.com](http://pacificpress.com)
- ▶ Sabbath School Lesson App – Sabbath School 4 In The App Store
- ▶ ASBG (Adult SS Lesson) on Amazon Alexa *and* [www.nadadultministries.org](http://www.nadadultministries.org)

*Be Assured Of My Prayers  
As You Continue  
To Practice “The 7 Habits”  
Of Highly Successful  
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