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Dear Bro. Corlis I received your letter this morning and was glad to hear from you, I am pressed with much writing yet feel inclined to drop you a word, we are in the midst of our campmeeting the Lord has strengthened me to bear a straight forward powerful testimony which has impressed the people this people have had but few religious privileges and they have had but little preaching it was a feast to hear their testimonies this morning they had something to say in intelligent words of experience came from many that showed the Lord was working upon their hearts, Our work is to talk much upon practical godliness, the great danger with our people who have had great light is to not prize their privileges and opportunities and as blessing from God of the highest value, the disciples did not appreciate this light privilege of having Jesus in their midst until his blessing was removed from them, Jesus then was crucified they did not know what he was to them until too late, just so with us all, we do not know or appreciate the sacred gift of God in the light the opportunities he grants us. If the testimonies of his spirit were prized as the voice of God to men in warm sincere words in reproof our people would not be as cold and lukewarm as they are today it is the growing of unbelief in the testimonies of the Spirit of God which leaves the people in darkness, let us consider this matter Is this the voice of God? has he signified his will? has he warned of danger? has he presented before his people what they must do and what they must do in order to be saved? But the people pay no heed some also profess to be leaders explaining the scriptures to

are indifferent to the word of God through clay what if
they treat them with disrespect how much easier will this
unbelief and this disrespect be accepted than expressed faith
and why because the natural heart is in accordance
with the unbelief it pleases the carnal heart to be un-
disturbed in their errors and sins, and if they can find
the least excuse to through demerit the value of these testimonies
they feel easier in their selfish indulgence. O how easy for
a little leaven of unbelief to leaven the lump, but
suppressing these testimonies are indeed the voice of God to
the people when how can we regard the worth and influence
of those who will not acknowledge the voice of God in the
testimonies become, but also have traced their hearts against
them, whose voice is never heard among the people urging them
to give attention to the light from the throne of God. How will
their work stand in the judgment, how many hear these ministers
drawn with them to pay no heed to the voice of God why his
work is of that character that it would have been better for
the people of God in the end if their voices had never been
heard as a watchman on the walls of Zion. He placed greater
confidence in his own private judgment than in the words
that God sends. The time will come that the people will see this
in its true bearing but it will be too late to make the
great change upon these ministers the loss of their souls
and these ministers are among us to day these men are exalting
their own ideas and plans above the ~~pleasure~~ light God has given
them these men allow self to come in between them and the
people and to shut out heavens rays of light given to the people
where there is no vision the people perish. How easy for the
people to look to their minister rather than to God for them-
selves and some him conscientiously knowing what is of God for
them selves, One hint of disrespect in regard to the light
given in testimony will go further with minds unilluminated
by the special grace of God than fifty sermons to prove their
validity. Those who sow unbelief will reap the harvest they
have sown. The seed will spring up and bear fruit a harvest of
unbelief. He may have his faith confirmed and then wish to
gather up the seeds he has sown of unbelief and infidelity
but can he gather it up, no indeed the might gather up the
all his might, from day to day but, he cannot gather up the
seeds of doubt of questioning, he has sown some of our ministers
choose to disbelieve because they have most earnest work to do
to correct the faults in their characters and to purify their
lives. It is a big job if they can only quiet their consciences
that the testimonies are not from God they feel at ease to go
on in their wrongs. I tell you there are is liberiousness
in our ranks that fearful there is want of virtue and honesty
just destroy the confidence of the people in the testimonies
of the spirit of God and we shall see a demoralized state
of things that we do not dream could exist.