

# Biblical Qualifications



# Bible References





# Three Basic Characteristics



## 1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV)

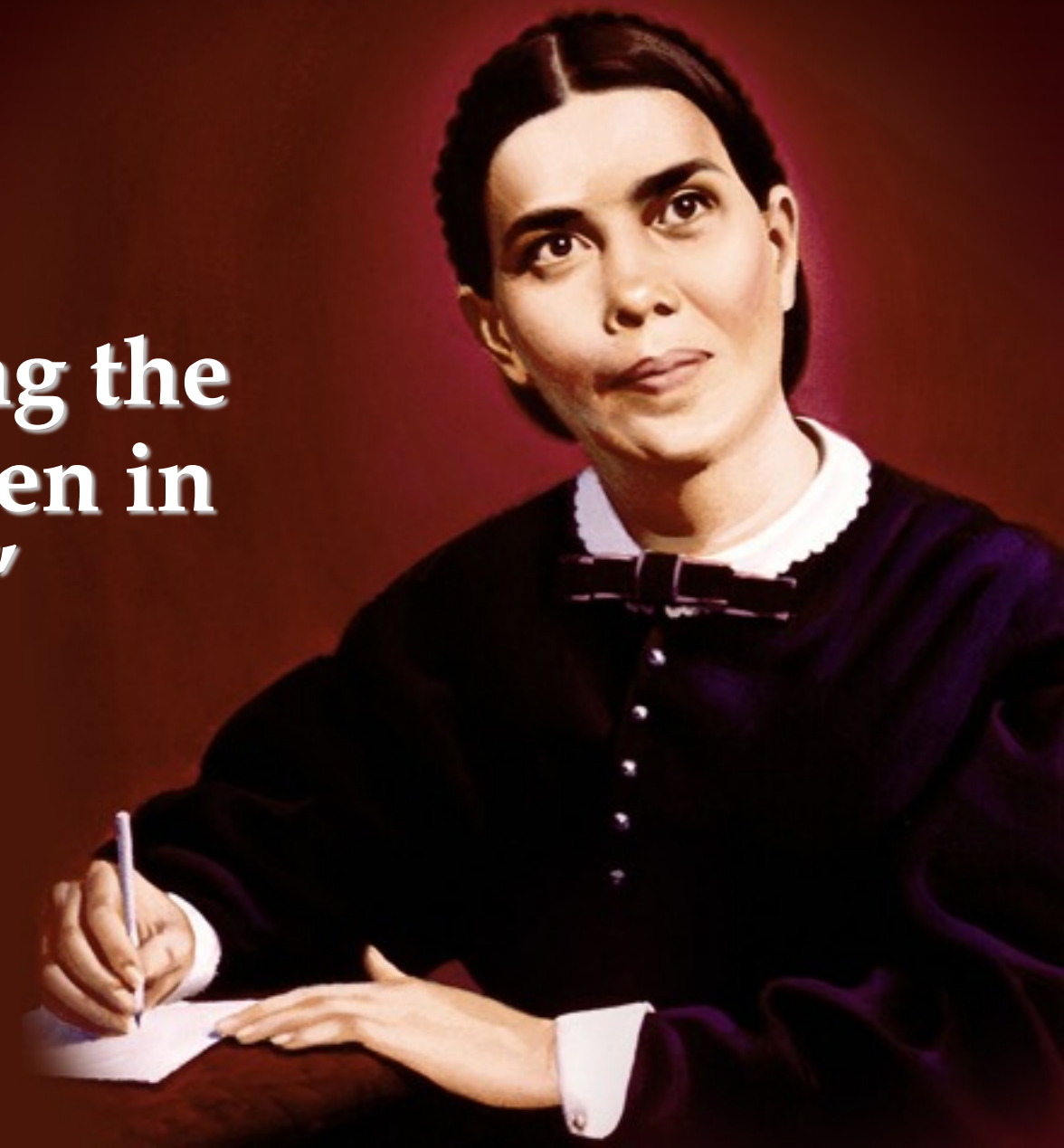
**“Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business”**





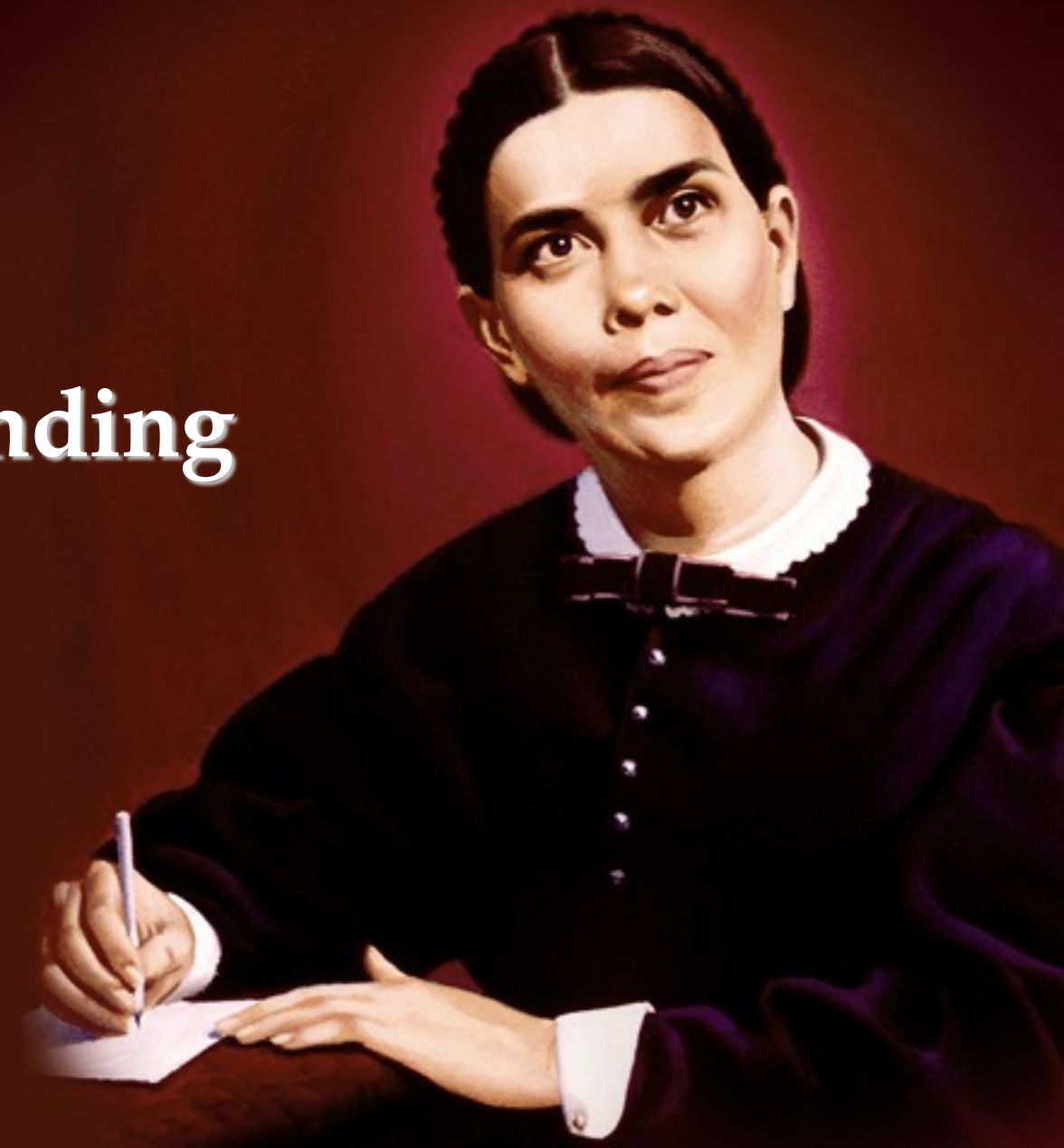
## Acts of the Apostles

**“The enemy [Satan] succeeded in arousing the suspicions of some who had formerly been in the habit of looking with jealousy...”**



# Acts of the Apostles

**“...on their brethren in the faith and of finding fault with their spiritual leaders.”**





## 1 Timothy 3:7 (NIV)

**“He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap”**

Full of the Holy Spirit

## Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)

**“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord...”**



## Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)

**“...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”**





**Full of Wisdom**

## Acts 6:3 (NIV)

**“... gleaned wisdom from the Word of God – learned from it, applied it, practiced it.” “Deacons: Servants of the House of God”**





## Acts 6:7 (NIV)

**“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith”**





# Nine (9) Qualities



## Timothy 3:8-10,12 (NIV)

**“In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain...”**



## Timothy 3:8-10,12 (NIV)

**“...and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons...”**



## Timothy 3:8-10,12 (NIV)

**“A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well”**

**These nine qualities can be summarized in this manner:**

- 1. Worthy of respect**
- 2. Not double-tongued**
- 3. Not indulging in too much wine (temperance)**

**These nine qualities can be summarized in this manner:**

- 4. Not pursuing dishonest gain**
- 5. Hold the truths of faith with a clear conscience**
- 6. Beyond reproach or question**

**These nine qualities can be summarized in this manner:**

- 7. Having only one wife and is faithful to her**
- 8. Good manager of his children**
- 9. Good manager of his household**



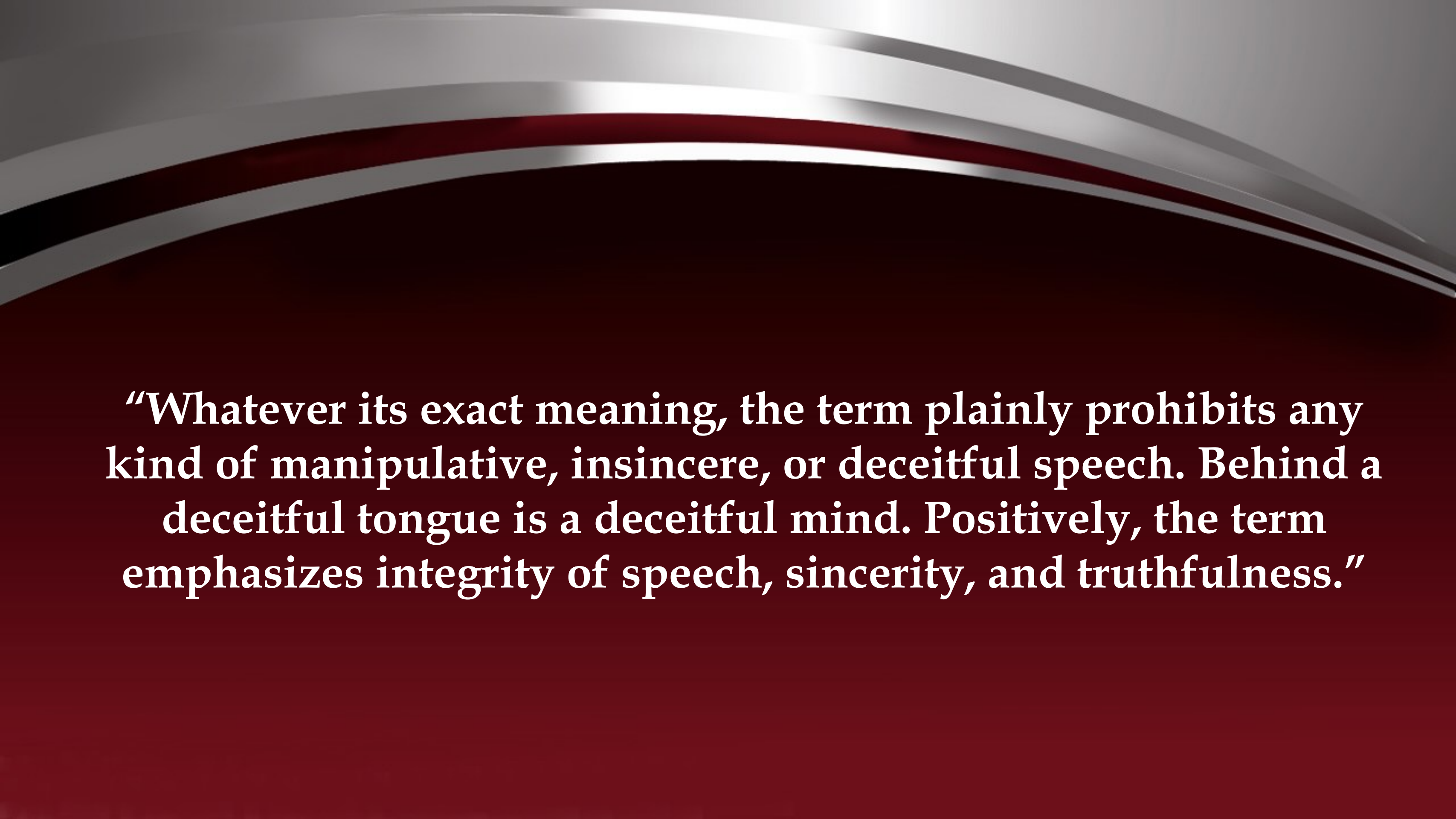
# Worthy of Respect

Alexander Strauch

**“The church is not simply a matter of life and death; the church is a matter of eternal life and eternal death.”**



**Not Double-Tongued**



**“Whatever its exact meaning, the term plainly prohibits any kind of manipulative, insincere, or deceitful speech. Behind a deceitful tongue is a deceitful mind. Positively, the term emphasizes integrity of speech, sincerity, and truthfulness.”**



## Exodus 20:16 (NIV)

**“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor”**

**Not Indulging in Too Much  
Wine (Temperance)**



**Not Pursuing Dishonest Gain**

Exodus 20:15 (NIV)

**“You shall not steal”**



**Any misuse or abuse of the church's finances puts both the church and ministry operations in jeopardy.**





**Holding Truths with  
a Clear Conscience**

**“Hold to the faith with a pure conscience and live not in sexual immorality, pilfer money, hate a brother, divorce a Christian spouse, or mix falsehood with the gospel.”**

**The New Testament never  
allows people to separate  
life and doctrine**



# Beyond Reproach



## Acts 6:8 (NIV)

**“Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people”**





## Acts 7:60 (NIV)

**“Then he fell on his knees and cried out, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he fell asleep”**

# The Home

Acts 6:12

**Having Only One Wife  
and Being Faithful to Her**

**"There is no place in the life and service of any Christian, let alone a deacon or deaconess, for improper relations with the opposite sex, including flirting with or lusting after others.**





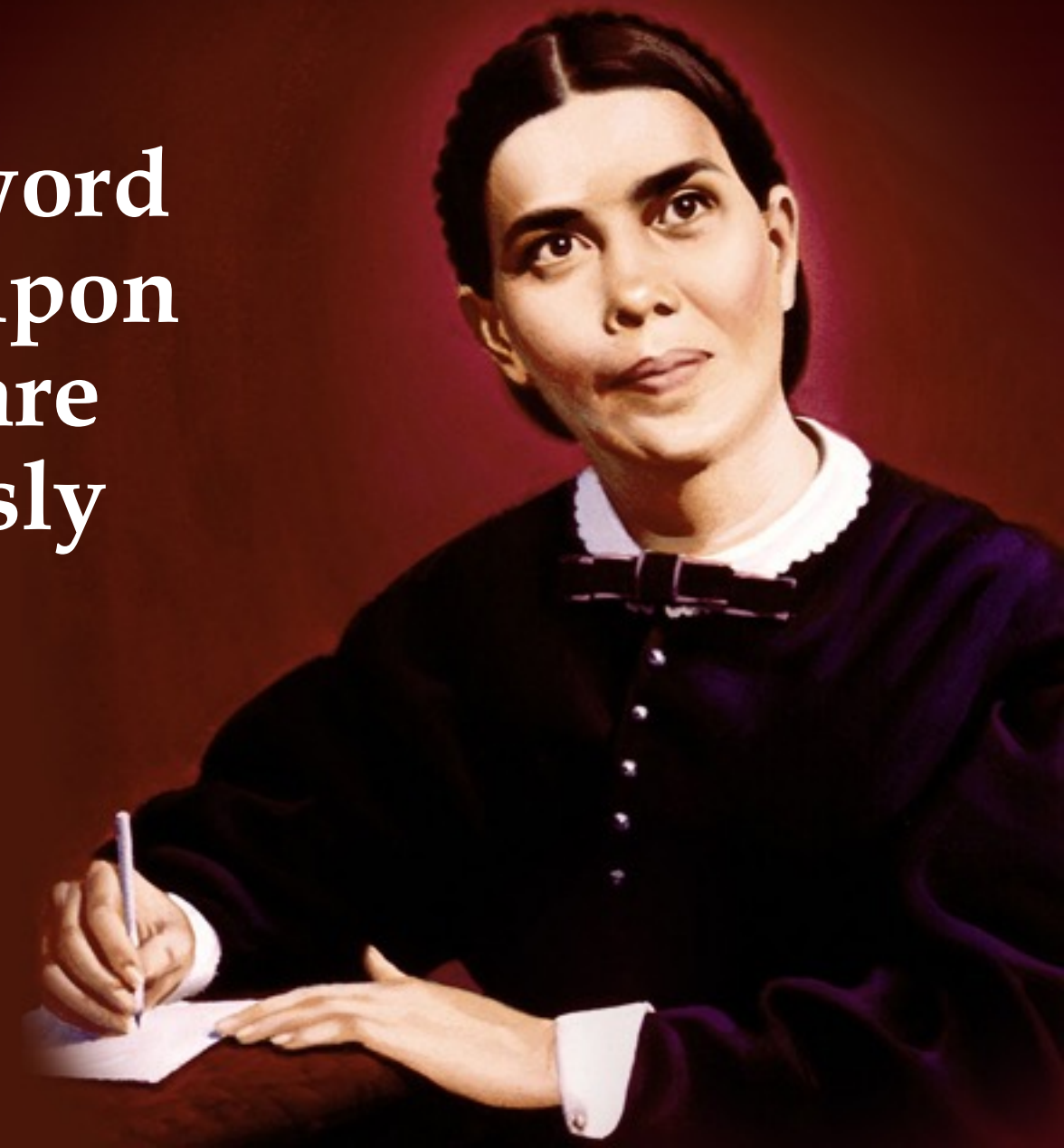
**Good Manager of His  
Children**





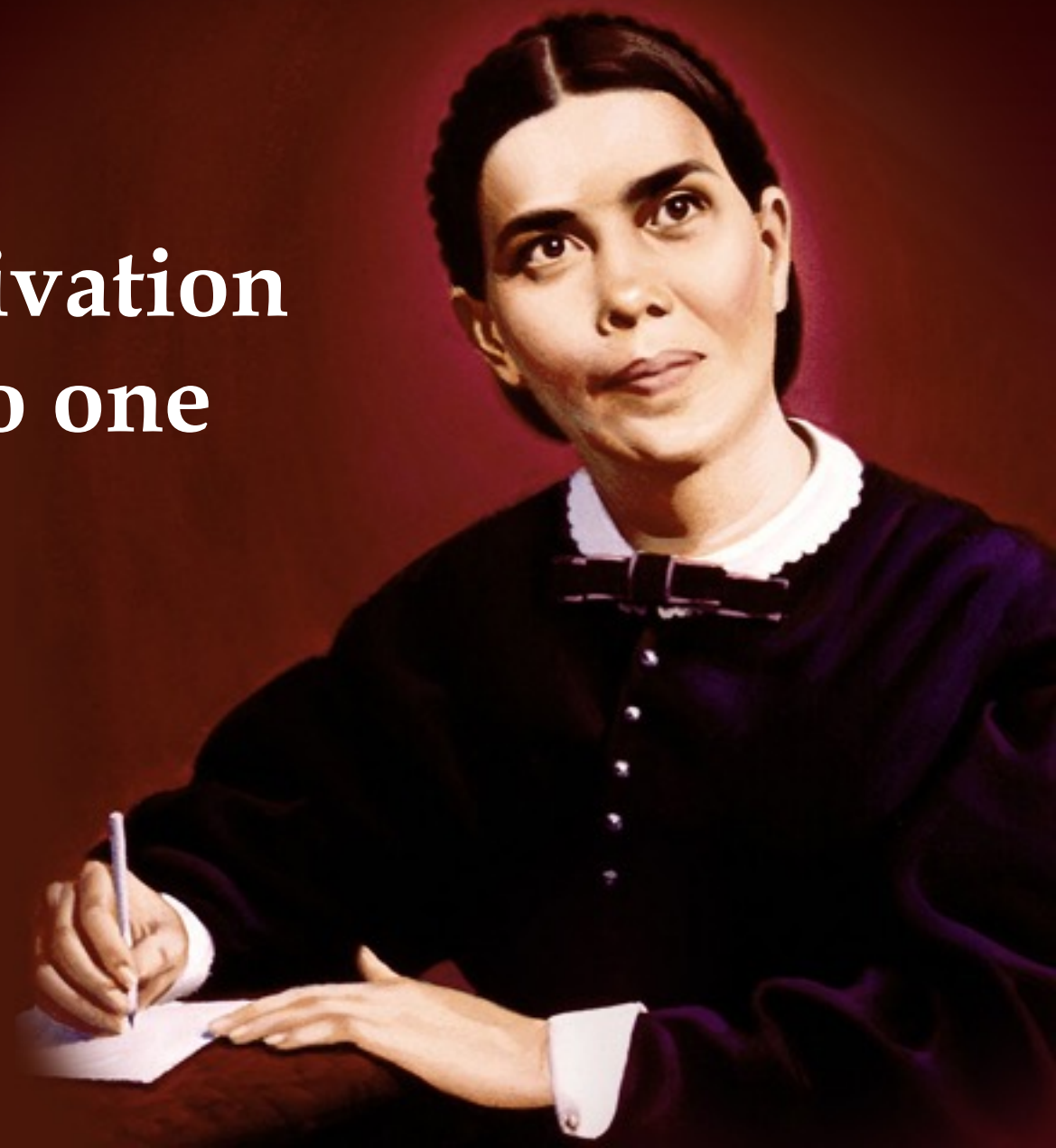
# Adventist Home

**“Home should be made all that the word implies. It should be a little heaven upon earth, a place where the affections are cultivated instead of being studiously repressed.”**



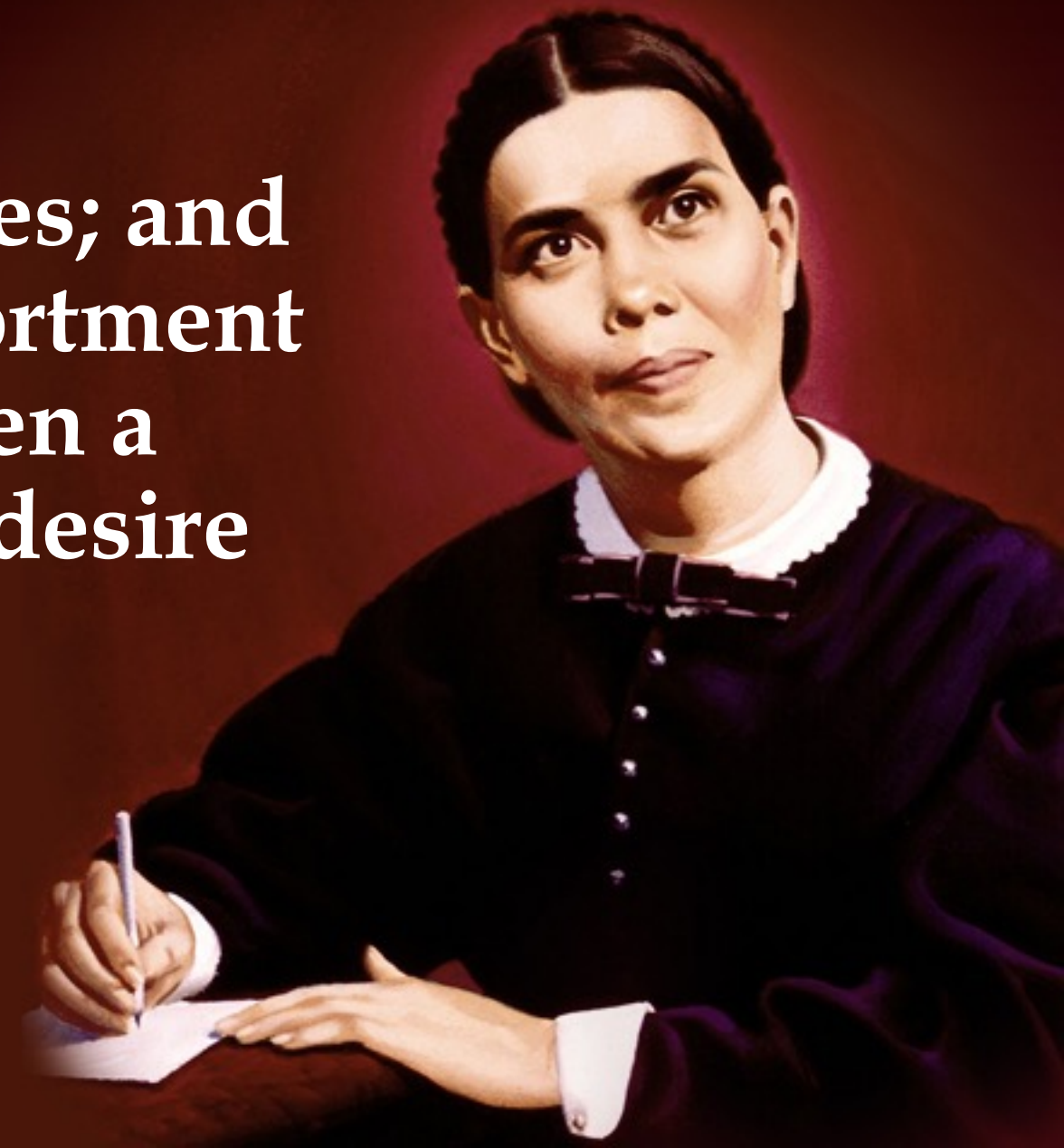
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**“Our happiness depends upon this cultivation of love, sympathy, and true courtesy to one another.”**



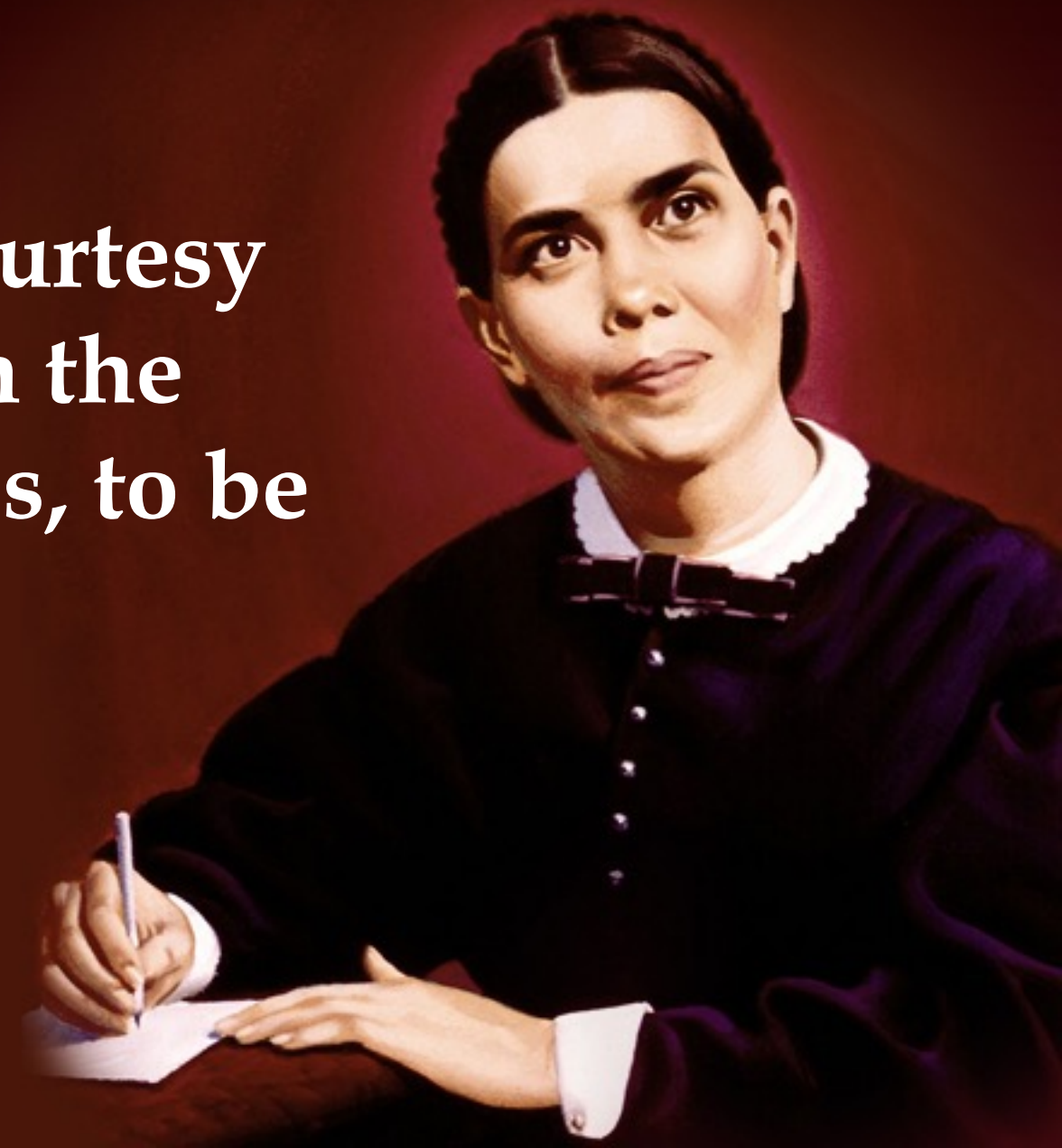
# Adventist Home

**“Every Christian home should have rules; and parents should, in their words and deportment toward each other, give to the children a precious, living example of what they desire them to be.”**



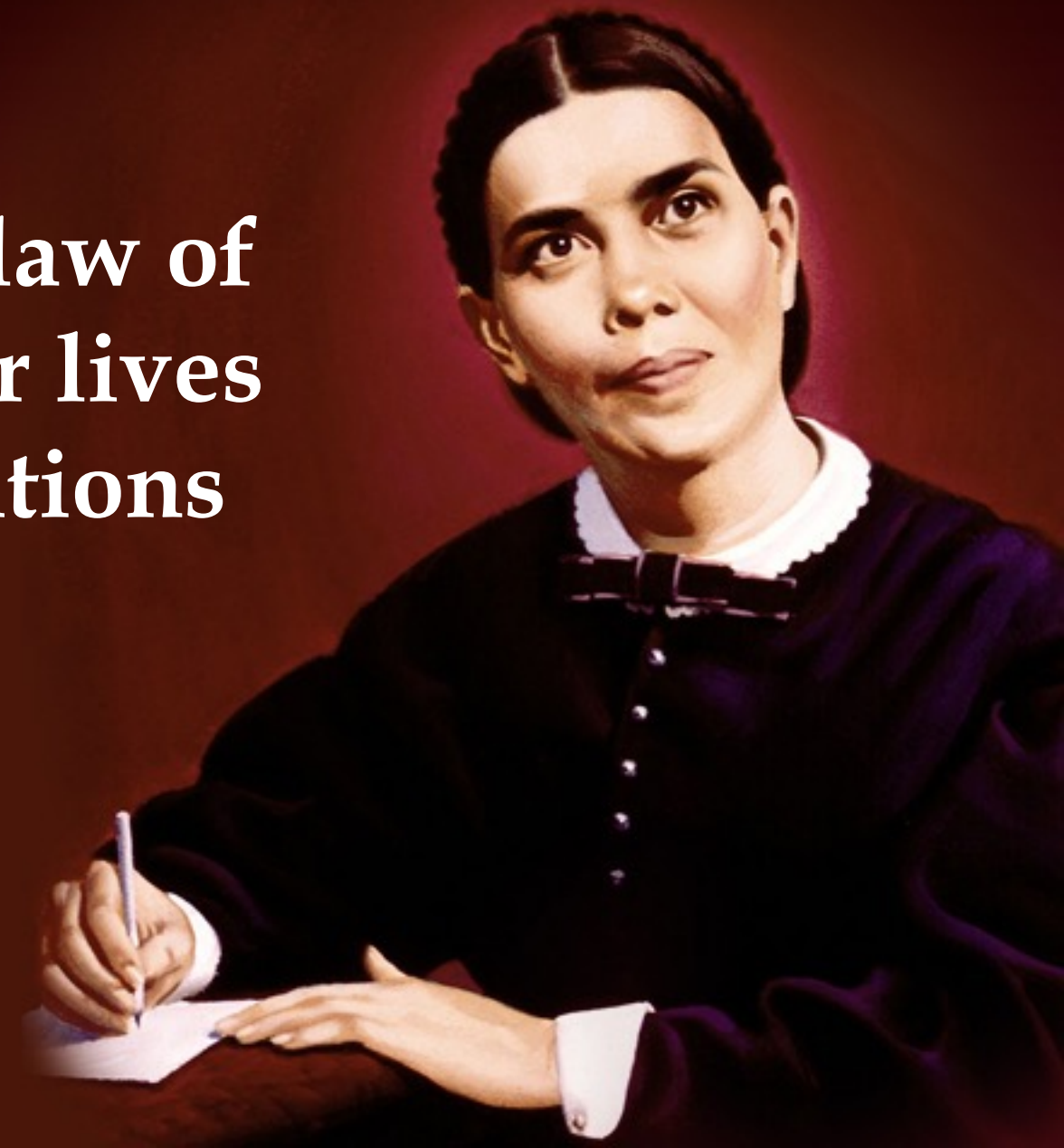
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**“Purity in speech and true Christian courtesy should be constantly practiced. Teach the children and youth to respect themselves, to be true to God, true to principle;...”**



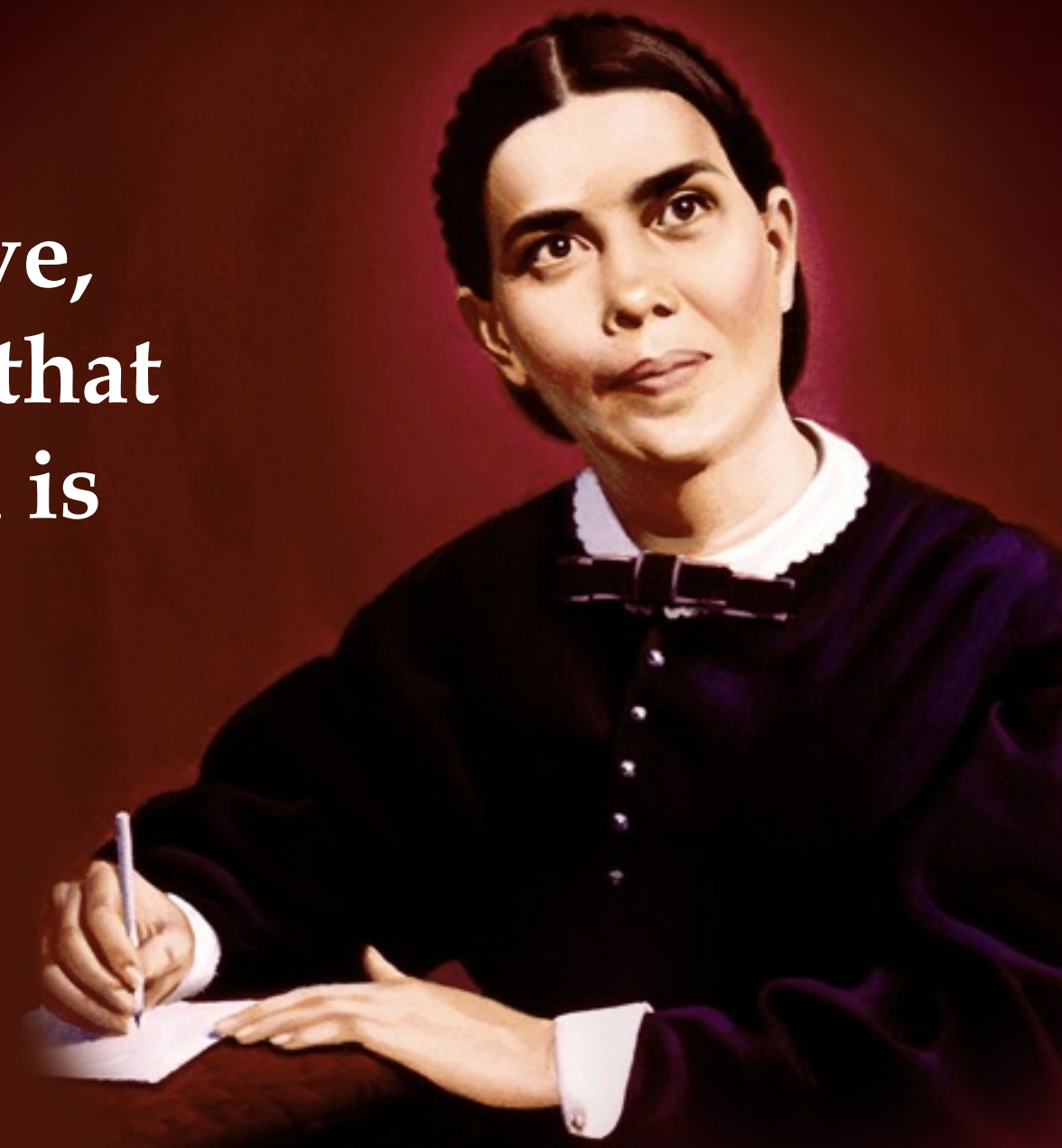
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**“... teach them to respect and obey the law of God. These principles will control their lives and will be carried out in their associations with others.”**



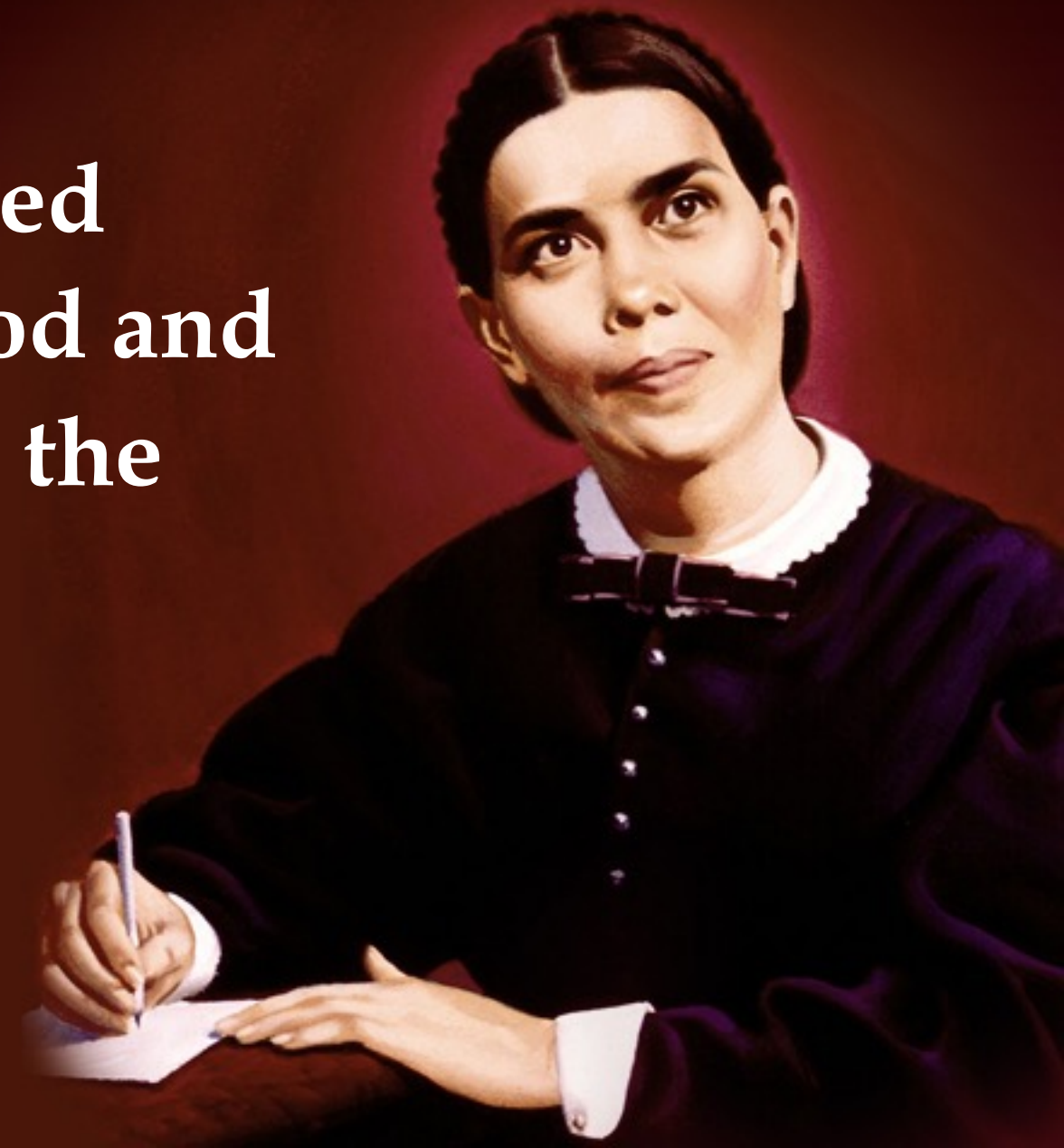
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**“The home that is beautified by love, sympathy, and tenderness is a place that angels love to visit, and where God is glorified.”**



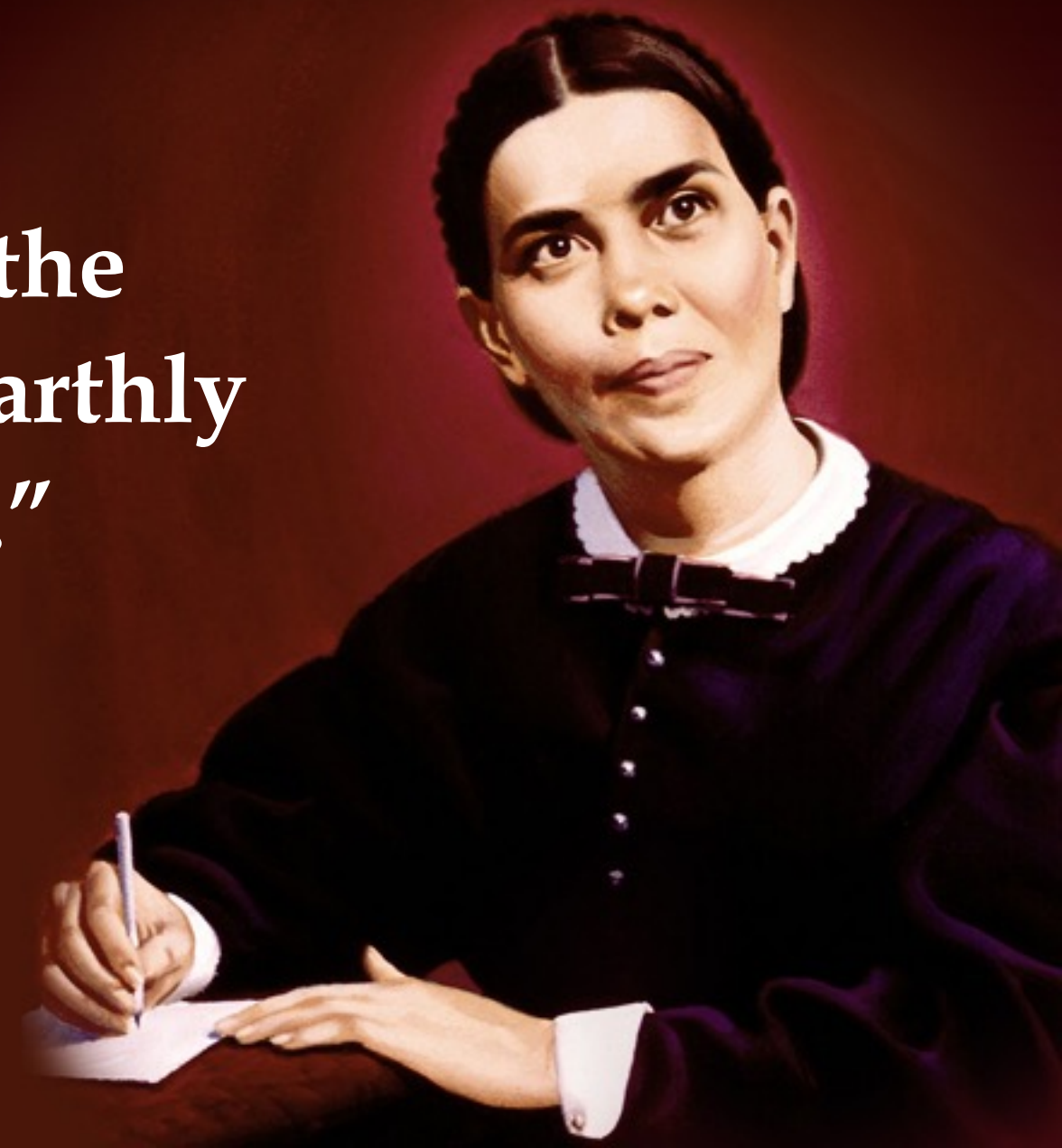
# Adventist Home

**“The influence of a carefully guarded Christian home in the years of childhood and youth is the surest safeguard against the corruptions of the world.”**



# Adventist Home

**“In the atmosphere of such a home the children will learn to love both their earthly parents and their heavenly Father.”**





# Good Manager of His Household

# Women in 1 Timothy 3

## 1 Timothy 3:11 (NIV)

**“In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything”**



There are four basic elements required of spouses  
of deacons and deaconesses:

1. Respected for their personal integrity and devotion to Christ
2. Do not speak hurtful words or spread gossip

There are four basic elements required of spouses of deacons and deaconesses:

3. Practice temperance by avoiding any addiction that would take their attention away from God

4. Are known by others to be trustworthy through their accountability in actions and words



# CONCLUSION

