

strategies for missions, evangelism, Christian education, etc. It is possible to do this in our mode of living, our personal and family lifestyles. It is possible to overemphasize either imminency or delay!

7. We need to preach, carry on the Lord's work, and live as if the Lord were returning *today*, and we need to preach, carry on the Lord's work, and live as if the Lord were returning hundreds of years from today! We are to *live* as if the Lord were coming today; we are to plan for the future of God's work as if the Lord were not coming for a long time!

This means we need both short-term strategies, goals, objectives, and plans, and long-term strategies, goals, objectives, and plans. The concept of imminency must affect the formulation of short-term plans and strategies; the concept of delay will affect the formulation of long-term plans and strategies.

May the Lord help us to preserve this fine balance!