

WELCOME TO

EPPING

SDA CHURCH

THIS SABBATH

ELDER	Alan
SPEAKER	Pr Dejan Stojkovic
OFFERING	World Mission Project

CHURCH SERVICE LINKS

LIVE STREAM CHURCH SERVICE	> https://www.eppingsda.org.au/
	> https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda

COMING UP EVENTS

Nov 17th	Recipe Club at 1:30pm
Dec 1st & 8th	Gingerbread House Decorating events

LAST SABBATH

Epping Church Service - 3rd November, 2024



Prayer Requests

Please pray for madeline who is doing the HSC this year.

Please pray for those who are ill or facing challenges in their lives.

Please pray for ADRA Blacktown in providing food to the needy.

SAVE THE DATE!



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING EVENT 2024

**Epping SDA Church,
2 George Street, EPPING**

Sunday, December 1 @ 3:00pm **or
Sunday, December 8 @ 3.00pm**

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DO AND BE HAPPY

My formative years were in the latter half of the 20th Century. For me, a large part of religion was a long list of 'Do nots.' Do not drink, do not gamble, do not swear, do not smoke, do not swim or play games on Sabbath, do not play cards, do not listen to worldly music, do not go to the movies, do not drink tea, coffee or Coca-Cola, do not talk in church, do not... do not... do not...

Sure, Christians should never do anything that would hurt others, disrespect God, or flows from an unloving heart. But what if Christianity was more about what you were allowed to do than what you weren't? "Pure and undefiled religion is not a sentiment, but the doing of works of mercy and love. This religion is necessary to health and happiness" MCP vol.1 p.27.

We are free to do as many works of mercy and love as we can fit in 24 hours. This, we are told, will bring the wonderful benefits of health and happiness. If you have ever complained about poor health or been unhappy, then you know what to do! Notice however, that it doesn't say that works of mercy and love bring salvation, but are necessary for health and happiness. Salvation is still the gift of God made available through the atoning blood of Jesus. But one of the key ingredients in the cake of health and happiness are works of mercy and love. As we offer these to others, it is like the sweet perfume of freshly picked flowers that lingers on the hands of those who give them away.

Fill your days with mercy and love and you'll never be burdened by the "Do nots" of religion again.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27