

n 1992 my wife and I mortgaged our farm to invest in a startup company. Within two years the company became a national franchise. I continued to work in law enforcement and my wife worked in the business. My wife is a third generation Adventist and graduated from a boarding academy. After we married, she rededicated her life to the Lord and was re-baptized. She refused to work on the Sabbath, but the stores were open on Sabbath. They were located in indoor malls and all stores had to be open during mall hours. In 1994 we sold the business but retained six of the stores.

I became good friends with my wife's pastor, but I still didn't accept God or the church. One afternoon the pastor invited me to a seminar given by John Earnhardt. I had been to these before, but for some reason I accepted the pastor's invitation. Within a week after the seminar, I was baptized.

When I joined the church in 2004, my wife and I were convicted that our stores should be closed on Sabbath. We knew this was not going to be acceptable to the shopping malls where our stores were located. I sat in my car and prayed before I went into the mall office to inform them of our decision. The result was just as we expected. We either opened

I spent the remainder of the day searching for another location. When I returned home, there was a message on our answering machine. The manager of the mall stated that he had contacted their corporate office and they were going to allow us to close on Sabbath. When I approached the malls were the other stores were located, they also allowed the Sabbath closing.

Because of our faithfulness. God gave us an opportunity to sell our stores and build a new home. We are now retired. My wife and I have now been married for 34 years. When I look back at my life, I realize that God has always been with me, protecting me, caring for me, delivering me—even when I would not acknowledge his existence. I can see that our lives became so much better after I joined the church and we both became faithful to God. God has promised to provide all our needs and to bestow more blessings on us that we can ever imagine. He has kept His promise to me. IT IS ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM!

— Charles R. Tucker, Head Elder Clemson SDA Church



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