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Holy
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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Colossians 3:18-4:1

William Booth established The Salvation Army in England in the 1870s to not only spread the gospel but demonstrate it with direct assistance to the needy. They continue their mission today, as they preach and exemplify the Christian message of holiness and service. However, in the beginning, there were many vocal critics. Some were from the liquor industry which feared losing customers, and also those with theological differences. Yet despite frequent scathing press reports, Booth ignored the criticism as he continued to concentrate on his mission. Once when his son showed him a particularly vicious press attack, Booth downplayed it and explained his reasoning, "Fifty years from now it will not matter what anyone says about us, or what anyone says or thinks about us and our work. However, it will matter a great deal that we did God's will."

Just as Booth ignored his critics and concentrated on "working for the Lord," we have the same challenge and opportunity. Can we do the same?

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