

Bicycles and Photos

In the night season I was in a dream or vision, which revealed some things in Battle Creek. My guide said, "Follow me." I was directly in Battle Creek; the streets were alive with **bicycles ridden by our own people**. There was a witness from heaven beholding our people indulging their desire for selfish gratification, and using the money in this way that should be invested in foreign missions, to unfurl the banner of truth in the cities, and in the by-ways of the land. PH084 1.1

The money expended in bicycles and other **needless things** must be accounted for. As God's people you should represent Jesus; but Christ is ashamed of you. [1888 1500.1](#)

Instead of spending money in **bicycles**, in **picture-making**, in little and great idols to place upon your tables and on your walls, let the means be used to gather in the youth; teach them, and patiently watch over them, in wisdom dealing with their follies. [PH080 6.1](#)

... We are doing our work here under great pressure for the want of the very money that many of the members of our churches are expending upon their own fancies, in pleasing and gratifying themselves. If they had accepted the testimonies I have borne to them concerning the great want in these regions beyond, they would not be found expending one dollar in following the example of those who are multiplying **pictures of themselves** and their families. You would not be purchasing **bicycles**, which you could do without, but would be receiving the blessing of God in exercising your physical powers in a less expensive way. Instead of investing one hundred dollars in a bicycle, you would consider the matter well, lest it might be at the price of souls for whom Christ died, and for whom he has made you responsible... [RH August 21, 1894, par. 11](#)