

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

A REVIVAL SEMINAR ON THE PRINCIPLES OF
CHRISTIAN CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

A Compilation of the
SCRIPTURE AND SPIRIT OF PROPHECY REFERENCES



"...rightly dividing the word of truth."

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Intro: *“Spiritual Things... Are Spiritually Discerned” (1Corinthians 2:14)*

Education 225

Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings; and never before was its diligent study so important as now.

1Corinthians 2:13, 14*

13) These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14) But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

*(NKJV –as throughout unless noted otherwise)

John 8:32

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 17:17

“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Review and Herald, September 25, 1888

...unless those who profess to believe the truth are sanctified through it, and exalted in thought and character, they are not in as favorable a position before God as the sinner who has never been enlightened in regard to its claims. We are rapidly approaching the close of this world’s history. Every moment is of the most solemn importance to the child of God. The questions that should come to every heart are, “Am I a Christian? Is the word of God my study? Is Christ dwelling in my heart by faith? Is the law of God the rule of my life? Do the searching truths I profess to believe, penetrate into the very secret places of my life? Do I carry out its principles in my business life? Is the influence I exert, having a saving power on those with whom I associate? Unless the truth does have a marked and decided influence upon the character and life of its recipient, it is not doing its work in the life, as it should be; and those who are not being sanctified through obedience to the truth, must be converted, or they will be lost.

Revelation 3:17

“Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

John 6:51, 63

51) “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

63) “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Desire of Ages 390, 391

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God’s word for himself. . . . We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought

which God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell upon the thought until it becomes our own, and we know “what saith the Lord.” ... As faith thus receives and assimilates the principles of truth, they become a part of the being and the motive power of the life. The word of God, received into the soul, molds the thoughts, and enters into the development of character.

Counsels on Sabbath School Work 34, 35

As soon as the seeker for truth opens the Bible to read the utterances of God with reverence, possessing an earnest desire to know “what saith the Lord,” light and grace will be given him, and he will see wondrous things out of God’s law.... Great truths which have been neglected and unappreciated for ages, will be revealed by the Spirit of God, and new meaning will flash out of familiar texts. Every page will be illuminated by the Spirit of truth.... The most precious truths are revealed; the living oracles are heard by wondering ears, and the consciences of men are aroused into action.

Prophets and Kings 626

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. The tremendous issues of eternity demand of us something besides an imaginary religion, a religion of words and forms, where truth is kept in the outer court. God calls for a revival and a reformation.

Review and Herald March 22, 1887

A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.

Lesson #2 “The Glory of the Lord” (2Corinthians 3:18)

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Jeremiah 13:23

Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.

Exodus 33:18, 19

18) And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”

19) Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you....”

Exodus 34:5-7

5) Then the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6) And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

7) keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty....”

Review and Herald Nov 3, 1896

It is his righteous character that constitutes the glory of God...

Isaiah 60:1-3

- 1) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
- 2) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.
- 3) The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Malachi 4:2

But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings...

Revelation 12: 1

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

2Testimonies 617, 618

He had a mighty influence, for He was the Son of God. We are so far beneath Him and so far deficient, that, do the very best we can, our efforts will be poor. We cannot gain and possess the influence that He had; but why should we not educate ourselves to come just as near to the Pattern as it is possible for us to do, that we may have the greatest possible influence upon the people?

This Day With God 98

We need not think that because we are only a tiny light, that we need not be particular about shining. The great value of our light lies in its consistency in shining amid the moral darkness of the world, in shining not to please ourselves and glorify ourselves, but to honor God with all there is of us. If we are doing service for God, and our work is corresponding with the ability God has given us, that is all He expects of us...

Review and Herald, July 18, 1893

We must let the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness shine into our hearts, that we may reflect light to others. We may daily be blessed, and be a blessing to others, promoting love, joy, and peace wherever we go.

Christ's Object Lessons 340

Character is power. The silent witness of a true, unselfish, godly life carries an almost irresistible influence. By revealing in our own life the character of Christ we co-operate with Him in the work of saving souls. It is only by revealing in our life His character that we can co-operate with Him. And the wider the sphere of our influence, the more good we may do. When those who profess to serve God follow Christ's example, practicing the principles of the law in their daily life; when every act bears witness that they love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves, then will the church have power to move the world.

Review and Herald, April 16, 1889

We are required to represent our Lord in life and in character. Satan has misrepresented our Lord, and we have unconsciously aided him in his work. The Lord revealed his true character to Moses. The servant of God was pleading with him in the mount, and he said, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." And the Lord said, "I will make all my goodness pass before thee; and will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." Then the Father proclaimed himself as a God who was merciful and gracious; who would pardon iniquity, transgression, and sin; who was abundant in goodness and truth. Will you not venture upon his promise, and claim him as your God?

Lesson #3 “As He Thinks In His Heart” (Proverbs 23:7)

Webster

Character: The peculiar qualities impressed by nature or habit on a person which distinguish him from others.

Proverbs 23:7

...for as [a man] thinks in his heart, so is he.

5Testimonies 310

...the thoughts and feelings combined make up the moral character.

Signs of the Times, June 30, 1881

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.” The thoughts and feelings cherished give direction to the conduct, and thus determine the character.

Note: Developing a Christ-like character means learning to think and feel towards God and His law, towards Satan and sin, towards ourselves and others, and towards all the circumstances and situations of life, like Jesus does—in other words it involves coming to have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2: 5

Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12: 2

... be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Ministry of Healing 491

We need a constant sense of the ennobling power of pure thoughts. The only security for any soul is right thinking. As a man “thinketh in his heart, so is he”. (Proverbs 23:7). The power of self-restraint strengthens by exercise. That which at first seems difficult, by constant repetition grows easy, until right thoughts and actions become habitual.

2Corinthians 10: 5

...bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

Revelation 14:6, 7

- 6) Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—
- 7) saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

7Bible Commentaries 979

To give glory to God is to reveal His character in our own, and thus make Him known. And in whatever way we make know the Father or the Son, we glorify God.

Revelation 18:1

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

7Bible Commentaries 970

The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character.

1Peter 2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1Kings 6:7

And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.

3Spirit of Prophecy 40, 41

The stones were not prepared for their respective places just as they were about to be laid in the wall of the temple; all the fitting and planning was done previous to their being brought to the place of building. So it is that all the hewing, fitting and polishing of character must be done during man's probation. When Christ shall come again to earth it will not be to purify and refine the characters of men, and to fit them for Heaven. His work then will only be to change their corruptible bodies and fashion them like unto Christ's most glorious body. Only a symmetrical and perfect character will in that day entitle men to the finishing touch of immortality.

Isa 60: 7

...I will glorify the house of My glory.

Lesson #4 "God Has Shown Us His Glory" (Deuteronomy 5:24)

How and where is God's glory revealed?

1) *In Christ-*

Hebrews. 1: 3

...the brightness of His glory.

2) *In the Law-*

Exodus 33: 18

And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

Exodus 34:1

And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.

Deuteronomy 5:22, 24, 28

22) "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

24) "And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives.

28) "Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.

Review and Herald Feb 4, 1890

The law spoken from Sinai is a transcript of God's character.

Amazing Grace 80

The glory of Christ is revealed in the law, which is a transcript of His character...

Matthew 22: 37-40

37) Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

38) "This is the first and great commandment.

39) "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

40) "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Great Controversy 467

The law of God, from its very nature, is unchangeable. It is a revelation of the will and the character of its Author. God is love, and His law is love. Its two great principles are love to God and love to man. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:10. The character of God is righteousness and truth; such is the nature of His law. Says the psalmist: "Thy law is the truth:" "all Thy commandments are righteousness." Psalm 119:142, 172. And the apostle Paul declares: "The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." Romans 7:12. Such a law, being an expression of the mind and will of God, must be as enduring as its Author.

Exodus 20: 2

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

James 2:8

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

James 1:25

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Review and Herald, March 9, 1897

If the world knew the principles of the laws of God's government, if they obeyed his commandments, they would discern the character of God in the law, and would no longer be at enmity with God. But turning from the law of God, men have no means of discerning his character, and the attributes of the character of Satan are cherished and cultivated.

3) *In the Sanctuary and Its Services—*

Exodus 40: 34

...the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Psalm 26:8

LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

Review and Herald March 2, 1886

God's truth is the same in all ages, although differently developed to meet the wants of His people in various periods. Under the Old Testament dispensation every important work was closely connected with the Sanctuary... Wonderful dispensation, when the Holy One, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, thus manifested His glory, and revealed His will to the children of men!

Signs of the Times June 20, 1902

So far as it was of divine institution, the entire system of Judaism was a compacted prophecy of the Gospel... In every sacrifice, Christ's death was shown. In every cloud of incense His righteousness ascended. By every jubilee trumpet His name was sounded. In the awful mystery of the holy of holies His glory dwelt.

Psalm 63:2

So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

4) *In the Scriptures—*

Signs of the Times June 20, 1902

In every page, whether history or precept or prophecy, the Old Testament Scriptures are irradiated with the glory of the Son of God.

Signs of the Times Nov 24, 1898

The glory of the attributes of God are expressed in His character. Every page of the New Testament Scriptures shines with His light. Every text is a diamond, touched and irradiated by the divine rays.

Christian Education 79

The carnal mind finds no pleasure in contemplating the word of God, but he who is renewed in the spirit of his mind, sees new charms in the living oracles; for divine beauty and celestial light seem to shine in every passage.

Exodus 33:18

And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

5) *In History and Providence—*

Christ's Object Lessons 22

In all His teaching, Christ brought the mind of man in contact with the Infinite Mind. He did not direct the people to study men's theories about God, His word, or His works. He taught them to behold Him as manifested in His works, in His word, and by His providences.

Steps to Christ 87

God speaks to us through His providential workings and through the influence of His Spirit upon the heart. In our circumstances and surroundings, in the changes daily taking place around us, we may find precious lessons if our hearts are but open to discern them. The psalmist, tracing the work of God's providence, says, "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord." Psalm 33:5; 107:43.

1Samuel 7:12

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

Lesson #5 "Created For My Glory" (Isaiah 43: 7)

How and where is God's glory revealed?

6) *In Nature—*

Psalm 19: 1

The heavens declare the glory of God!

Romans 1: 20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Psalm 33:5

...The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

1Selected Messages 291

The things of nature upon which we look today give us but a faint conception of Eden's beauty and glory; yet the natural world, with unmistakable voice, proclaims the glory of God. In the things of nature, marred as they are by the blight of sin, much that is beautiful remains. One omnipotent in power, great in goodness, in mercy, and love, has created the earth, and even in its blighted state it inculcates truths in regard to the skillful Master Artist. In this book of nature opened to us--in the beautiful, scented flowers, with their varied and delicate coloring-- God gives to us an unmistakable expression of His love.

Adventist Home 146

The things of nature are the Lord's silent ministers, given to us to teach us spiritual truths. They speak to us of the love of God and declare the wisdom of the great Master Artist.

Child Guidance 48, 49

Educate the children and youth to consider the works of the great Master Artist, and to imitate the attractive graces of nature in their character building. As the love of God wins their hearts, let them bring into their lives the beauty of holiness. So shall they use their capabilities to bless others and to honor God.

7) *In Mankind--*

Psalm 8: 3-6

- 3) When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
- 4) What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?
- 5) For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6) You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

Signs of the Times, May 29, 1901

God created man for His own glory. It was His purpose to re-populate heaven with the human race, if after test and trial they proved to be loyal to Him. Adam was to be tested, to see whether he would be obedient or disobedient. Had he stood the test, his thoughts would have been as the thoughts of God. His character would have been moulded after the similitude of the divine character.

Isaiah 43: 7

Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for my glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.

Review and Herald Feb 11, 1902

All heaven took a deep and joyful interest in the creation of the world and of man. Human beings were a new and distinct order. They were made "in the image of God"

6Bible Commentaries 1105

The glory of God was to be revealed in the creation of man in God's image....

Ministry of Healing 415

Above all the lower orders of being, God designed that man, the crowning work of His creation, should express His thought and reveal His glory.

Education 20

Created to be “the image and glory of God” (1 Corinthians 11:7), Adam and Eve had received endowments not unworthy of their high destiny. Graceful and symmetrical in form, regular and beautiful in feature, their countenances glowing with the tint of health and the light of joy and hope, they bore in outward resemblance the likeness of their Maker. Nor was this likeness manifest in the physical nature only. Every faculty of mind and soul reflected the Creator’s glory.

Spalding and Magan Collection 40

God’s law is written by His own finger upon every nerve, every muscle, every faculty which has been entrusted to man. These gifts were bestowed upon him, not to be abused, corrupted and abased, but to be used to His honor and glory.

Education 15

When Adam came from the Creator’s hand, he bore, in his physical, mental, and spiritual nature, a likeness to his Maker. “God created man in His own image” (Genesis 1:27), and it was His purpose that the longer man lived the more fully he should reveal this image--the more fully reflect the glory of the Creator. All his faculties were capable of development; their capacity and vigor were continually to increase.... Had he remained loyal to God,... More and more fully would he have fulfilled the object of his creation, more and more fully have reflected the Creator’s glory.

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No other creature that God has made is capable of such improvement, such refinement, such nobility as man.

Lesson #6 “All...Come Short of the Glory” (Romans 3:23)

Education 15

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But by disobedience this was forfeited. Through sin the divine likeness was marred, and well-nigh obliterated. Man’s physical powers were weakened, his mental capacity was lessened, his spiritual vision dimmed. He had become subject to death.

1John 3: 4

Sin is the transgression of the law.

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Steps to Christ 17

Man was originally endowed with noble powers and a well-balanced mind. He was perfect in his being, and in harmony with God. His thoughts were pure, his aims holy. But through disobedience, his powers were perverted, and selfishness took the place of love.

4 Testimonies 384

Under the heading of selfishness came every other sin.

Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...

Genesis 5: 3

And Adam...begot a son in his own likeness, after his own image...

Patriarchs and Prophets 80

While Adam was created sinless, in the likeness of God, Seth, like Cain inherited the fallen nature of his parents.

Genesis 6: 5

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Historical Sketches 138, 139

Selfishness is inwrought in our very being. It has come to us as an inheritance...

Psalms 51: 5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

Ephesians 2:1-3

- 1) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
- 2) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
- 3) among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Review and Herald Jan 6, 1891

Men are selfish by nature. They act from impulse, without reference to the will of God. Their own will is the criterion.

Philippians 2:21

For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Signs of the Times June 2, 1887

It is plainly written on the unrenewed heart and on a fallen world, "All seek their own."
Selfishness is the great law of our degenerate nature. Selfishness occupies the place in the soul where Christ should sit enthroned.

Education 25

Where once was written only the character of God, the knowledge of good, was now written also the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil...

9 Manuscript Release 229

God's law had once been written in the hearts of men and women. But their cherished sins dimmed and nearly effaced that writing. The impressions made by sin gradually wore away the impressions of the law. (Manuscript 126, 1901)

1 Samuel 4:21, 22

- 21) Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.
- 22) And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

Lesson #7 "For the Obtaining of the Glory" (2Thessalonians 2:14)

Signs of the Times, February 13, 1893

When man sinned, all heaven was filled with sorrow; for through yielding to temptation, man became the enemy of God, a partaker of the Satanic nature. The image of God in which he had been created was marred and distorted. The character of man was out of harmony with the character of God; for through sin man became carnal, and the carnal heart is enmity against God, is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. To the angels there seemed to be no way of escape for the transgressor. They ceased their songs of praise, and throughout the heavenly courts there was mourning for the ruin sin had wrought. Out of harmony with the nature of God, unyielding to the claims of his law, naught but destruction was before the human race. Since the divine law is as changeless as the character of God, there could be no hope for man unless some way could be devised whereby his transgression might be pardoned, his nature renewed, and his spirit restored to reflect the image of God. Divine love had conceived such a plan.

Education 15,16

By infinite love and mercy the plan of salvation had been devised, and a life of probation was granted. To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized--this was to be the work of redemption.

2Thessalonians 2:13-14

13) But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,
14) to which He called you by our gospel, *for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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His [Christ's] Spirit will develop in man all that will ennoble the character and dignify the nature. It will build man up for the glory of God in body and soul and spirit. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Tim. 1:7. He has called us "to the obtaining of the glory"--character--"of our Lord Jesus Christ;" has called us to be "conformed to the image of His Son." 2 Thess. 2:14; Rom. 8:29.

Genesis 3: 21

Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Revelation 13:8

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb *slain from the foundation of the world.*

Revelation 5:12

saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 21:23

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. *The Lamb is its light.*

Lesson #8 "We Beheld His Glory" (John 1: 14)

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-3

- 1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2) He was in the beginning with God.
- 3) All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- 4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Signs of the Times, February 13, 1893

In the work of creation, Christ was with God. He was one with God, equal with him, the brightness of his glory, the express image of his person, the representative of the Father. He alone, the Creator of man, could be his Saviour. No angel of heaven could reveal the Father to the sinner, and win him back to allegiance to God. But Christ could manifest the Father's love; for God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself.

Desire of Ages 530

In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived, "He that hath the Son hath life." 1John 5:12. The divinity of Christ is the believer's assurance of eternal life.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Youth's Instructor June 28, 1894

Who is Christ?—He is the only begotten Son of the living God. He is to the Father as a word that expresses the thought,—as a thought made audible. Christ is the word of God.

Hebrews 10:5

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

Desire of Ages 23

Christ was about to visit our world, and to become incarnate. He says, "A body hast Thou prepared Me." Had He appeared with the glory that was His with the Father before the world was, we could not have endured the light of His presence. That we might behold it and not be destroyed, the manifestation of His glory was shrouded. His divinity was veiled with humanity,—the invisible glory in the visible human form.

7BC 915

Christ, at an infinite cost, by a painful process, mysterious to angels as well as to men, assumed humanity. Hiding His divinity, laying aside His glory, He was born a babe in Bethlehem.

John 1:14, Revised Version (margin)

And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten from the Father) full of grace and truth.

John 1:14, Rotherham, The Emphasized Bible

And, the Word, became, flesh, and pitched his tent among us, and we gazed upon his glory, –a glory, as an Only-begotten from his Father. Full of favour and truth.

Exodus 25:8

Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

Desire of Ages 23

Christ set up His tabernacle in the midst of our human encampment. He pitched His tent by the side of the tents of men, that He might dwell among us, and make us familiar with His divine character and life.

Isaiah 53:2

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

7Bible Commentaries 904

Had He come among men with His noble, heavenly form, His outward appearance would have attracted the minds of the people to Himself, and He would have been received without the exercise of faith. . . .

The faith of men in Christ as the Messiah was not to rest on the evidences of sight, and they believe on Him because of His personal attractions, but because of the excellence of character found in Him, which never had been found, neither could be, in another.

In Heavenly Places 201

The Lord has united His nature with humanity expressly that He might become a more distinguishable and definite object for our contemplation and love. He invites us to draw near and contemplate the great light, the invisible God invested in robes of humanity, emitting a glory so softened and subdued that our eyes can endure the sight. Christ is the light of heaven. In His face we shall see God. Bear in mind the prayer of Christ, that His people may be one with Him as He is one with the Father, that they may be with Him where He is and behold His glory.

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, *with unveiled face*, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Signs of the Times April 4, 1895

. . . Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh, clothing his divinity with humanity, in order that he might bring before the world the perfection of God in his own character. He came to represent God, not as a stern judge, but as a loving father. . . . God is love. This was the great truth that Christ came to the world to reveal. Satan had so misrepresented the character of God to the world, that man stood remote from God; but Christ came to display to the world the Father's attributes, to represent the express image of his person. . . . The object of Christ's mission to the world was to reveal the Father.

John 14:7-9

- 7) "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."
- 8) Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."
- 9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

That I May Know Him 338

Had God the Father come to our world and dwelt among us, humbling Himself, veiling His glory, that humanity might look upon Him, the history that we have of the life of Christ would not have been changed. . . . In every act of Jesus, in every lesson of His instruction, we are to see and hear and recognize God. In sight, in hearing, in effect, it is the voice and movements of the Father.

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person . . .

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The life of Christ reveals an infinitely perfect character.

Hebrews 1:3 (Moffat)

He, reflecting God's bright glory and stamped with God's own character . . .

Revelation 14:9, 10

- 9) And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- 10) The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation . . .

Revelation 7:2, 3

- 2) And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
- 3) Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Luke 15: 8-10

- 8) "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?"
- 9) "And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'"
- 10) "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Mark 12: 15,16

- 16) So they brought it. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."
- 17) And Jesus answered and said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at Him.

Testimonies to Ministers 349

Selfishness has left its defiling imprint on life and character, and some will never lose this image and superscription.

Lesson #9 "The Brightness of His Glory" (Hebrews 1:3)

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...

Youth's Instructor Nov 21, 1895

Looking upon Christ in the flesh, we look upon God in humanity, and see in Him the brightness of divine glory, the express image of God the Father.

2Spirit of Prophecy 9

He was in the express image of His Father, not in features alone, but in perfection of character.

6Testimonies 60

The life of Christ revealed an infinitely perfect character.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Patriarchs and Prophets 45

Man was to bear God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character. Christ alone is "the express image" (Hebrews 1:3) of the Father; but man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; his appetites and passions were under the control of reason. He was holy and happy in bearing the image of God and in perfect obedience to His will.

Philippians 2:5-8

- 5) Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
- 6) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- 7) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
- 8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Desire of Ages 22

Christ, "being in the form of God, counted it not a thing to be grasped to be on an equality with God, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." Phil. 2:6, 7, R. V., margin.

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Review and Herald June 15, 1905

He [Christ] veiled his divinity with the garb of humanity, *but He did not part with His divinity*. A divine-human saviour, He came to stand at the head of the fallen race, to share in their experience from childhood to manhood.

5Bible Commentaries 1113

Was the human nature of the Son of Mary changed into the divine nature of the Son of God? No; the two natures were mysteriously blended in one person--the man Christ Jesus. In Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. When Christ was crucified, it was His human nature that died. Deity did not sink and die; that would have been impossible.

Youth's Instructor Nov 21, 1895

The more we think about Christ's becoming a babe here on earth, the more wonderful it

appears. How can it be that the helpless babe in Bethlehem's manger is still the divine Son of God? Though we cannot understand it, we can believe that he who made the worlds, for our sakes became a helpless babe. Though higher than any of the angels, though as great as the Father on the throne of heaven, he became one with us. In him God and man became one, and it is in this fact that we find the hope of our fallen race.

Romans 8:3

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh...

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In taking upon Himself man's nature in its fallen condition, Christ did not in the least participate in its sin. He was subject to the infirmities and weaknesses by which man is encompassed, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and was in all points tempted like as we are. And yet He "knew no sin." He was the Lamb "without blemish and without spot."... We should have no misgivings in regard to the perfect sinlessness of the human nature of Christ.

Psalm 40:6-8

- 6) Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.
- 7) Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the Book it is written of me.
- 8) I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

Steps to Christ 61

...if the love of God dwells in us, our feelings, our thoughts, our purposes, our actions, will be in harmony with the will of God as expressed in the precepts of His holy law... Righteousness is defined by the standard of God's holy law, as expressed in the ten precepts given on Sinai... Jesus said of Himself before He came to earth, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Ps. 40:8. And just before He ascended again to heaven He declared, "I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." Jn. 15:10.

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Youth's Instructor Sept. 8, 1898

No one, looking upon the childlike countenance, shining with animation, could say that Christ was just like other children. He was God in human flesh. When urged by His companions to do wrong, divinity flashed through humanity, and He refused decidedly. In a moment He distinguished between right and wrong, and placed sin in the light of God's commands, holding up the law as a mirror which reflected light upon wrong.

Signs of the Times Oct 29, 1894

He [Jesus Christ] began life, passed through its experiences, and ended its record, with a sanctified human will. He was tempted in all points like as we are, and yet because he kept his will surrendered and sanctified, he never bent in the slightest degree toward the doing of evil, or toward manifesting rebellion against God.

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

1Peter 2:22

...who committed no sin (i.e. sinless in behavior –in word and act)

2Corinthians 5:21

... who knew no sin (i.e. sinless in character –in thought and feeling)

1John 3:5

... and in Him there is no sin. (i.e. sinless in nature –in spirit and desire)

Signs of the Times, March 17, 1887

We may have the peace which passeth understanding; but it will cost us battles with the powers of darkness, struggles severe against selfishness and inbred sin.

Review and Herald, May 4, 1886

The inborn evil of the natural heart...

Education 29

The result of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is manifest in every man's experience. There is in his nature a bent to evil, a force which, unaided, he cannot resist.

The Faith I Live By 49

He is a brother in our infirmities, but not in possessing like passions. As the sinless One, His nature recoiled from evil. He endured struggles and torture of soul in a world of sin... He could have sinned; He could have fallen, but not for one moment was there in Him an evil propensity.

1John 2:16

For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

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| 1) "the lust of the flesh" | "Sensualism" | the idolatrous love of pleasure |
| 2) "the lust of the eyes" | "Materialism" | the idolatrous love of the world |
| 3) "the pride of life" | "Egotism" | the idolatrous love of self |

Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was 1) *good for food*, that it was 2) *pleasant to the eyes*, and a tree 3) *desirable to make one wise*, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Youth's Instructor, June 2, 1898

Christ is called the second Adam. In purity and holiness, connected with God and beloved by God, He began where the first Adam began. Willingly He passed over the ground where Adam fell, and redeemed Adam's failure.

Signs of the Times, June 9, 1898

Christ came to the earth, taking humanity, and standing as man's representative, to show in the controversy with Satan that man, as God created him, connected with the Father and the Son, could obey every divine requirement.

Luke 4:1-13

- 1) Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- 2) being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.
- 3) And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."
- 4) But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

- 5) Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6) And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.
- 7) "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."
- 8) And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"
- 9) Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.
- 10) "For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,'
- 11) "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"
- 12) And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"
- 13) Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

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He who knew no sin was made sin for us. With this terrible weight of guilt upon Him because of our sins He withstood the fearful test *upon appetite, and upon love of the world and of honor, and pride of display which leads to presumption*. Christ endured these three great leading temptations and overcame in behalf of man, working out for him a righteous character, because He knew man could not do this of himself. He knew that upon these three points Satan was to assail the race. He had overcome Adam, and he designed to carry forward his work till he completed the ruin of man. Christ entered the field in man's behalf to conquer Satan for him because He saw that man could not overcome on his own account. Christ prepared the way for the ransom of man by His own life of suffering, self-denial, and self-sacrifice, and by His humiliation and final death. *He brought help to man that he might, by following Christ's example, overcome on his own account, as Christ has overcome for him.*

Luke 4:2-3

- 2)...And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.
- 3) And the devil said to Him, "*If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.*"

In Heavenly Places 194

Intemperance lies at the foundation of all the moral evils known to man. Christ began the work of redemption just where the ruin began. The fall of our first parents was caused by the indulgence of appetite. In redemption, the denial of appetite is the first work of Christ.

Signs of the Times, Dec 3, 1902

Here is the insinuation of distrust. In the tones of the tempter's voice is an expression of utter incredulity. Would God treat His own Son thus? Would He leave Him in the desert with wild beasts, without food, without companions, without comfort? Satan insinuated that God never meant His Son to be in such a state as this. "If Thou be the Son of God," he says, "show Thy power by relieving Thyself of this pressing hunger. Command that these stones be made bread."

Review and Herald, May 14, 1908

Coming to the Son of God, the great deceiver claimed to be commissioned by the Father with a message to the Saviour. He need no longer hunger. "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." But by such an act as this, Christ would have broken His promise that He would never exercise His divine power in order to escape any difficulty or suffering that man in his humanity must meet."

Desire of Ages 119

Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit. He had come to bear trial as we must do, leaving us an example of faith and submission. Neither here nor at any subsequent time in His earthly life did He work a miracle in His own behalf. His wonderful works were all for the good of others.

Temperance 20

Satan was defeated in his object to overcome Christ upon the point of appetite. And here in the wilderness Christ achieved a victory in behalf of the race upon the point of appetite, making it possible for man, in all future time, in His name, to overcome the strength of appetite on his own behalf.

Desire of Ages 24

And He exercised in His own behalf no power that is not freely offered to us.

Review and Herald, November 28, 1882

Christ overcame Satan, showing us how we also may overcome. Christ resisted Satan with Scripture. He might have had recourse to his own divine power, and used his own words; but he said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." With the second temptation he says, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Christ's example is before us. If the sacred Scriptures were studied and followed, the Christian would be fortified to meet the wily foe; but the word of God is neglected, and disaster and defeat follow.

Psalm 19:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Lesson #10 "I Have Glorified You" (John 17:4)

John 17:4

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

John 8:29

"...I always do those things that please Him."

John 15:10

"...I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

Signs of the Times Jan 2, 1896

Every step that Christ advanced from the manger to Calvary established his character as the One who could say without any qualification, "I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." What exalted ideas of the law of God do we obtain as we behold Jesus fulfilling every precept, and representing the character of God before the world! It was by fulfilling the law that Christ made known the Father to the world.

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His [Christ's] character was a life of obedience to all God's commandments, and was to be a sample for all men upon the earth. His life was the living of the law in humanity.

2Corinthians 4:6

...to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Signs of the Times April 4, 1895

The object of Christ's mission to the world was to reveal the Father.

Signs of the Times, May 16, 1900

In His life and lessons Christ gave a perfect exemplification of the unselfish ministry which has its origin in God. God does not live for Himself. By creating the world, and upholding all things, He is constantly ministering to others. Satan misrepresented God to the world, as he did to Adam and Eve. Selfishness has its origin in Satan, and just as far as it is indulged, so far are Satan's attributes cherished; but Satan charged God with these attributes, and belief in his principles was becoming more and more widespread. By the Son of God these principles must be demonstrated as false, and God's character shown to be one of love. By Him the Father must be rightly represented. God committed His ideal to Christ, and sent Him into the world, invested with divinity, yet bearing humanity.

John 8: 32

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Review and Herald Sept. 11, 1894

Christ made every effort so to sweep away the misrepresentations of Satan, that the confidence of man in the love of God might be restored.

John 14:9

He who has seen Me has seen the Father

Review and Herald, March 9, 1897

Unless men shall know God as Christ has revealed him, they will never form a character after the divine similitude, and will therefore never see God.

1 Selected Messages 355

The understanding of the people of God has been blinded, for Satan has misrepresented the character of God. Our good and gracious Lord has been presented before the people clothed in the attributes of Satan, and men and women who have been seeking for truth, have so long regarded God in a false light that it is difficult to dispel the cloud that obscures His glory from their view. Many have been living in an atmosphere of doubt, and it seems almost impossible for them to lay hold on the hope set before them in the gospel of Christ...

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

John 17:4, 5

4) "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

5) "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 18:1

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

Matthew 26:42

"O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

Desire of Ages 686–690

He felt that by sin He was being separated from His Father. The gulf was so broad, so black, so deep, that His spirit shuddered before it. This agony He must not exert His divine power to escape. As man He must suffer the consequences of man's sin. As man He must endure the wrath of God against transgression.

Christ was now standing in a different attitude from that in which He had ever stood before. His suffering can best be described in the words of the prophet, "Awake, O sword, against

My shepherd, and against the man that is My fellow, saith the Lord of hosts.” Zech. 13:7. As the substitute and surety for sinful man, Christ was suffering under divine justice. He saw what justice meant. Hitherto He had been as an intercessor for others; now He longed to have an intercessor for Himself.

As Christ felt His unity with the Father broken up, He feared that in His human nature He would be unable to endure the coming conflict with the powers of darkness...

Behold Him contemplating the price to be paid for the human soul. In His agony He clings to the cold ground, as if to prevent Himself from being drawn farther from God... From His pale lips comes the bitter cry, “O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me.” Yet even now He adds, “Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt.”...

Terrible was the temptation to let the human race bear the consequences of its own guilt, while He stood innocent before God...

The awful moment had come--that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world. The fate of humanity trembled in the balance. Christ might even now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to guilty man. It was not yet too late. He might wipe the bloody sweat from His brow, and leave man to perish in his iniquity. He might say, Let the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and I will go back to My Father. Will the Son of God drink the bitter cup of humiliation and agony? Will the innocent suffer the consequences of the curse of sin, to save the guilty? The words fall tremblingly from the pale lips of Jesus, “O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.”...

He will save man at any cost to Himself. He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life. He has left the courts of heaven, where all is purity, happiness, and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that has fallen by transgression. And He will not turn from His mission. He will become the propitiation of a race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: “If this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.”

John 14:9

He who has seen Me has seen the Father

Desire of Ages 693

...God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Saviour’s agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighed down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. There was silence in heaven. No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in silent grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin.

John 18:3-6

3) Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4) Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?”

5) They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

6) Now when He said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

7Bible Commentaries 930

Christ was put to the closest test, requiring the strength of all His faculties, to resist the inclination when in danger, to use His power to deliver Himself from peril and triumph over the power of the prince of darkness.

3 Spirit of Prophecy 260

The Jews were continually seeking for and expecting a Divinity among them that would be revealed in outward show, and by one flash of overmastering will would change the current of all minds, force from them an acknowledgment of his superiority, elevate himself, and gratify the ambition of his people. This being the case, when Christ was treated with contempt, there was a powerful temptation before him to reveal his heavenly character, and to compel his persecutors to admit that he was Lord above kings and potentates, priests and temple. But it was his difficult task to maintain the level of humanity.

Review and Herald, July 12, 1892

Divinity flashed through humanity, and the soldiers were powerless before him. Had he spoken the word, twelve legions of angels would have come to his defense, and delivered him from his foes, and every one of that cruel company would have been destroyed at his word. But no, he had come to save man, and at any cost he would carry out his purpose. He permitted them to take him and drag him away as they would have taken any common criminal.

Matthew 27: 39-43

- 39)- And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads
- 40) and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."
- 41) Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,
- 42) "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.
- 43) "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

John 14:9

He who has seen Me has seen the Father

John 17:4-6

- 4) "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.
- 5) "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- 6) "I have manifested Your name...

Exodus 33:18,19

- 18) And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."
- 19) Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you..."

John 12:32

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

John 1:29

...Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 17: 26

And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

Colossians 1:27

...Christ in you the hope of glory

Lesson #11: "Justified By His Blood" (Romans 5:9)

John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Atlantic Union Gleaner, August 26, 1903

He came to this earth, and stood at the head of humanity, to work out for you and for me a faultless character by obedience to God's law.

John 19:34, 35

34) But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, *and immediately blood and water came out.*
 35) And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Hebrews 9:22

...without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Great Controversy 539, 540

God has given in His word decisive evidence that He will punish the transgressors of His law. Those who flatter themselves that He is too merciful to execute justice upon the sinner, have only to look to the cross of Calvary. The death of the spotless Son of God testifies that "the wages of sin is death," that every violation of God's law must receive its just retribution. Christ the sinless became sin for man. He bore the guilt of transgression, and the hiding of His Father's face, until His heart was broken and His life crushed out. All this sacrifice was made that sinners might be redeemed. In no other way could man be freed from the penalty of sin. And every soul that refuses to become a partaker of the atonement provided at such a cost must bear in his own person the guilt and punishment of transgression.

Romans 2:13

...for not the bearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified.

Ezekiel 18:4

...the soul who sins shall die.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned...

Matt. 5:48

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Christ's Object Lessons 315

God requires perfection of His children. His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character. This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have to compose His kingdom.

Psalms 119:96

I have seen the consummation of all perfection, But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

21Manuscript Release 409, 410

As God's chosen people we are to be in every sense what He desires us to be. We are to render strict obedience to the law spoken by Christ from Sinai. This law is God's standard of character, and there can be no comparison between it and anything the human mind can frame. It is an unchangeable standard of absolute perfection, set up by the infinite God. Unaided, the human mind cannot comprehend it. An expression of the character of God, it is as high as heaven and beyond measurement...

1Selected Messages 198

The righteousness of God is absolute. This righteousness characterizes all His works, all His laws. As God is, so must His people be.

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Isaiah 64: 6

But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags...

Steps to Christ 62

It was possible for Adam, before the fall, to form a righteous character by obedience to God's law. But he failed to do this, and because of his sin our natures are fallen and we cannot make ourselves righteous. Since we are sinful, unholy, we cannot perfectly obey the holy law. We have no righteousness of our own with which to meet the claims of the law of God.

The Sanctified Life 81

Those who have genuine love for God will manifest an earnest desire to know His will and to do it... But he who is truly seeking for holiness of heart and life delights in the law of God, and mourns only that he falls so far short of meeting its requirements.

6Testimonies 60

...the life of Christ reveals an infinitely perfect character.

5Testimonies 739

Christ declares Himself to be sent into the world as a representative of the Father. In His nobility of character, in His mercy and tender pity, in His love and goodness, He stands before us as the embodiment of divine perfection, the image of the invisible God.

Steps to Christ 62

We have no righteousness of our own with which to meet the claims of the law of God. But Christ has made a way of escape for us. He lived on earth amid trials and temptations such as we have to meet. He lived a sinless life. He died for us, and now He offers to take our sins and give us His righteousness. If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. *Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned.*

Psalm 3:3

But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Review and Herald July 4, 1912

Christ came to this world to live a life of perfect obedience to the laws of God's kingdom. He came to uplift and ennoble human beings, to work out an enduring righteousness for them.... *In him are found all the excellencies necessary to absolute perfection of character.*

Mount of Blessings 55

God offered them in His Son the perfect righteousness of the law.

Review and Herald April 29, 1902

Without a Saviour, [man] is without hope. Christ saw the helpless condition of the human race, and He came to redeem them 1) by living the life of obedience the law requires, and 2) by paying in His death the penalty of disobedience. He came to bring us the message and means of deliverance, an assurance of salvation, not through the abnegation of the law, but through obedience made possible by His merits.

Matthew 19:16, 17

16) Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

17) So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

Signs of the Times June 18, 1894

When the young man came to Christ, saying, “Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” It was not possible for the young man, or for anyone, to keep the commandments of God except through the merit of Jesus Christ. Without the shedding of the blood of Christ there could be 1) no remission of sin, 2) no imputation of the righteousness of Christ to the believing sinner. Christ 1) endured the penalty of sin in his own body on the cross, and 2) fulfilled all righteousness. The merit of the righteousness of Christ is the only ground upon which the sinner may hope for a title to eternal life...

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Nothing but the righteousness of Christ can entitle us to the blessings reserved for the redeemed.

3Selected Messages 154

Mere forgiveness of sin is not the sole result of the death of Jesus. He made the infinite sacrifice not only that sin might be removed, but that human nature might be restored, rebeautified, reconstructed from its ruins, and made fit for the presence of God...

Lesson #12: “The Righteousness of God In Him” (2Corinthians 5:21)

2Corinthians 5: 21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become *the righteousness of God in Him*.

1Selected Messages 396

By His perfect obedience He has satisfied the claims of the law, and my only hope is found in looking to Him as my Substitute and Surety, who obeyed the law perfectly for me. By faith in His merits I am free from the condemnation of the law. He clothes me with His righteousness which answers all the demands of the law. I am complete in Him who brings in everlasting righteousness.

Colossians 2:9, 10

- 9) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
- 10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Steps to Christ 62

...If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ’s character stands in place of your

character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned.
More than this, Christ changes the heart...

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

Faith I Live By 116 or Messages to Young People 35

The righteousness by which we are *justified* is **imputed**; the righteousness by which we are *sanctified* is **imparted**. The first is our TITLE to heaven, the second is our FITNESS for heaven.

Desire of Ages 300

The proud heart strives to earn salvation; but both our title to heaven and our fitness for it are found in the righteousness of Christ.

By imputed righteousness we are justified and are thereby given a title to heaven

By imparted righteousness we are sanctified and thereby gain a fitness for heaven

Note: *These two provisions of grace must be clearly distinguished, but they must never be separated!*

Definition of terms:

Justify: to pardon; to declare or account righteous

Sanctify: to make holy; to restore into the likeness of God

Impute: to credit or reckon to the account of one that which rightly belongs to another

Impart: to give, or bestow a portion of; to make another a partaker of

Title: just claim or right; that which grants legal right of possession

Fitness: the state of being suitable or rightly adjusted; conformed to a standard

2Corinthians 5: 21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Signs of the Times April 14, 1898

Tho innocent, Christ was treated as a sinner, that through His merits sinners, tho guilty, might be treated as the loyal and obedient children of God. Christ died with the sins of the world imputed to Him, that His righteousness might be imputed to the sinner.

Signs of the Times May 30, 1895

Our sins were laid on Christ, punished in Christ, put away by Christ, in order that His righteousness might be imputed to us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Although sin was charged to His account on our behalf, yet He remained perfectly sinless.

Desire of Ages 25

Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed."

Signs of the Times June 27, 1900

He who knew no sins was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. On Him the iniquities of us all were laid. He lives to be our Advocate. He did nothing worthy of death, yet He died. And if we hear the glad words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," we shall have done nothing worthy of life. Jesus, the sinless, died having done nothing deserving of death. The sinner is saved without having done anything worthy of salvation. He is wholly without merit. But, clothed with the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness, he is accepted by God.

Lesson #13: "Sanctify... With the Washing of Water" (Eph. 5: 25)

1 Selected Messages 215

The only-begotten Son of God has died that we might live. The Lord has accepted this sacrifice in our behalf, as our substitute and surety, on the condition that we receive Christ and believe on Him. The sinner must come in faith to Christ, take hold of His merits, lay his sins upon the Sin Bearer, and receive His pardon. It was for this cause that Christ came into the world. Thus the righteousness of Christ is imputed to the repenting, believing sinner. He becomes a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King, an heir of God, and joint heir with Christ.

Galatians 4:6

6) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Ephesians 1:13, 14

13) In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Luke 11:13

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Isaiah 57:15 (KJV)

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Colossians 1:27

...Christ in you the hope of glory

Youth's Instructor Dec 6, 1894

Christ has paid a dear price for the mansions which He has gone to prepare for those Those who shall inhabit those mansions must be fitted for the society of heaven by the righteousness of Christ, and by the work of the Holy Spirit. The preparation for heaven must be made in probationary time, and there must now be submission to the work of the Spirit of God on the heart, in order that the soul may be brought into communication with heaven, and may be educated to enjoy the realities of the eternal world. The righteousness of Christ, which will be imputed to the believing soul, will be the title by which his entrance into heaven will be assured. Through the influence of the Spirit of God, the believer is transformed in character; his taste is refined, his judgment is sanctified, and he becomes complete in Christ. The love that was manifested toward him in the death of Christ, awakens a response of thankful love, and in answer to sincere prayer, the believer is brought from grace to grace, from glory to glory, until by beholding Christ, he is changed into the same image.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Review and Herald, May 30, 1882

It is a great, a solemn work to obtain a moral fitness for the society of the pure and the blest. God's word presents the standard to which we are to conform our life and character. We may choose to follow some other standard, which is more in harmony with our own hearts, but we can never thus gain the divine approval. Only by conforming to the word of God, can we hope to come to "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." But we must do this, or we shall never enter Heaven.

John 7:37-39

- 37) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
- 38) He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, *out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*"
- 39) *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit...*

Titus 3: 5-7

- 5) not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
- 6) whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- 7) that *having been justified by His grace* we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Ephesians 5:25-27

- 25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it,
- 26) that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- 27) that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

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Truth, precious truth, is sanctifying in its influence. The sanctification of the soul by the operation of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity. It is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ revealed in character, and the grace of Christ brought into active exercise in good works. Thus the character is transformed more and more perfectly after the image of Christ, in righteousness and true holiness.

Desire of Ages 671

It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.

Ephesians 3:16-21

- 16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
- 17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--
- 19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- 20) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,
- 21) to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lesson #14 "The Lord Our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6)

Signs of the Times March 27, 1893

...a genuine experience will result in the development of a Christlike character. But unless there is an hourly dependence upon Christ, increasing knowledge and privileges will result in self-trust and self-righteousness... The soul must renounce all merit, and trust wholly in the merit of Him who is too wise to err.

Galatians 5:4

You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Luke 18:11

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men

Signs of the Times, October 21, 1897

"God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are." This prayer represents the prayers of many. They think that because they perform outward religious duties, they are entitled to the approval of God. Like the Pharisee, they say, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are." But they are self-centered and self-sufficient...

Revelation 3:17 (KJV)

...I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing...

Signs of the Times, May 9, 1892

The great danger with the people who profess to believe the truth for this time is that they shall feel as if they were entitled to the blessing of God because they have made this or that sacrifice, done this or that good work, for the Lord. Do you imagine that because you have decided to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, God is under obligation to you, and that you have merited his blessing? Does the sacrifice you have made look of sufficient merit to you to entitle you to the rich gifts of God? If you have an appreciation of the work that Christ has wrought out for you, you will see that there is no merit in yourself or in your work. You will see your lost condition and become poor in spirit. There is but one thing for the poor in spirit to do, and that is to look continually to Jesus, to believe in him whom the Father hath sent.

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:21-24

- 21) But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
- 22) even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;
- 23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24) being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...

Mount of Blessings 49

The divine beauty of the character of Christ, of whom the noblest and most gentle among men are but a faint reflection;... was a living representation of the character of the law of God.

6 Testimonies 60

...the life of Christ reveals an infinitely perfect character.

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...His character was absolutely perfect.

2 Testimonies 549

He is our Pattern... He is a perfect and holy example given for us to imitate. We cannot equal the pattern, but we shall not be approved of God if we do not copy it, and according to the ability which God has given, resemble it.

***Review and Herald* Nov 1, 1892**

Those who are waiting to behold a magical change in their characters, without a determined effort on their part, will be disappointed. With our limited powers we are to be as holy in our sphere as God is holy in His sphere. To the extent of our ability we are to make manifest the truth and love and excellence of the divine character, and for this reason we must draw from the living fountain.

3 Selected Messages 195, 196

Jesus loves His children, even if they err... He keeps His eye upon them, and when they do their best, calling upon God for his help, be assured the service will be accepted, although imperfect. Jesus is perfect. Christ's righteousness is imputed unto them, and He will say, "Take away the filthy garments from him and clothe him with change of raiment." Jesus makes up for our unavoidable deficiencies.

Patriarchs and Prophets 480

Our Redeemer manifested no human weakness or imperfection...

***Review and Herald*, June 16, 1896**

Through the mysterious plan of redemption, grace has been provided, so that the imperfect work of the human agent may be accepted in the name of Jesus our Advocate.

Hebrews 13:20, 21

20) Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
21) make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Selected Messages 344

The religious services, the prayers, the praise, the penitent confession of sin ascend from true believers as incense to the heavenly sanctuary, but passing through the corrupt channels of humanity, they are so defiled that unless purified by blood, they can never be of value with God. They ascend not in spotless purity, and unless the Intercessor, who is at God's right hand, presents and purifies all by His righteousness, it is not acceptable to God. All incense from earthly tabernacles must be moist with the cleansing drops of the blood of Christ. He holds before the Father the censer of His own merits, in which there is no taint of earthly corruption. He gathers into this censer the prayers, the praise, and the confessions of His people, and with these He puts His own spotless righteousness. Then, perfumed with the merits of Christ's propitiation, the incense comes up before God wholly and entirely acceptable. Then gracious answers are returned.

Oh, that all may see that everything in obedience, in penitence, in praise and thanksgiving, must be placed upon the glowing fire of the righteousness of Christ. The fragrance of this righteousness ascends like a cloud around the mercy seat.

Exodus 28: 36-38

36) "You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37) "And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.

38) "So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

Review and Herald Sept 3, 1901

God will not accept a willfully imperfect service.

Review and Herald Sept 3, 1901

...righteousness without a blemish can be obtained only through the imputed righteousness of Christ.

2Corinthians 5: 21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Desire of Ages 357

Jesus continues: As you confess Me before men, so I will confess you before God... I will be your representative in heaven. The Father beholds not your faulty character, but He sees you as clothed in My perfection.

Review and Herald July 4, 1912

In Him are found all the excellencies necessary to absolute perfection of character.

Colossians 2: 9-11

9) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

11) In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

1Selected Messages 213

There is no safety nor repose nor justification in transgression of the law. Man cannot hope to stand innocent before God, and at peace with Him through the merits of Christ, while he continues in sin. He must cease to transgress, and become loyal and true.

Jeremiah 23:6

In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7Bible Commentaries 931

Christ is able to save to the uttermost all who come to Him in faith. He will cleanse them from all defilement if they will let Him. But if they cling to their sins, they cannot possibly be saved; for Christ's righteousness covers no sin unrepented of.

Christ's Object Lessons 316

The righteousness of Christ will not cover one cherished sin.

Jude 24, 25

24) Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25) to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Lesson #15 "So Send I You" (John 20: 21)

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

In Heavenly Places 39

He who knew no sin became sin for the race, that His righteousness might be imputed to man. Through the perfection of Christ's character, man was elevated in the scale of moral value with God; and through the merits of Christ, finite man was linked to the Infinite.

Sons and Daughters of God 327

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." It should be our life work to be constantly reaching forward to the perfection of Christian character, ever striving for conformity to the will of God. The efforts begun here will continue through eternity. The advancement made here will be ours when we enter upon the future life.

John 20: 21

Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20: 19 - 22

19) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20) Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21) Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

22) And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Steps to Christ 115

The children of God are called upon to be representatives of Christ, showing forth the goodness and mercy of the Lord. As Jesus has revealed to us the true character of the Father, so we are to reveal Christ to a world that does not know His tender, pitying love. "As Thou hast sent Me into the world," said Jesus, "even so have I sent them into the world."

Review and Herald, April 30, 1889

Christ came to represent the Father to man. He revealed the nature of God to the world. Satan had misrepresented the Father. He had pictured him as a being full of revenge, who had no forbearance, no mercy, no patience, no love. He clothed him with his own attributes; but Christ came, and took upon him humanity, that he might reveal to humanity the true character of the Father; and we are to represent Christ to the world as Christ represented the Father.

2Testimonies 618

He [Christ] had a mighty influence, for He was the Son of God. We are so far beneath Him, and so far deficient, that do the very best we can, our efforts will be poor. We cannot gain and possess the influence He had, but why should we not educate ourselves to come just as near to the Pattern as it is possible for us to do, that we may have the greatest possible influence on the people.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:9

... having now been justified by His blood...

Colossians 1:19,20

19) For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,
20) and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

2Corinthians 5:14, 15

14) For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Ephesians 1:6

to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

John 20: 22

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

John 16:13, 14

13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
14) He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Desire of Ages 671

Of the Spirit Jesus said, "He shall glorify Me." The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love; so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing His grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people.

Lesson #16 "Written On Tablets of Flesh" (John 20: 21)

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Signs of the Times July 18, 1911

As wax takes the impression of the seal, so the soul is to take the impression of the Spirit of God and retain the image of Christ.

Exodus 32:16

Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets.

2Corinthians 3:3

Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Ezekiel 36:26, 27

26) "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
27) "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

The Kress Collection 122

Let it never be forgotten that true Christianity comes through the engraving of Bible principles upon the heart and character. This must be an individual work, visibly expressed.

Jeremiah 31:33

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Proverbs 7:1,3

- 1) My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.
- 3) ... Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Sons and Daughters of God 318

Exalted powers are within the reach of every one. Under God's supervision, a man may have an uncorrupted, sanctified, elevated, ennobled mind. Through the grace of Christ, man's mind is qualified to love and glorify God, the Creator. The Lord Jesus came to our world to represent the Father. ... Christ was the express image of His Father's person; and He came to our world to restore in man God's moral image, in order that man although fallen, might through obedience to God's commandments become enstamped with the divine image and character.

Psalm 19:7, 8

- 7) The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- 8) The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Romans 6: 17

- 17) But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.
- 18) And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Signs of the Times, July 18, 1878

Nominal profession of faith in Christ will not save a soul; neither will nominal observance of the law. The law of God must be obeyed from the heart; its principles must be carried out in the life; and faith in Jesus Christ as the world's Redeemer must be manifested in the life and character, or there is no true conversion.

2Corinthians 5: 14, 15

- 14) *For the love of Christ constrains us*, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
- 15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Psalm 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.

1Pet 1:22

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.

Romans 13:10

...love is the fulfilling of the law.

Lesson #17 "Keep Your Heart With All Diligence" (Proverbs. 4: 23)

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students 544

Few realize that it is a duty to exercise control over the thoughts and imaginations. It is difficult to keep the undisciplined mind fixed upon profitable subjects. But if the thoughts are not properly employed, religion cannot flourish in the soul. The mind must be preoccupied with sacred and eternal things, or it will cherish trifling and superficial thoughts. Both the intellectual and the moral powers must be disciplined, and they will strengthen and improve by exercise.

Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students 544

In order to understand this matter aright, we must remember that our hearts are naturally depraved, and we are unable of ourselves to pursue a right course. It is only by the grace of God, combined with the most earnest effort on our part, that we can gain the victory.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

2Testimonies 480

Impure thoughts lead to impure actions.

2Bible Commentaries 997

Purity of heart will lead to purity of life.

Education 109

The harvest of life is character, and it is this that determines destiny, both for this life and for the life to come. The harvest is a reproduction of the seed sown. Every seed yields fruit after its kind. So it is with the traits of character we cherish. Selfishness, self-love, self-esteem, self-indulgence, reproduce themselves, and the end is wretchedness and ruin. "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:8. Love, sympathy, and kindness yield fruitage of blessing, a harvest that is imperishable.

Proverbs 23:7

for as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Steps to Christ 58

It is true that there may be an outward correctness of deportment without the renewing power of Christ. The love of influence and the desire for the esteem of others may produce a well-ordered life. Self-respect may lead us to avoid the appearance of evil. A selfish heart may perform generous actions. By what means, then, shall we determine whose side we are on? Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Of whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ's, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. All we have and are is consecrated to Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things.

Messages to Young People 144

As a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he." Many thoughts make up the unwritten history of a single day; and these thoughts have much to do with the formation of character. Our thoughts are to be strictly guarded; for one impure thought makes a deep impression on the soul. An evil thought leaves an evil impress on the mind.

5 Testimonies 310

Even your thoughts must be brought into subjection to the will of God and your feelings under the control of reason and religion. Your imagination was not given you to be allowed to run riot and have its own way without any effort at restraint or discipline. If the thoughts are wrong the feelings will be wrong, and the thoughts and feelings combined make up the moral character. When you decide that as Christians you are not required to restrain your thoughts and feelings you are brought under the influence of evil angels and invite their presence and their control.

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Signs of the Times June 11, 1894

We are to know the meaning of the words: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The enmity that exists in the heart against evil has no natural existence, but is an enmity that has been created through the agency of the Holy Spirit. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." The natural man is in transgression, and his nature is in harmony with that of the first transgressor. There is no natural enmity between fallen men and fallen angels; both are partakers of the same spirit through indulgence in evil.

Ezekiel 18: 31, 32

31) "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

32) "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

Lesson #18 "The Lord Looks At the Heart" (1Samuel 16:7)

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Chronicles 28:9

"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts."

Matthew 5:20

"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:21 - 22

21) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder,' and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.

22) But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Lev 19: 17, 18

17) 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart....

18) 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

1John 3:15

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer...

Child Guidance 95

It is a sin to speak impatiently and fretfully or to feel angry—even though we do not speak.

***Signs of the Times* June 5, 1901**

Christ, in His teaching, fully developed the principles of the law, making it plain that it does not concern the outward actions merely, but has to do with the heart, reaching even to the unspoken thoughts.

2Spirit of Prophecy 219, 220

Here Jesus describes murder as first existing in the mind. That malice and revenge which would delight in deeds of violence is of itself murder. Jesus goes further still, and says, "Whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the Judgment." There is an anger that is not of this criminal nature. A certain kind of indignation is justifiable, under some circumstances, even in the followers of Christ. When they see God dishonored, his name reviled, and the precious cause of truth brought into disrepute by those who profess to revere it, when they see the innocent oppressed and persecuted, a righteous indignation stirs their soul; such anger, born of sensitive morals, is not a sin.

Ephesians 4:26 (Psalm 4:4)

"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath.

***Review and Herald*, Feb 18, 1890**

It is a righteous indignation against sin, which springs from zeal for the glory of God, not that anger prompted by self-love or wounded ambition, which is referred to in the scripture "Be ye angry, and sin not."

Matthew 5:27–28

27) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

28) But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Patriarchs and Prophets 308

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." This commandment forbids not only acts of impurity, but sensual thoughts and desires, or any practice that tends to excite them. Purity is demanded not only in the outward life but in the secret intents and emotions of the heart. Christ, who taught the far-reaching obligation of the law of God, declared the evil thought or look to be as truly sin as is the unlawful deed.

2Testimonies 561

You should control your thoughts. This will not be an easy task; you cannot accomplish it without close and even severe effort. Yet God requires this of you; it is a duty resting upon every accountable being. You are responsible to God for your thoughts. If you indulge in vain imaginations, permitting your mind to dwell upon impure subjects, you are, in a degree, as guilty before God as if your thoughts were carried into action. All that prevents the action is the lack of opportunity.

Isaiah 55:7-9

- 7) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
8) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.
9) "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Psalms 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

8 Testimonies 314

Our hearts must be educated to become steadfast in God. We are to form habits of thought that will enable us to resist temptation. We must learn to look upward. The principles of the word of God—principles that are as high as heaven, and that compass eternity—we are to understand in their bearing upon our daily life. Every act, every word, every thought, is to be in accord with these principles.

2 Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Ezekiel 18: 31, 32

- 31) "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?
32) "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

Lesson #19 "The Law Was Our Schoolmaster" (Galatians 3:24 KJV)

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

2 Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Signs of the Times May 23, 1895

The carnal [or natural*] mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

*Natural: of or pertaining to one's nature or constitution; innate; inborn; existing in one's nature, not acquired but inherent

Review and Herald April 11, 1893

It is beyond the power of man to please God apart from Christ. We may make resolutions and promises, but the carnal heart overpowers all our good intentions. We may control our outward conduct, but we cannot change the heart.

Steps to Christ 18

It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Job 14:4; Romans 8:7. Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life. There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness.

Philippians 3:6

concerning zeal, persecuting the church; *concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*

Matthew 23:27

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness."

Proverbs 16:2

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirits.

Ezekiel 18: 31, 32

31) "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

32) "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

Psalms 139:23, 24

23) Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24) And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Revelation 3:18

I counsel thee to... anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Proverbs 20:27

The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

Hebrews 4: 12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Review and Herald March 23, 1911

The conversion of Saul was marked with heartfelt repentance, thorough confession, and an earnest longing for pardon of sin. Prior to his conversion, Saul had been proud and self-confident; now he was bowed down with sorrow and shame; he abhorred himself.... In the light of the revelation that had come to him, he began to see himself as the chief of sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Review and Herald Oct 16, 1888

Thus when the servant of God is permitted to behold the glory of the God of heaven, as he is unveiled to humanity, and realizes to a slight degree the purity of the Holy One of Israel, he will make startling confessions of the pollution of his soul, rather than proud boasts of his holiness.

Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Patriarchs and Prophets 309

The tenth commandment strikes at the very root of all sins, prohibiting the selfish desire, from which springs the sinful act.

Fath and Works 31

The soul must first be convicted of sin before the sinner will feel a desire to come to Christ. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). "I had not known sin, but by the law" (Romans 7:7). When the commandment came home to Saul's conscience, sin revived, and he died. He saw himself condemned by the law of God. *The sinner cannot be convinced of his guilt unless he understands what constitutes sin.*

Christ's Object Lessons 305

God's law is the transcript of His character.

Steps to Christ 60

The law of God is an expression of His very nature...

1Mind, Character, and Personality 32,33

The law of Jehovah is exceedingly broad. Jesus... plainly declared to His disciples that this holy law of God may be violated in even the thoughts and feelings and desires, as well as in the word and deed. ...when the law is seen in its spiritual power. Then will the commandments come home to the soul in their real force. Sin will appear exceedingly sinful... There is no longer self-righteousness, self-esteem, self-honor. Self-security is gone. Deep conviction of sin and self-loathing is the result, and the soul in its desperate sense of peril lays hold on the blood of the Lamb of God as his only remedy.

Galatians 3:24

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

10Manuscript Release 287, 288

The law of God is presented in the Scriptures as broad in its requirements. Every principle is holy, just and good. They lay men under obligation to God: they reach to the thoughts and feelings of the soul; and they will produce conviction of sin in everyone who is sensible of having transgressed them. If the law extended only to the external conduct, men would not feel guilty over their wrong thoughts, desires, and designs. But the law requires that the soul itself, the spiritual agent, be pure, the mind holy, that all thoughts and feelings shall be in accordance with the law of love and righteousness. By its light men see themselves guilty before God...

Desire of Ages 308

When the law was proclaimed from Sinai, God made known to men the holiness of His character, that by contrast they might see the sinfulness of their own. The law was given to convict them of sin, and reveal their need of a Saviour. It would do this as its principles were applied to the heart by the Holy Spirit. This work it is still to do. In the life of Christ the principles of the law are made plain; and as the Holy Spirit of God touches the heart, as the light of Christ reveals to men their need of His cleansing blood and His justifying righteousness, the law is still an agent in bringing us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith.

John 12:32

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

Lesson #20 "Create In Me A Clean Heart" (Psalm 51: 10)

John 12:32

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

Review and Herald Sept 2, 1890

When we look to the cross, and there behold the suffering Son of the infinite God, our hearts are moved to repentance. Jesus volunteered to meet the highest claims of the law, that He might be the justifier of all who believe on Him. We look to the cross, and see in Jesus a fully satisfied and reconciled God. Jesus is righteousness. What fullness is expressed in these words! And when we can say individually, "The Lord is my righteousness," then we may indeed rejoice; for the atoning sacrifice seen through faith brings peace and comfort and hope to the trembling soul weighed down beneath the sense of guilt. The law of God is the detector of sin, and as the sinner is drawn to the dying Christ, he sees the grievous character of sin, and repents and lays hold on the remedy, the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.

2Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Acts 5:31

Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Faith and Works 38

Repentance, as well as forgiveness, is the gift of God through Christ. It is through the influence of the Holy Spirit that we are convicted of sin and feel our need of pardon. None but the contrite are forgiven; but it is the grace of God that makes the heart penitent. He is acquainted with all our weaknesses and infirmities, and He will help us.

Psalm 51:9,10

- 9) Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.
- 10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Hebrews 10:16

- 16) "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"
- 17) then He adds, Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Ezekiel 11:19, 20

- 19) "Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,
- 20) that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."

4Testimonies 17

True conversion is a radical change. The very drift of the mind, the bent of the heart should be turned, and life becomes new again.

Signs of the Times Nov 24, 1887

The carnal heart, that "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," is made spiritual, and exclaims with Christ, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."

Review and Herald, June 21, 1892

“The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” Love is the fulfilling of the law, and those who could not understand the precepts of heaven before they experience the new birth, now see the commandments as “holy, and just, and good,” and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psalm 119:97

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

Review and Herald Aug 19, 1890

To be pardoned in the way that Christ pardons, is not only to be forgiven, but to be renewed in the spirit of our mind. The Lord says, “A new heart will I give unto thee.” The image of Christ is to be stamped upon the very mind, heart, and soul. The apostle says, “And we have the mind of Christ.”

Mount of Blessings 18

Righteousness is holiness, likeness to God, and “God is love.” 1 John 4:16. It is conformity to the law of God, for “all Thy commandments are righteousness” (Psalm 119:172), and “love is the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:10). Righteousness is love, and love is the light and the life of God. The righteousness of God is embodied in Christ. We receive righteousness by receiving Him.

Colossians 1:27

... Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Counsels on Diet and Foods 35

Circumstances cannot work reforms. Christianity proposes a reformation in the heart. What Christ works within, will be worked out under the dictation of a converted intellect. The plan of beginning outside and trying to work inward has always failed, and always will fail. God’s plan with you is to begin at the very seat of all difficulties, the heart, and then from out of the heart will issue the principles of righteousness; the reformation will be outward as well as inward.

Amazing Grace 223

All defects of character originate in the heart. Pride, vanity, evil temper, and covetousness proceed from the carnal heart unrenewed by the grace of Christ. It is by the renewing of the heart that the grace of God works to transform the life. No mere external change is sufficient to bring us into harmony with God. There are many who try to reform by correcting this bad habit or that bad habit and they hope in this way to become Christians, but they are beginning in the wrong place. Our first work is with the heart....

Review and Herald May 17, 1887

When the law of God is written in the heart it will be exhibited in a pure and holy life. The commandments of God are no dead letter. They are spirit and life, bringing the imaginations and even the thoughts into subjection to the will of Christ. The heart in which they are written will be kept with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

2Mind, Character, and Personality 802

Real religion has its seat in the heart; and as it is an abiding principle there, it works outwardly, molding the external conduct, until the entire being is conformed to the image of Christ; even the thoughts are brought into subjection to the mind of Christ.

2Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Lesson #21 "The Flesh Lusts Against the Spirit" (Galatians 5:17)

Galatians 5:16, 17

16) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17) For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Adventist Home 127

The lower passions have their seat in the body and work through it. The words "flesh" or "fleshly" or "carnal lusts" embrace the lower corrupt nature, the flesh of itself cannot act contrary to the will of God.

Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

1John 2:16

For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

10Manuscript Release 288

Our natural tendencies, unless corrected by the Holy Spirit of God, have in them the seeds of moral death. The flesh with all its prompting "lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh".

1Peter 2:11

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul

Review and Herald July 28, 1891

This lust is not to be understood as referring simply to licentiousness, but to all unlawful desires, to ambition, grasping for power, desire for the praise of men. It comprehends all the desires of the selfish heart.

5Testimonies 397

A constant battle must be kept up with the selfishness and corruption of the human heart.

21Manuscript Release 158

God's people must be suspicious of their lower nature. They must war against fleshly lusts. The evil heart of unbelief is constantly at war with the purposes of God, tempting souls away from the side of Christ into forbidden paths.

Acts of the Apostles 476, 477

But because this experience is his, the Christian is not therefore to fold his hands, content with that which has been accomplished for him. He who has determined to enter the spiritual kingdom will find that all the powers and passions of unregenerate nature, backed by the forces of the kingdom of darkness, are arrayed against him. Each day he must renew his consecration, each day do battle with evil. Old habits, hereditary tendencies to wrong, will strive for the mastery, and against these he is to be ever on guard, striving in Christ's strength for victory.

Desire of Ages 440

Angels of glory, that do always behold the face of the Father in heaven, joy in ministering to His little ones. Trembling souls, who have many objectionable traits of character, are their special charge. Angels are ever present where they are most needed, with those who have the hardest battle with self to fight, and whose surroundings are the most discouraging. And in this ministry Christ's true followers will co-operate.

Education 29

The result of the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is manifest in every man's experience. There is in his nature a bent towards evil, a force which, unaided, he cannot resist.

4Testimonies 439

It will be well to remember that tendencies of character are transmitted from parents to children. Meditate seriously upon these things, and then in the fear of God gird on the armor for a life conflict with hereditary tendencies, imitating none but the divine Pattern. You must work with perseverance, constancy, and zeal if you would succeed. You will have yourself to conquer, which will be the hardest battle of all. Determined opposition to your own ways and your wrong habits will secure for you precious and everlasting victories.

4Testimonies 439

Gird on the armour for a life-long conflict with hereditary tendencies...

2Testimonies 479

Constant war against the carnal mind must be maintained...

3Testimonies 537

God is moulding the heart into something more like Himself. And yet self clamors constantly for the victory.

Acts of the Apostles 565

His children... must maintain a constant battle with self.

Review and Herald May 30, 1882

We must daily strive against outward evil and inward sin.

Review and Herald Nov 29, 1887

From the cross to the crown there is earnest work to be done. There is wrestling with inbred sin*; there is warfare against outward wrong. The Christian life is a battle and a march. Let us go forward, for we are striving for an immortal crown.

***Historical Sketches 138**

Selfishness is inwrought in our very being. It has come to us as an inheritance...

3Testimonies 253

The Christian life is a constant battle and a march. There is no rest from the warfare.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:7 (KJV)

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Signs of the Times March 17, 1887

It is our privilege to have daily a calm, close, happy walk with Jesus. We need not be alarmed if the path lies through conflicts and sufferings. We may have the peace which passeth understanding; but it will cost us battles with the powers of darkness, struggles severe against selfishness and inbred sin.

Lesson #22 "Let Him Be Righteous Still" (Revelation 22:11)

Signs of the Times, December 17, 1885

Let us go forward; for we are striving for an immortal crown. Let us be diligent to make our

calling and election sure. A slothful, languid professor will never secure an entrance into the kingdom of God. From the cross to the crown there is earnest work to be done. There is wrestling against inbred sin; there is warfare against outward wrong. But we shall triumph at last, if we do not become weary in well-doing. Heaven's portals will be opened for every one who does his best for God and his fellow-men.

My Life Today 52

If you would battle against selfish human nature, you will go forward in the work of overcoming hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong.

Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students 20

There are hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil that must be overcome. Appetite and passion must be brought under the control of the Holy Spirit. There is no end to the warfare this side of eternity. But while there are constant battles to fight, there are also precious victories to gain; and the triumph over self and sin is of more value than the mind can estimate.

2Selected Messages 32, 33

The teaching given in regard to what is termed "holy flesh" is an error. All may now obtain holy hearts, but it is not correct to claim in this life to have holy flesh. The apostle Paul declares, "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). To those who have tried so hard to obtain by faith so-called holy flesh, I would say, You cannot obtain it. Not a soul of you has holy flesh now. No human being on the earth has holy flesh. It is an impossibility...

When human beings receive holy flesh, they will not remain on the earth, but will be taken to heaven. While sin is forgiven in this life, its results are not now wholly removed. It is at His coming that Christ is to "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body"...

Signs of the Times March 23, 1888

We cannot say, "I am sinless," till this vile body is changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body.

Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells...

Acts of the Apostles 561, 562

None of the apostles and prophets ever claimed to be without sin. Men who have lived the nearest to God, men who would sacrifice life itself rather than knowingly commit a wrong act, men whom God has honored with divine light and power, have confessed the sinfulness of their nature. They have put no confidence in the flesh, have claimed no righteousness of their own, but have trusted wholly in the righteousness of Christ.

So will it be with all who behold Christ. The nearer we come to Jesus, and the more clearly we discern the purity of His character, the more clearly shall we see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the less shall we feel like exalting ourselves. There will be a continual reaching out of the soul after God, a continual, earnest, heartbreaking confession of sin and humbling of the heart before Him. At every advance step in our Christian experience our repentance will deepen. We shall know that our sufficiency is in Christ alone and shall make the apostle's confession our own: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing." "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Romans 7:18; Galatians 6:14.

Daniel 10:8 (KJV)

Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Reflecting Christ 90

"I Daniel alone saw the vision... And there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption"... All who are truly sanctified will have a similar experience. The clearer their views of the greatness, glory, and perfection of Christ, the more vividly will they see their own weakness and imperfection. They will have no disposition to claim a sinless character; that which has appeared right and comely in themselves will, in contrast with Christ's purity and glory, appear only as unworthy and corruptible. It is when men are separated from God, when they have very indistinct views of Christ, that they say, "I am sinless; I am sanctified."

Signs of the Times, March 23, 1888

As we have clearer views of Christ's spotless and infinite purity we shall feel as did Daniel when he beheld the glory of the Lord and said, "My comeliness was turned in me into corruption" (Dan. 10:8). We cannot say, "I am sinless" till this vile body is changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body. But if we constantly seek to follow Jesus, the blessed hope is ours of standing before the throne of God without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, complete in Christ, robed in His righteousness and perfection.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Jeremiah 23:6

Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Revelation 22:11-12

11) "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

12) "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to his work."

Maranatha 242

When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.

Youth's Instructor May 31, 1900

"Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." At that day Christ will be the Judge. Every secret thing will be set in the light of God's countenance. What a contrast there will then be between those who have refused Christ and those who have received him as a personal Saviour. Sinners will then see their sins without a shadow to veil or soften their hideousness. So woeful will be the sight, that they will desire to be hidden under the mountains or in the depths of the ocean, if only they may escape the wrath of the Lamb. But those whose life is hid with Christ in God can say: "I believe in him who was condemned at Pilate's bar, and given up to the priests and rulers to be crucified. Look not upon me, a sinner, but look upon my Advocate. There is nothing in me worthy of the love he manifested for me: but he gave his life for me. Behold me in Jesus. He became sin for me, that I might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Lesson #23 "Let Him Be Holy Still" (Revelation 22:11)

Hebrews 12:14, 15

- 14) Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:
- 15) looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God...

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Colossians 2:9-11

- 9) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
- 10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
- 11) In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ...

Romans 2:29

...and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter...

Review and Herald April 24, 1900

We must learn of Christ. We must know what He is to those He has ransomed. We must realize that through belief in Him it is our privilege to be partakers of the divine nature, and so escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Then we are cleansed from all sin, all defects of character. We need not retain one sinful propensity...

As we partake of the divine nature, hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong are cut away from the character, and we are made a living power for good. Ever learning of the divine Teacher, daily partaking of His nature, we cooperate with God in overcoming Satan's temptations. God works, and man works, that man may be one with Christ as Christ is one with God.

John 12:32

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

2Corinthians 5:14, 15

- 14) For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
- 15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Signs of the Times July 8, 1897

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The question is asked, Why then are all not drawn to Christ?--It is because they will not come; because they do not choose to die to self; because they wish, as did Judas, to retain their own individuality, their own natural and cultivated traits of character. Altho they are given every opportunity, every privilege, yet they will not give up those tendencies which, if not cut away from the character, will separate them from Christ. If, continuing to cherish these traits of character, they were admitted to heaven, they would cause a second rebellion.

Philippians 3:21

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Isaiah 60:7

...I will glorify the house of My glory.

Amazing Grace 243

We believe without a doubt that Christ is soon coming. This is not a fable to us; it is a reality... When He comes He is not to cleanse us of our sins, to remove from us the defects in our characters, or to cure us of the infirmities of our tempers and dispositions. If wrought for us at all, this work will all be accomplished before that time. When the Lord comes, those who are holy will be holy still. Those who have reserved their bodies and spirits in holiness, in sanctification and honor, will then receive the finishing touch of immortality. But those who are unjust, unsanctified, and filthy will remain so forever. No work will then be done for them to remove their defects and give them holy characters. The Refiner does not then sit to pursue His refining process and remove their sins and their corruption. This is all to be done in these hours of probation. It is now that this work is to be accomplished for us.

Great Controversy 623

Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." John 14:30. Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble. It is in this life that we are to separate sin from us, through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. Our precious Saviour invites us to join ourselves to Him, to unite our weakness to His strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits. God's providence is the school in which we are to learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus. The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which seems easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. It rests with us to co-operate with the agencies which Heaven employs in the work of conforming our characters to the divine model. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls.

1John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2Sermons and Talks 112

Today He [Christ] is making an atonement for us before the Father. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" [1 John 2:1]. Pointing to the palms of His hands, pierced by the fury and prejudice of wicked men, He says of us, "I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands" [Isa. 49:16]. The Father bows in recognition of the price paid for humanity...

1Selected Messages 343, 344

...Christ Jesus is represented as continually standing at the altar, momentarily offering up the sacrifice for the sins of the world. He is a minister of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man...the atoning sacrifice through a mediator is essential because of the constant commission of sin.

Jude 24

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy

5 Testimonies 53

Even one wrong trait of character, one sinful desire cherished, will eventually neutralize all the power of the gospel. The prevalence of a sinful desire shows the delusion of the soul. Every indulgence of that desire strengthens the soul's aversion to God. The pains of duty and the pleasures of sin are the cords with which Satan binds men in his snares. Those who would rather die than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful.

Matthew 24:37

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Conflict and Courage 39

Mercy had ceased its pleadings for the guilty race. The beasts of the field and the birds of the air had entered the place of refuge. Noah and his household were within the ark, "and the Lord shut him in." . . . The massive door, which it was impossible for those within to close, was slowly swung to its place by unseen hands. Noah was shut in, and the rejecters of God's mercy were shut out. The seal of Heaven was on that door; God had shut it, and God alone could open it. So when Christ shall cease His intercession for guilty men, before His coming in the clouds of heaven, the door of mercy will be shut. Then divine grace will no longer restrain the wicked, and Satan will have full control of those who have rejected mercy. They will endeavor to destroy God's people; but as Noah was shut into the ark, so the righteous will be shielded by divine power.

Early Writings 43

Satan is now using every device in this sealing time to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth and was pure in heart was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty.

Hebrews 7:25 (KJV)

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

15 Manuscript Release 104

And everyone who will break from the slavery and service of Satan, and will stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel, will be kept by Christ's intercessions. Christ, as our Mediator, at the right hand of the Father, ever keeps us in view, for it is as necessary that He should keep us by His intercessions as that He should redeem us with His blood. If He lets go His hold of us for one moment, Satan stands ready to destroy. Those purchased by His blood, He now keeps by His intercession. He ever liveth to make intercession for us. "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" [Heb. 7:25].

In Heavenly Places 362

Oh, who will describe to you the lamentations that will arise when at the boundary line which parts time and eternity the righteous Judge will lift up His voice and de-

clare, "It is too late." Long have the wide gates of heaven stood open and the heavenly messengers have invited and entreated "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). "To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart." But at length the mandate goes forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still" (Rev. 22:11).

The heavenly gate closes, the invitation of salvation ceases. In heaven it is said, "It is done." Such a time is not far distant. I plead with you to make sure work for eternity, to lay hold on the hope set before you in the gospel. Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for if you merely seek, you will not be able....

Philippians 3:12-14

12) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

13) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14) I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lesson #24 "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" (1Timothy 6:12)

Great Controversy 425

Those who are living upon the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth....

When this work shall have been accomplished, the followers of Christ will be ready for His appearing.... Then the church which our Lord at His coming is to receive to Himself will be a "glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

5Testimonies 513

If you fight the fight of faith with all your will power, you will conquer.

1Peter 5:8, 9

8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9) Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

Christian Education 114

Believe that he is ready to help you by his grace, when you come to him in sincerity. You must fight the good fight of faith. You must be wrestlers for the crown of life. Strive, for the grasp of Satan is upon you; and if you do not wrench yourselves from him, you will be palsied and ruined. The foe is on the right hand, and on the left, before you, and behind you; and you must trample him under your feet. Strive, for there is a crown to be won. Strive, for if you win not the crown, you lose everything in this life and in the future life. Strive, but let it be in the strength of your risen Saviour.

3Testimonies 106

The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought.

Review and Herald March 5, 1908

We have no enemy without that we need to fear. Our great conflict is with unconsecrated self. When we conquer self, we are more than conquerors through Him who has loved us. My brethren, there is eternal life for us to win. Let us fight the good fight of faith.

Romans 8:37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Review and Herald Nov 29, 1887

From the cross to the crown there is earnest work to be done. There is wrestling with inbred sin; there is warfare against outward wrong. The Christian life is a battle and a march.

2Corinthians 10:3-5

- 3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
- 4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
- 5) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Faith I Live By 124

Besetting sins must be battled with and overcome. Objectionable traits of character, whether hereditary or cultivated... should be firmly resisted and overcome, through the strength of Christ... Day by day, and hour by hour, there must be a vigorous process of self-denial and of sanctification going on within; and then the outward works will testify that Jesus is abiding in the heart by faith... There is a heaven, and O, how earnestly we should strive to reach it. I appeal to you... to believe in Jesus as your Saviour. Believe that He is ready to help you by His grace, when you come to Him in sincerity. You must fight the good fight of faith. You must be wrestlers for the crown of life.

Romans 6:12

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Review and Herald May 3, 1881

“His servants ye are to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey.” If we indulge anger, lust, covetousness, hatred, selfishness, or any other sin, we become servants of sin. “No man can serve two masters.” If we serve sin, we cannot serve Christ. The Christian will feel the promptings of sin, for the flesh lusteth against the Spirit; but the Spirit striveth against the flesh, keeping up a constant warfare. Here is where Christ’s help is needed. Human weakness becomes united to divine strength, and faith exclaims, “Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...

John 6:63

...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Romans 4:3

... Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Genesis 16: 6

And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Romans 4:17-22

17) (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

18) who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

19) And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20) He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21) and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

22) And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Psalms 33:6, 9

6) By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

9) For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Romans 6: 1-12

1) What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2) Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

3) Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5) For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6) knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7) For he who has died has been freed from sin.

8) Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9) knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

10) For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12) Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Signs of the Times Oct 1, 1895

But though we are carnal, we are to reckon ourselves "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord..."

2Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Adventist Home 542

Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God.

Lesson # 25 "I Die Daily" (1Corinthians 15:31)

Galatians 5:24

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Youth's Instructor Dec 22, 1886

The Christian warfare does not mean play; we are not engaged in mimic battles, fighting as one that beateth the air... There is a constant warfare to be maintained against the evils and inclinations of our own natural hearts. We must not pick and choose the work most agreeable to us; for we are Christ's soldiers, under his discipline, and we are not to study our own pleasure. We must fight the battles of the Lord manfully. We have enemies to conquer that would gain the control of all our powers. Self-will in us must die; Christ's will alone must be obeyed. The soldier in Christ's army must learn to endure hardness, deny self, take up the cross, and follow where his Captain leads the way. There are many things to do which are trying to human nature, and painful to flesh and blood. This work of self-subduing requires determined, continuous effort. In fighting the good fight of faith, obtaining precious victories, we are laying hold of eternal life. This warfare requires most strenuous effort, the exertion of all our powers. We are to crucify the flesh, with the affections and lust

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

2Testimonies 651

Self-denial and the CROSS lie directly in the pathway of every follower of Christ. The cross is that which crosses the natural affections and the will.

1Corinthians 15:31

I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Ministry of Healing 452, 453

The life of the apostle Paul was a constant conflict with self. He said, "I die daily." 1 Corinthians 15:31. His will and his desires every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did God's will, however crucifying to his nature.

1Corinthians 9:27

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

This Day With God 277

Paul was in such constant dread, lest his evil propensities should get the better of him, that he was constantly battling, with firm resistance, unruly appetites and passions. If the great apostle felt like trembling in view of his weakness, who has a right to feel self-confident and boastful? The moment we begin to feel self-sufficient and confident then we are in danger of a disgraceful failure.

2Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

Matthew 7:14

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

2 Testimonies 687, 688

The conflict will be close between self and the grace of God. Self will strive for the mastery and will be opposed to the work of bringing the life and thoughts, the will and affections, into subjection to the will of Christ. Self-denial and the cross stand all along in the pathway to eternal life, and, because of this, "few there be that find it."

3 Testimonies 481

Christ sacrificed everything for man in order to make it possible for him to gain heaven. Now it is for fallen man to show what he will sacrifice on his own account for Christ's sake, that he may win immortal glory. Those who have any just sense of the magnitude of salvation and of its cost will never murmur that their sowing must be in tears and that conflict and self-denial are the Christian's portion in this life. The conditions of salvation for man are ordained of God. Self-abasement and cross bearing are the provisions made by which the repenting sinner is to find comfort and peace. The thought that Jesus submitted to humiliation and sacrifice that man will never be called to endure, should hush every murmuring voice.

4 Testimonies 349

Self is difficult to conquer. Human depravity in every form is not easily brought into subjection to the Spirit of Christ. But all should be impressed with the fact that unless this victory is gained through Christ, there is no hope for them. The victory can be gained; for nothing is impossible with God. By His assisting grace, all evil temper, all human depravity, may be overcome.... The work before you is no light task, no child's play.... You may be overcomers if you will, in the name of Christ, take hold of the work decidedly.

5 Testimonies 215

In this life we must meet fiery trials and make costly sacrifices, but the peace of Christ is the reward. There has been so little self-denial, so little suffering for Christ's sake, that the cross is almost entirely forgotten. We must be partakers with Christ of His sufferings if we would sit down in triumph with Him on His throne. So long as we choose the easy path of self-indulgence and are frightened at self-denial, our faith will never become firm, and we cannot know the peace of Jesus nor the joy that comes through conscious victory. The most exalted of the redeemed host that stand before the throne of God and the Lamb, clad in white, know the conflict of overcoming, for they have come up through great tribulation.

1 Timothy 4:7,8

7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8) Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Romans 8: 16-17

16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17) and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Reflecting Christ 350

We will rejoice in tribulation and keep in mind the recompense of reward, the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We will not have a murmuring thought because we have trials... every trial well endured here, will only make us rich in glory. *I crave the suffering part.*

56 *ing part.* I would not go to heaven without suffering if I could, and see Jesus who suffered so much for us to purchase for us so rich an inheritance... No, no. Let me [be] perfected through sufferings. I long to be a partaker with Christ of His sufferings, for if I am, I know I

Lesson #26 "Choose You This Day" (Joshua 24: 15)

5Testimonies 513

If you fight the fight of faith with all your will power, you will conquer.

Joshua 24:14, 15

- 14) "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!
- 15) "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Education 289

The will is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or choice. Every human being possessed of reason has power to choose the right. In every experience of life, God's word to us is, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

5Testimonies 515

But you must remember that your will is the spring of all your actions. This will, that forms so important a factor in the character of man, was at the Fall given into the control of Satan; and he has ever since been working in man to will and to do of his own pleasure, but to the utter ruin and misery of man.

5Testimonies 515

But the infinite sacrifice of God in giving Jesus, His beloved Son, to become a sacrifice for sin, enables Him to say, without violating one principle of His government: "Yield yourself up to Me; give Me that will; take it from the control of Satan, and I will take possession of it; then I can work in you to will and to do of My good pleasure." When He gives you the mind of Christ, your will becomes as His will, and your character is transformed to be like Christ's character.

Steps to Christ 47

You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him.

Philippians 2:12, 13

- 12) ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
- 13) for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Mount of Blessings 62

God does not design that our will should be destroyed, for it is only through its exercise that we can accomplish what He would have us do. Our will is to be yielded to Him, that we may receive it again, purified and refined, and so linked in sympathy with the Divine that He can pour through us the tides of His love and power.

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Faith I Live By 91

The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself. In its great need the soul cries out for a power out of and above itself; and through the operation of the Holy Spirit the nobler pow-

ers of the mind are imbued with strength to break away from the bondage of sin.

Signs of the Times Nov 5, 1896

Man is allotted a part in the great struggle for everlasting life. He must respond to the working of the Holy Spirit. It will require a struggle to break through the powers of darkness, but the Spirit that works in him can and will accomplish this. Man is no passive instrument, to be saved in indolence. He is called upon to strain every muscle in the struggle for immortality, yet it is God that supplies the efficiency. No human being can be saved in indolence.

Matthew 12:13

Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

Signs of the Times Oct 6, 1887

Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "Stretch forth thine hand." The afflicted man might have said, "Lord, I have not used it for years; heal it first, and then I will stretch it forth." But instead of this, when Jesus commanded him to stretch it forth, he exercised the power of his will, and moved it just as if it were well. The very exercise of the will power was evidence to Jesus that the man believed; and his hand was healed in the act of stretching it forth.

John 5:5-9

- 5) Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.
- 6) When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"
- 7) The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."
- 8) Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."
- 9) And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

Ministry of Healing 84

Jesus bids him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Verses 6-8. With a new hope the sick man looks upon Jesus. The expression of His countenance, the tones of His voice, are like no other. Love and power seem to breathe from His very presence. The cripple's faith takes hold upon Christ's word. Without question he sets his will to obey, and, as he does this, his whole body responds.

Every nerve and muscle thrills with new life, and healthful action comes to his crippled limbs. Springing to his feet, he goes on his way with firm, free step, praising God and rejoicing in his new-found strength.

Jesus had given the palsied man no assurance of divine help. The man might have said, "Lord, if Thou wilt make me whole, I will obey Thy word." He might have stopped to doubt, and thus have lost his one chance of healing. But no, he believed Christ's word, believed that he was made whole; immediately he made the effort, and God gave him the power; he willed to walk, and he did walk. Acting on the word of Christ, he was made whole.

Ministry of Healing 84, 85

The Saviour is bending over the purchase of His blood, saying with inexpressible tenderness and pity, "Wilt thou be made whole?" He bids you arise in health and peace. Do not wait to feel that you are made whole. Believe the Saviour's word. Put your will on the side of Christ. Will to serve Him, and in acting upon His word you will receive strength.

Lesson #27 "I Can Do All Things Through Christ" (Philippians 4:13)

John 15: 5

...without Me you can do nothing.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Youth's Instructor Sept 20, 1894

God has given you moral powers, and has made you susceptible to religious influences; he has provided opportunities and facilities that are favorable to the development of a Christlike character; and it now remains with you as to whether or not you will cooperate with divine agencies, and make your calling and election sure. Will you not seize, appreciate, and appropriate every help that has been provided? You must pray, believe, and obey. In your own strength you can do nothing; but in the grace of Jesus Christ, you can employ your powers in such a way as to bring the greatest good to your own soul, and the greatest blessing to the souls of others. Lay hold of Jesus, and you will diligently work the works of Christ, and will finally receive the eternal reward. Be faithful in that which is least.

Patriarchs and Prophets 509

The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort.

7Testimonies 239

Our success is wrought out by ourselves through the grace of Christ.

Amazing Grace 319

Man can accomplish nothing without God, and God has arranged His plans so as to accomplish nothing in the restoration of the human race without the cooperation of the human with the divine. The part man is required to sustain is immeasurably small, yet in the plan of God it is just that part that is needed to make the work a success.

Ministry of Healing 130

Apart from divine power, no genuine reform can be effected. Human barriers against natural and cultivated tendencies are but as the sandbank against the torrent. Not until the life of Christ becomes a vitalizing power in our lives can we resist the temptations that assail us from within and from without.

Christ's Object Lessons 333

As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.

Desire of Ages 323, 324

When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ, becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies, is impregnable to the assaults of Satan.

2Corinthians 10: 5

...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Christ's Object Lessons 331

Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected. Let no one say, I cannot remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you can not overcome. The real difficulty arises from the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God.

Education 289

Everyone may place he will on the side of the will of God, may choose to obey Him, and by thus linking himself with divine agencies, he may stand where nothing can force him to do evil.

4 Testimonies 32, 33

God cannot save man against his will from the power of Satan's artifices. Man must work with his human power, aided by the divine power of Christ, to resist and to conquer at any cost to himself. . . . Man must do his part; he must be victor on his own account, through the strength and grace that Christ gives him. Man must be a co-worker with Christ in the labor of overcoming, and then he will be partaker with Christ of His glory.

John 8:32

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Youth's Instructor Sept 20, 1900

When man surrenders to Christ, the mind is brought under the control of the law, but it is the royal law, which proclaims liberty to every captive. Only by becoming one with Christ can men be made free. Subjection to the will of Christ means restoration to perfect manhood. Sin can triumph only by enfeebling the mind and destroying the liberty of the soul.

Luke 13:24

Strive to enter through the narrow gate.

Mount of Blessings 141, 143

The belated traveler, hurrying to reach the city gate by the going down of the sun, could not turn aside for any attractions by the way. His whole mind was bent on the one purpose of entering the gate. The same intensity of purpose, said Jesus, is required in the Christian life. I have opened to you the glory of character, which is the true glory of My kingdom. It offers you no promise of earthly dominion; yet it is worthy of your supreme desire and effort. I do not call you to battle for the supremacy of the world's great empire, but do not therefore conclude that there is no battle to be fought nor victories to be won. I bid you strive, agonize, to enter into My spiritual kingdom.

The Christian life is a battle and a march. But the victory to be gained is not won by human power. The field of conflict is the domain of the heart. The battle which we have to fight—the greatest battle that was ever fought by man—is the surrender of self to the will of God, the yielding of the heart to the sovereignty of love. The old nature, born of blood and of the will of the flesh, cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The hereditary tendencies, the former habits, must be given up. . . . The divine Spirit works through the faculties and powers given to man. Our energies are required to co-operate with God. . . . The will must be placed on the side of God's will. . . . Then you will "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Lesson #28: "When Desire Has Conceived" (James 1: 15)

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Review and Herald December 6, 1881

Our faith must be tested in this world. Christ overcame in our behalf, and thus made it possible for us also to overcome. We must endure trial and temptation here, and then, if faithful, we shall receive the crown. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life." We shall be exposed to manifold temptations, but these, if rightly borne, will refine and purify us, even as gold is purified in the fire. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life." We shall be exposed to manifold temptations, but these, if rightly borne, will refine and purify us, even as gold is purified in the fire. Yet when exposed to the allurements of the world, that which we had thought to be gold, proves to be but dross. Our Redeemer sees the situation, and he counsels all to buy of him gold tried in the fire; which is true faith and genuine love, the grace that will not be destroyed by fierce temptations.

James 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

1Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Signs of the Times Dec 18, 1893

Temptation is not sin, and is no indication that God is displeased with us. The Lord suffers us to be tempted, but he measures every temptation, and apportioning it according to our power to resist and overcome evil. It is in time of trial and temptation that we are enabled to measure the degree of our faith and trust in God, and to estimate the stability of our Christian character. If we are easily jostled and overcome, we should be alarmed; for our strength is small. Let us consider the words of comfort that have been left on record for our instruction: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." God has apportioned the temptation in proportion to the strength he can supply, and he never permits us to be tempted beyond our ability to resist or to endure. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation." "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." Through prayer and the word of God we shall be enabled to overcome temptation.

James 1:14, 15

- 14) But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
- 15) Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

2Testimonies 294

It is true that Satan is the great originator of sin; yet this does not excuse any man for sinning; for he cannot force men to do evil. He tempts them to it, and makes sin look enticing and pleasant; but he has to leave it to their own wills whether they will do it or not.

Mount of Blessings 116

Temptation is enticement to sin, and this does not proceed from God, but from Satan and from the evil of our own hearts.

2Manuscript Release 343, 344

A few hours ago I listened to the complaints of a distressed soul. Satan came to her in an unexpected way. She thought that she had blasphemed the Saviour because the tempter kept putting into her mind the thought that Christ was only a man, no more than a good man. She thought that Satan's whisperings were the sentiments of her own heart, and this horrified her. She thought that she was denying Christ, and her soul was in an agony of distress. I assured her that these suggestions of the enemy were not her own thoughts, that Christ understood and accepted her; that she must treat these suggestions as wholly from Satan; and that her courage must rise with the strength of the temptation. She must say, "I am a child of God. I commit myself, body and soul, to Jesus. I hate these vain thoughts." I told her not to admit for a moment that they originated with her; not to allow Satan to wound Christ by plunging her into unbelief and discouragement. To those who are [thus] tempted, I would say, Do not for a moment acknowledge Satan's temptations as being in harmony with your own mind. Turn from them as you would from the adversary himself.

Manuscript 47, 1896

Often Satan conquers us by our natural inclinations and appetites. These were divinely appointed, and when given to man were pure and holy, but men's natural appetites have been perverted by indulgence. Through unholy gratification they have become "fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." Unless the Christian watches unto prayer, he gives loose reign to habits which should be overcome. Unless he feels the need of constant watching, ceaseless vigilance, his inclinations, abused and misguided, will be the means of his backsliding from God.

Signs of the Times Dec 18, 1893

It is not in the power of Satan to force anyone to sin. Sin is the sinner's individual act. Before sin exists in the heart, the consent of the will must be given, and as soon as it is given, sin is triumphant, and hell rejoices. But there is no excuse for sin, either great or little. Christ has been provided as the tempted one's refuge.

4Testimonies 623

The thoughts of the heart are discerned of God. When impure thoughts are cherished, they need not be expressed by word or act to consummate the sin and bring the soul into condemnation. Its purity is defiled, and the tempter has triumphed.

1John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Patriarchs and Prophets 459

A long preparatory process, unknown to the world, goes on in the heart before the Christian commits open sin. The mind does not come down at once from purity and holiness to depravity, corruption, and crime. It takes time to degrade those formed in the image of God to the brutal or the satanic. By beholding we become changed. By the indulgence of impure thoughts man can so educate his mind that sin which he once loathed will become pleasant to him.

5Testimonies 177

An impure thought tolerated, an unholy desire cherished, and the soul is contaminated, its integrity compromised. "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." If we would not commit sin, we must shun its very

beginnings. Every emotion and desire must be held in subjection to reason and conscience. Every unholy thought must be instantly repelled.

2Manuscript Release 343

Temptation is not sin unless it is cherished.

Review and Herald March 27, 1888

There are thoughts and feelings suggested and aroused by Satan that annoy even the best of men; but if they are not cherished, if they are repulsed as hateful, the soul is not contaminated with guilt, and no other is defiled by their influence.

Galatians 5:24

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Adventist Home 127, 128

We are commanded to crucify the flesh, with the affections and lusts. How shall we do it? Shall we inflict pain on the body? No; but put to death the temptation to sin. The corrupt thought is to be expelled. Every thought is to be brought into captivity to Jesus Christ. All animal propensities are to be subjected to the higher powers of the soul. The love of God must reign supreme; Christ must occupy an undivided throne. Our bodies are to be regarded as His purchased possession. The members of the body are to become the instruments of righteousness.

1Peter 4:1, 2

- 1) Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
- 2) that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

Lesson # 29 "You Shall Know the Truth" (John 8:32)

2Corinthians 5:14, 15

- 14) For the love of Christ constrains us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
- 15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

John 8:32

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Genesis 4:1

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain...

Psalms 119:142

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Hosea 2:19, 20

- 19) "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;
- 20) I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the LORD.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

Review and Herald March 15, 1892

The truth is to take possession of the will...

Matthew 7:20

Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Galatians 5:19-23

19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

1John 2:3-5

3) Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
4) He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5) But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

Exodus 20:5

...For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...

Romans 8:38, 39

38) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39) nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 25:6

... "Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!"

Revelation 3:10,11

10) "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.
11) "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Great Controversy 560

Just before us is "the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3:10.... Those who are earnestly seeking a knowledge of the truth and are striving to purify their souls through obedience, thus doing what they can to prepare for the conflict, will find, in the God of truth, a sure defense. "Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee" (verse 10), is the Saviour's promise. He would sooner send every angel out of heaven to protect His people than leave one soul that trusts in Him to be overcome by Satan.

Ephesians 3:17, 18

17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
 18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height
 19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness
 of God.

Review and Herald March 15, 1892

When Christ dwells in your heart by faith, this rich experience will be yours. Then you will know that love is flowing into your hearts, and subduing every affection and every thought, and bringing them into captivity to Christ. You cannot explain it; human language can never explain how the love of Christ can take possession of the soul, and lead captive every power of the mind. But you will know it by a personal experience.

Review and Herald May 30, 1882

To be living Christians, we must have a vital connection with Christ. The true believer can say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." This intimate communion with our Saviour will take away the desire for earthly and sensual gratifications. All our powers of body, soul, and spirit should be devoted to God. When the affections are sanctified, our obligations to God are made primary, everything else secondary.

Psalms 73:25

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

Matthew 25:6

... "Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!"

Matthew 7:21–23

- 21) Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
- 22) Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'
- 23) "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

2 Timothy 1:12

...for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Lesson #30: "Make No Provision For the Flesh" (Romans 13: 14)

Proverbs 31:15

She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

Romans 13:14

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

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...put on Christ, not to lay Him off again, but to let His Spirit stamp your mind and character.

Education 126

The mind, the soul, is built up by that upon which it feeds; and it rests with us to determine upon what it shall be fed. It is within the power of everyone to choose the topics that shall occupy the thoughts and shape the character....

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another...

***Signs of the Times* March 9, 1882**

The mind grows by what it is fed upon. The understanding gradually adapts itself to the subjects which it is required to grasp.

Psalm 101:3, 4

- 3) I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.
- 4) A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.

Job 31:7

If my step has turned from the way, Or my heart walked after my eyes...

2Testimonies 561

You will have to become a faithful sentinel over your eyes, ears, and all your senses if you would control your mind and prevent vain and corrupt thoughts from staining your soul. The power of grace alone can accomplish this most desirable work.

1Peter 1:13-16

- 13) Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- 14) as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
- 15) but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
- 16) because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Acts of the Apostles 518, 519

The apostle's words were written for the instruction of believers in every age, and they have a special significance for those who live at the time when "the end of all things is at hand."... The apostle sought to teach the believers how important it is to keep the mind from wandering to forbidden themes or from spending its energies on trifling subjects. Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices, must guard well the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to dwell at random upon every subject that the enemy of souls may suggest. The heart must be faithfully sentineled, or evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in darkness. "Gird up the loins of your mind," Peter wrote, "be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;... not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

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As we near the close of earth's history, Satan redoubles his efforts to cast his hellish shadow over us, in order that he may cause us to turn our eyes away from Christ. If he can prevent us from beholding Jesus, we shall be overcome; but we must not permit him to do this; for "we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." What is the glory of the Lord?... The glory of God is his character, and it is manifested to us in Christ. Therefore it is by beholding Christ, by contemplating his character, by learning his lessons, by obeying his words, that we become changed into his likeness.... in contemplating the goodness, mercy, and love of God, we become transformed in character. Jesus said, "The glory which thou gavest me I

have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.” On him who receives Christ, the glory of the Lord has risen, the Sun of Righteousness has shined, and, rising from his low and worldly state, the believer reflects the light of Christ’s glory. As he continually looks to Jesus and contemplates his beauty, he is more and more transformed into the child of light.

Christian Education 57

Fill the whole heart with the words of God... Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy, it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature.

Sons and Daughters of God 108

The mind must be fed with pure food if the heart be pure.

Micah 6:14

You shall eat, but not be satisfied; Hunger shall be in your midst.

Luke 15:17

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’”

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Psalms 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good...

Lesson # 31 “Turn Away My Eyes” (Psalm 119:37)

Psalms 101:3

I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.

Psalms 119:37

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

2Corinthians 3:18

...beholding [we]... are being transformed into the same image...

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Job 31:7

...my heart walked after my eyes

Adventist Home 516

There is no influence in our land more powerful *to poison the imagination*... than theatrical amusements.

Adventist Home 408

This is an age when corruption is teeming everywhere. The lust of the eye and corrupt passions are aroused by beholding and by reading. The heart is corrupted through the imagination. The mind takes pleasure in contemplating scenes which awaken the lower and baser passions. These vile images, seen through defiled imagination, corrupt the morals and

prepare the deluded, infatuated beings to give loose rein to lustful passions. Then follow sins and crimes which drag beings formed in the image of God down to a level with the beasts, sinking them at last in perdition.

Adventist Home 516

There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, *to destroy religious impressions*... than theatrical amusements.

Hebrews 8:10

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Messages to Young People 144

As a man “thinketh in his heart, so is he.”... Our thoughts are to be strictly guarded; for one impure thought makes a deep impression on the soul. An evil thought leaves an evil impress on the mind.

Adventist Home 516

There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and *to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life* than theatrical amusements.

1Peter 1:13

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Christian Education 185

...many have not an intelligent understanding of the truth as it is in Jesus. The mind is feasted upon sensational stories. They live in an unreal world, and are unfitted for the practical duties of life...they are either restless or dreamy, and are unable to converse, save upon the most commonplace subjects. The nobler faculties, those adapted to higher pursuits, have been degraded to the contemplation of trivial, or worse than trivial subjects, until their possessor has become satisfied with such topics, and scarcely has power to reach anything higher. Religious thought and conversation has become distasteful. The mental food for which he has acquired a relish, is contaminating in its effects, and leads to impure and sensual thoughts. I have felt sincere pity for these souls as I have considered how much they are losing by neglecting opportunities to gain a knowledge of Christ, in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. How much precious time is wasted, in which they might be studying the Pattern of true goodness.

Adventist Home 416

...reflect upon the influence which exciting stories have upon the mind! Can you, after such reading, open the word of God and read the words of life with interest? Do you not find the book of God uninteresting? The charm of that love story is upon the mind, destroying its healthy tone and making it impossible for you to fix your mind upon the important, solemn truths which concern your eternal interest. You... sin against God in thus using the time which should be spent in devotion to Him. ...I have a message for you. You are now deciding your future destiny, and your character building is of that kind which will exclude you from the Paradise of God.

1John 2:11

...the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Isaiah 60:2

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

Mount of Blessings 92

The same law obtains in the spiritual as in the natural world. He who abides in darkness will at last lose the power of vision. He is shut in by a deeper than midnight blackness; and to him the brightest noontide can bring no light. He "walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." 1 John 2:11. Through persistently cherishing evil, willfully disregarding the pleadings of divine love, the sinner loses the love for good, the desire for God, the very capacity to receive the light of heaven. The invitation of mercy is still full of love, the light is shining as brightly as when it first dawned upon his soul; but the voice falls on deaf ears, the light on blinded eyes.

Adventist Home 516

There is no influence in our land more powerful to poison the imagination, to destroy religious impressions, and to blunt the relish for the tranquil pleasures and sober realities of life than theatrical amusements. *The love for these scenes increases with every indulgence as the desire for intoxicating drink strengthens with its use.*

Psalms 119:37

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

6Bible Commentaries 1097

Professed Christians keep altogether too near the lowlands of earth. Their eyes are trained to see only commonplace things, and their minds dwell upon the things their eyes behold. Their religious experience is often shallow and unsatisfying, and their words are light and valueless. How can such reflect the image of Christ? How can they send forth the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness into all the dark places of the earth? To be a Christian is to be Christlike.

Isaiah 60:1

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

Lesson #32 "Looking Unto Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2)

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Ministry of Healing 491

We need a constant sense of the ennobling power of pure thoughts. The only security for any soul is right thinking. As a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7. The power of self-restraint strengthens by exercise. That which at first seems difficult, by constant repetition grows easy, until right thoughts and actions become habitual. If we will we may turn away from all that is cheap and inferior, and rise to a high standard; we may be respected by men and beloved of God.

2Mind, Character, and Personality 595

If Satan seeks to divert the mind to low and sensual things, bring it back again and place it on eternal things; and when the Lord sees the determined effort made to retain only pure thoughts, He will attract the mind, like the magnet, purify the thoughts, and enable them to cleanse themselves from every secret sin. "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

5Testimonies 744

Our daily and hourly work is set forth in the words of the apostle: "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith."

4Testimonies 357

Our chief danger is in having the mind diverted from Christ.

Matthew 14: 25–31

- 25) Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
- 26) And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
- 27) But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
- 28) And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
- 29) So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.
- 30) But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
- 31) And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Review and Herald July 11, 1907

So long as you look to Christ, you are safe; but the moment you trust in yourself, you are in great peril. He who is in harmony with God will continually depend upon Him for help.

Psalm 25:15

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Signs of the Times September 19, 1900

We need constant communion with Jesus just as much as we need daily food to nourish the body. If there is a moment when we are in no danger of being deceived by the enemy, then for that moment we may dispense with divine aid.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Ephesians 4:22

- 22) ...put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
- 23) and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
- 24) and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Psalm 16:8

I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

This Day With God 232

Take God with you in every place. The door is open for every son and daughter of God. The Lord is not far from the soul who seeks Him. The reason why so many are left to themselves in places of temptation is because they do not set the Lord ever before them. It is in the places where God is least thought of that you need to carry the lamp of life. If God be left out of sight, if our faith and our communion with God are broken, the soul is in positive danger. Integrity will not be maintained.

Psalm 69:18

Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

John 12:32

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

Psalm 26:3

For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

TMK 250

The soul that loves God loves to draw strength from Him by constant communion with Him. When it becomes the habit of the soul to converse with God, the power of the evil one is broken, for Satan cannot abide near the soul that draws nigh unto God. If Christ is your companion, you will not cherish vain and impure thoughts; you will not indulge in trifling words that will grieve Him who has come to be the sanctifier of your soul...

Those who are sanctified through the truth are living recommendations of its power, and representatives of their risen Lord. The religion of Christ will refine the taste, sanctify the judgment, elevate, purify, and ennoble the soul, making the Christian more and more fit for the society of the heavenly angels.

Ps 73:28

But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Review and Herald May 30, 1882

To be living Christians, we must have a vital connection with Christ. The true believer can say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." This intimate communion with our Saviour will take away the desire for earthly and sensual gratifications. All our powers of body, soul, and

spirit should be devoted to God. When the affections are sanctified, our obligations to God are made primary, everything else secondary.

Song of Solomon 5: 10, 16

10) My beloved is... Chief among ten thousand...

16) ...Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, And this is my friend,

Psalm 73:25

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

Lesson #33 "Think On These Things" (Philippians 4: 8)

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

2Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Great Controversy 555

It is a law both of the intellectual and the spiritual nature that by beholding we become changed. The mind gradually adapts itself to the subjects upon which it is allowed to dwell.

Review and Herald May 30, 1882

To have a steady and ever-growing love for God, and a clear perception of his character and attributes, we must keep the eye of faith fixed constantly on him.... God must be ever in our thoughts.

2Corinthians 10:5

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Psalm 16:8

I have set the LORD always before me.

Matthew 28:20

"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Education 255

As a shield from temptation and an inspiration to purity and truth, no other influence can equal the sense of God's presence.

Review and Herald March 15, 1906

Sanctification means habitual communion with God.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

2Timothy 3:14-17

14) But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15) and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

6Bible Commentaries 1098

Beholding Christ means studying His life as given in His Word. We are to dig for truth as for hidden treasure. We are to fix our eyes upon Christ. When we take Him as our personal Saviour, this gives us boldness to approach the throne of grace. By beholding we become changed, morally assimilated to the One who is perfect in character. By receiving His imputed righteousness, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we become like Him. The image of Christ is cherished, and it captivates the whole being.

Christian Education 57

Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven. Jesus declares, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." [JOHN 6:53.] And he explains himself by saying, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [JOHN 6:63.] Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy, it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature.

6Bible Commentaries 1097

It is the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, which Jesus said He would send into the world, that changes our character into the image of Christ; and when this is accomplished, we reflect as in a mirror the glory of the Lord. That is, the character of the one who thus beholds Christ is so like His that one looking at him sees Christ's own character shining out as from a mirror. Imperceptibly to ourselves, we are changed day by day from our ways and will into the ways and will of Christ, into the loveliness of His character. Thus we grow up into Christ, and unconsciously reflect His image...

Exodus 34: 29

Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

Isaiah 6:5

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

Daniel 10:8 (KJV)

Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption...

Sanctified Life 50, 51

All who are truly sanctified will have a similar experience. The clearer their views of the greatness, glory, and perfection of Christ, the more vividly will they see their own weakness and imperfection. They will have no disposition to claim a sinless character; that which has appeared right and comely in themselves will, in contrast with Christ's purity and glory, appear only as unworthy and corruptible. It is when men are separated from God, when they have very indistinct views of Christ, that they say, "I am sinless; I am sanctified."

Desire of Ages 302

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." The sense of unworthiness will lead the heart to hunger and thirst for righteousness, and this desire will not be disappoint-

ed. Those who make room in their hearts for Jesus will realize His love. All who long to bear the likeness of the character of God shall be satisfied. The Holy Spirit never leaves unassisted the soul who is looking unto Jesus. He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto him. If the eye is kept fixed on Christ, *the work of the Spirit ceases not until the soul is conformed to His image.*

Lesson #34 “Your Thoughts Will Be Established” (Proverbs 16:3)

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

4 Testimonies 657

Every act of life, however unimportant, has its influence in forming the character. A good character is more precious than worldly possessions, and the work of forming it is the noblest in which men can engage.

Signs of the Times Nov 14, 1892

The daily acts of life tell the measure and mould of our disposition and character... The habits of speech, the character of our actions, put a mould upon us...

Luke 6:45

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

Desire of Ages 323

The words are an indication of that which is in the heart. “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.” But the words are more than an indication of character; they have power to react on the character. Men are influenced by their own words.

Signs of the Times March 1, 1905

All are to a great extent under the influence of their own words. They act out the sentiments expressed in their words. Thus the government of the tongue is closely bound up with personal religion. Many are by their own words led to believe that a wrong course is right. Thoughts are expressed in words, and the words react upon the thoughts, and produce other words. The influence is felt, not only upon oneself, but upon others.

Ministry of Healing 251

It is a law of nature that our thoughts and feelings are encouraged and strengthened as we give them utterance. While words express thoughts, it is also true that thoughts follow words. If we would give more expression to our faith, rejoice more in the blessings that we know we have,—the great mercy and love of God,—we should have more faith and greater joy. No tongue can express, no finite mind can conceive, the blessing that results from appreciating the goodness and love of God. Even on earth we may have joy as a wellspring, never failing, because fed by the streams that flow from the throne of God.

2 Mind, Character, and Personality 579

The more you talk faith, the more faith you will have. The more you dwell upon discouragement, talking to others about your trials, and enlarging upon them, to enlist the sympathy which you crave, the more discouragements and trials you will have.

Ephesians 5:4

...neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Titus 2: 6–8

- 6) Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded,
- 7) in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,
- 8) sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Proverbs 15:2

... the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Evangelism 641

When anyone can point to one trifling word spoken by our Lord, or to any lightness seen in His character, he may feel that lightness and jesting are excusable in himself. This spirit is unchristian; for to be a Christian is to be Christlike. Jesus is a perfect pattern, and we must imitate His example. A Christian is the highest type of man, a representative of Christ.

7Bible Commentaries 938

It is right to be cheerful, and even joyful. It is right to cultivate cheerfulness of spirit through sanctification of the truth; but it is not right to indulge in foolish jesting and joking, in lightness and trifling...

Child Guidance 146

There is nothing gloomy in the religion of Jesus. While all lightness, trifling, and jesting, which the apostle says are not convenient, are to be studiously avoided, there is a sweet rest and peace in Jesus that will be expressed in the countenance. Christians will not be mournful, depressed, and despairing. They will be sober-minded, yet they will show to the world a cheerfulness which only grace can impart.

Review and Herald Oct 29, 1903

Be careful of your words. Do not waste precious moments in foolish conversation. Live so near to Christ that you will always be ready to speak a word in season to him that is weary. Put away all pride, all selfishness, all lightness and trifling. Jestings and joking are an offense to God, and a denial of your faith. They unfit the mind for solid thought and earnest labor, making men superficial and inefficient. Be circumspect, and at the same time cheerful and happy, showing forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Ephesians 5:19

speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Signs of the Times March 5, 1885

Our Saviour was deeply serious and intensely in earnest, but never gloomy or morose. The lives of those who imitate him will be full of earnest purpose; they will have a deep sense of personal responsibility. Levity will be repressed; there will be no boisterous merriment, no rude jesting or joking. But the religion of Jesus gives peace like a river. It does not quench the light of joy; it does not restrain cheerfulness, nor cloud the sunny, smiling face. Our lives should breathe the fragrance of Heaven, while we obey the injunction of the apostle,—“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

Review and Herald, Mar. 12, 1872

There are those who do not feel that it is a religious duty to discipline the mind to dwell upon cheerful subjects, that they may reflect light rather than darkness and gloom. This class of minds will either be engaged in seeking their own pleasure, in frivolous conversation,

laughing and joking, keeping the mind continually elated with a round of amusements; or they will be depressed, having great trials and mental conflicts, which they think but few have ever experienced or can understand. These persons may profess Christianity, but they deceive their own souls. They have not the genuine article.

Psalm 32:11

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Review and Herald March 15, 1892

Just as surely as you empty your mind of vanity and frivolity, the vacuum will be supplied with that which God is waiting to give you,—his Holy Spirit. Then out of the good treasure of the heart you will bring forth good things, rich gems of thought, and others will catch the words and will begin to glorify God. Then you will not have the mind centered upon self. You will not be making a show of self; you will not be acting self; but your thoughts and affections will dwell upon Christ, and you will reflect upon others that which has shone upon you from the sun of righteousness.

Matthew 5:37

“But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”

Education 236

God’s word condemns also the use of those meaningless phrases and expletives that border on profanity. It condemns the deceptive compliments, the evasions of truth, the exaggerations, the misrepresentations in trade, that are current in society and in the business world. “Let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.” Matthew 5:37, R.V.

Titus 3: 2

...to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

5Bible Commentaries 1093

Cease to dwell upon the shortcomings of others. keep the tongue sanctified unto God. Refrain from saying anything that might detract from the influence of another; for by indulging in these words of criticism, you blaspheme God’s holy name as verily as you would were you to swear....

Sermons and Talks 367

We may make mistakes, and we may have to “admonish one another.” But there has come into the churches... a spirit of backbiting, of faultfinding and evil-speaking, which demonstrates that you are not converted. Words are uttered that never should pass the lips of a Christian. My brethren and sisters, when you have nothing better to speak of than something about the faults of others, remember that “silence is eloquence.”

Ministry of Healing 492

Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings. When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person’s life or character.

Lesson #35 “Slow to Speak, Slow to Wrath” (James 1:19)

James 1:19, 20

- 19) Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, *slow to speak, slow to wrath*;
- 20) for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Child Guidance 95

The speaking of an angry word is like flint striking flint: it at once kindles wrathful feelings.

Proverbs 15:18

A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

Adventist Home 437

We must subdue a hasty temper and control our words, and in this we shall gain great victories. Unless we control our words and temper, we are slaves to Satan. We are in subjection to him. He leads us captive. All jangling and unpleasant, impatient, fretful words are an offering presented to his satanic majesty. And it is a costly offering, more costly than any sacrifice we can make for God; for it destroys the peace and happiness of whole families, destroys health, and is eventually the cause of forfeiting an eternal life of happiness.

2Testimonies 78

You have an unsubdued temper, and do not control your tongue. The lack of self-control has been a great injury to yourself and to your family. Happiness, quietude, and peace have abode in your dwelling but a short period at a time. If your will is crossed you are easily irritated, and then you speak and act as though a demon had possession of you. Angels turn from the scene of discord where angry words are exchanged. Many times have you driven the precious, heavenly angels from your family by the indulgence of passion.

General Conference Bulletin (1903) 89

Remember that if you speak cross words to fellow church members [or family members], you would speak the same kind of words in heaven, were you permitted to enter there. But you never will be unless you change.

Proverbs 16:32

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Adventist Home 443

God looks into every secret thing of life. By some a constant battle is maintained for self-control. Daily they strive silently and prayerfully against harshness of speech and temper. These strivings may never be appreciated by human beings. They may get no praise from human lips for keeping back the hasty words which sought for utterance. The world will never see these conquests, and if it could, it would only despise the conquerors. But in heaven's record they are registered as overcomers. There is One who witnesses every secret combat and every silent victory, and He says, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Youth's Instructor November 10, 1886

One class have come up without self-control; they have not bridled the temper or the tongue; and some of these claim to be Christ's followers, but they are not. Jesus has set them no such example. When they have the meekness and lowliness of the Saviour, they will not act out the promptings of the natural heart, for this is of Satan. Some are nervous, and if they begin to lose self-control in word or spirit under provocation, they are as much intoxicated

with wrath as the inebriate is with liquor.... They are not sane; Satan for the time has full control. Every one of these exhibitions of wrath weakens the nervous system and the moral powers and makes it difficult to restrain anger on another provocation.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

***Signs of the Times* Feb 18, 1903**

As Satan failed utterly in his attempt to cause Christ to sin, so he will fail of overcoming us, if we will act sensibly. Let us firmly resolve that when the enemy tempts us to speak hastily, feeling that we are treated unjustly or are misunderstood, we will not open our lips. If we should speak even one word in reply, the enemy would be almost sure to gain the victory. We must learn the lesson of silence. With tongues bridled, we may be victorious in every trial of patience through which we are called to pass.

Ps 141:3

Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Reflecting Christ 293

In his own strength man cannot rule his spirit. But through Christ he may gain self-control. In his strength he may bring his thoughts and words into subjection to the will of God. The religion of Christ brings the emotions under the control of reason and disciplines the tongue. Under its influence the hasty temper is subdued, and the heart is filled with patience and gentleness.

Matthew 5:22 (NLT)

But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

1John 3:15

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Child Guidance 95

Never should we lose control of ourselves. Let us ever keep before us the perfect Pattern. It is a sin to speak impatiently and fretfully or to feel angry—even though we do not speak.

***Review and Herald* Dec 16, 1884**

If there have been difficulties brethren and sisters,—if envy, malice, bitterness, evil surmisings, have existed, confess these sins, not in a general way, but go to your brethren and sisters personally. Be definite. If you have committed one wrong and they twenty, confess that one as though you were the chief offender. Take them by the hand, let your heart soften under the influence of the Spirit of God, and say, “Will you forgive me? I have not felt right toward you. I want to make right every wrong, that naught may stand registered against me in the books of heaven. I must have a clean record.”

Ministry of Healing 492

Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings. When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person’s life or character.

Lesson #36 "Let the Words of My Mouth..." (Psalm 19:14)

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Ministry of Healing 251

It is a law of nature that our thoughts and feelings are encouraged and strengthened as we give them utterance. While words express thoughts, it is also true that thoughts follow words. If we would give more expression to our faith, rejoice more in the blessings that we know we have,—the great mercy and love of God,—we should have more faith and greater joy.

Isaiah 63:7

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

Steps to Christ 102

If we would but think of God as often as we have evidence of His care for us we should keep Him ever in our thoughts and should delight to talk of Him and to praise Him. We talk of temporal things because we have an interest in them. We talk of our friends because we love them; our joys and our sorrows are bound up with them. Yet we have infinitely greater reason to love God than to love our earthly friends; it should be the most natural thing in the world to make Him first in all our thoughts, to talk of His goodness and tell of His power.

Psalm 26:3

For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes...

Signs of the Times Oct 17, 1892

Satan is seeking to veil Jesus from our sight, to eclipse his light, for when we get even a glimpse of his glory we are attracted to him. Sin hides from our view the matchless charms of Jesus; prejudice, selfishness, self-righteousness, and passion blind our eyes, so that we do not discern the Saviour. Oh, if we would by faith draw nigh to God, he would reveal to us his glory, which is his character, and the praise of God would flow forth from human hearts, and be sounded by human voices. Then we would forever cease to give glory to Satan by sinning against God and talking doubt and unbelief. We would no longer stumble along grumbling, and mourning, and covering the altar of God with our tears.

Malachi 4:2

The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings

Proverbs 4:18

But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Psalm 35:28

And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

Christian Education 57

As we meditate upon the perfections of the Saviour, we shall desire to be wholly transformed,

and renewed in the image of his purity. There will be a hungering and thirsting of soul to become like him whom we adore. The more our thoughts are upon Christ, the more we shall speak of him to others, and represent him to the world.

Psalm 34:1

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 50:23

Whoever offers praise glorifies Me...

3Bible Commentaries 1143

As you confess before men and women your confidence in the Lord, additional strength is imparted to you. Determine to praise Him. With firm determination comes increased will power; and soon you will find that you cannot help praising Him

Review and Herald April 8, 1884

There are many who are really troubled because low, debasing thoughts come into the mind, and are not easily banished. Satan has his evil angels around us; and though they cannot read men's thoughts, they closely watch their words and actions. Satan takes advantage of the weaknesses and defects of character that are thus revealed, and presses his temptations where there is the least power of resistance. He makes evil suggestions, and inspires worldly thoughts, knowing that he can thus bring the soul into condemnation and bondage.

Review and Herald March 22, 1887

The adversary of souls is not permitted to read the thoughts of men; but he is a keen observer, and he marks the words; he takes account of actions, and skillfully adapts his temptations to meet the cases of those who place themselves in his power. If we would labor to repress sinful thoughts and feelings, giving them no expression in words or actions, Satan would be defeated; for he could not prepare his specious temptations to meet the case. But how often do professed Christians, by their lack of self-control, open the door to the adversary of souls!

Signs of the Times Sept 4, 1893

Train and educate the mind to think and to talk of Jesus, and Satan will lose his power over you. He cannot long bear to be in the company of those who meditate and converse upon the love of God. In this way the mind is strengthened. Moral power increases by dwelling upon the goodness, beauty, mercy, and love of Christ. Training the mind in this way will make it natural for you to inquire at every step: "Is this the way of the Lord? Will Jesus be pleased to have me do this? Will this course please self, or my Lord?"

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Psalm 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Review and Herald April 8, 1884

For every class of temptations there is a remedy. We are not left to ourselves to fight the battle against self and our sinful natures in our own finite strength. Jesus is a mighty helper; a never-failing support.... The mind must be restrained and not allowed to wander. It should be trained to dwell upon the Scriptures and upon noble, elevating themes. Portions of Scripture, even whole chapters, may be committed to memory, to be repeated when Satan comes in with his temptations.... When Satan would lead the mind to dwell upon earthly and sensual things, he is most effectually resisted with, "It is written."

Psalm 105: 2, 3

- 2) Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!
- 3) Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

Education 166

With a song, Jesus in His earthly life met temptation.

Ministry of Healing 254

Let praise and thanksgiving be expressed in song. When tempted, instead of giving utterance to our feelings, let us by faith lift up a song of thanksgiving to God... Song is a weapon...

2Chronicles 20:22

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

That I May Know Him 16

We have the right to say, "In the strength of Jesus Christ I will be a conqueror."

9Manuscript Release 17

Talk courage, talk faith, and you may create an atmosphere of hopefulness and brightness.

James 3: 8–11

- 8) But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- 9) With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.
- 10) Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.
- 11) Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?

5Testimonies 176

The sin of evil speaking begins with the cherishing of evil thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Review and Herald June 12, 1888

We should discipline the mind to think in a healthful channel, and not permit it to dwell upon things that are evil. The psalmist exclaims, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." As God works upon the heart by his Holy Spirit, man must co-operate with him. The thoughts must be bound about, restricted, withdrawn from branching out and contemplating things that will only weaken and defile the soul. The thoughts must be pure, the meditations of the heart must be clean, if the words of the mouth are to be words acceptable to Heaven, and helpful to your associates.

Psa 141:3

Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Lesson # 37 "Out of the Abundance of the Heart" (Luke 6:45)

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

2Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

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It is true that there may be an outward correctness of deportment without the renewing power of Christ. The love of influence and the desire for the esteem of others may produce a well-ordered life. Self-respect may lead us to avoid the appearance of evil. A selfish heart may perform generous actions. By what means, then, shall we determine whose side we are on? Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? *Of whom do we love to converse?* Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ's, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him.

Southern Watchman December 5, 1899

The indwelling Saviour is always revealed by the words.

Watchman Nov 21, 1905

My brethren and sisters, how are you employing the gift of speech? Have you learned so to control the tongue that it shall ever obey the dictates of an enlightened conscience and holy affections? Is your conversation free from levity, pride, malice, deceit, and impurity? Are you without guile before God? Words exert a telling power. Satan will, if possible, keep the tongue active in his service. Of ourselves we cannot control the unruly member. Divine grace is our only hope. Wherever there is purity of heart and nobleness of character, it will be revealed in purity and nobleness of action and speech.

James 1:26

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

James 3:2

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

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When we are brought into adverse circumstances, when our natural feelings are stirred, and we want to give vent to them, then our faith is tried; then we are to manifest the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Not by one word are we to give expression to the feelings of the natural heart. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2)--the whole man. What we want is to be under the control of Jesus... lay hold upon the arm of Infinite Power, saying, "I will come to God just as I am, and plead with Christ to give me the victory. I shall be more than conqueror through Him that loved me."

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Some have asked the question, Must I be on my guard and feel a restraint upon me continually? I have been shown that we have a great work before us to search our own hearts, and watch ourselves with jealous care. We should learn wherein we fail, and then guard ourselves upon that point. We must have perfect control over our own spirit. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

Revelation 14:5

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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You cannot be too careful of what you say, for the words you utter show what power is controlling your mind and heart. If Christ rules in your heart, your words will reveal the purity, beauty, and fragrance of a character molded and fashioned by His will. But since his fall, Satan has been an accuser of the brethren, and you must be on guard lest you reveal the same spirit.

Revelation 14:7

Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come...

Matthew 12:36, 37

36) But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37) For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

James 2:17

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Romans 14:10-12

10) ...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11) For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."

12) So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 10:9, 10

9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matthew 10:32, 33

32) Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33) But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Philippians 2:9-11

9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Lose no time; confess Christ without delay. It is the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth that testifies of Christ. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."... The Holy Spirit does not work upon the human heart to compel you to give yourself to Christ,... but it shines into the chambers of the mind in a way to convict of sin, and to entice you unto righteousness. If you do not confess Christ now, the time will come when, overwhelmed with a sense of the great things that you have lost, you will make confession. But why not confess Christ now while mercy's voice invites you?

A Time to Praise the Lord: "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So..." (Psalm 107:2)

Psalm 107: 2

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so...

Steps to Christ 102

If Christians would associate together, speaking to each other of the love of God and of the precious truths of redemption, their own hearts would be refreshed and they would refresh one another. We may be daily learning more of our heavenly Father, gaining a fresh experience of His grace; then we shall desire to speak of His love; and as we do this, our own hearts will be warmed and encouraged. If we thought and talked more of Jesus, and less of self, we should have far more of His presence.

A Final Word of Encouragement and Warning

Faith and Works 77, 78

God help us to be Bible students. Until you can see the reason for it yourself and a "thus saith the Lord" in the Scriptures, don't trust any living man [including Stephen Wallace] to interpret the Bible for you. And when you can see this, you know it for yourself, and know it to be the truth of God. You will say, "I have read it, I have seen it, and my own heart takes hold upon it, and it is the truth God has spoken to me from His Word." Now this is what we are to be--individual Christians. We need to have an individual, personal experience. We need to be converted, as did the Jews. If you see a little light, you are not to stand back and say, "I will wait until my brethren have seen it." If you do, you will go on in darkness. God help us to have a knowledge of the truth, and if you have seen the truth of God, press right to the light and put up the bars behind you. Make not flesh your arm; but have a living experience for yourselves, and then your countenance will shine with the glory of God. You have walked with Him, and He has upheld you. You have wrestled with Him and pleaded with Him, and He has let His light shine upon you.

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The light that shines upon our path, the truth that commends itself to our consciences, will condemn and destroy the soul, or sanctify and transform it. We are living too near the close of probation to be content with a superficial work. The same grace which we have hitherto considered sufficient will not sustain us now. Our faith must be increased, and we must become more like Christ in conduct and disposition in order to endure, and successfully resist, the temptations of Satan. The grace of God is sufficient for every follower of Christ.

Isaiah 60:1

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

Jude 24, 25

- 24) Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
- 25) To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

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