

# That They Might Know Thee

*And this is life eternal, **that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.** John 17:3*

**If by His Holy Spirit Christ abides in the soul, our features, our attitude, our words will reveal Him to the world.**

{ST January 6, 1898, par. 10}

Of all the blessings which God has bestowed upon his people, **the gift of His Son** excepted, **none have been so sacred, and so important to their welfare, as the gift of his holy law, and his Holy Spirit.** And none have been so well calculated to thwart the plans of Satan, and, consequently, to stir his rage, as these. **And when that people should arise in the last generation of men, who should be observing all ten of the precepts of God's holy law, and should recognize the revival of the spirit of prophecy,** they might expect to feel that bitterness from their opponents, which can arise only from the direct inspiration of Satan. "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**" Revelation 12:17. {1SP 10.2} {1SP 10.2}

I know that Elder Smith and Elder Butler and Morrison and Nicola have been doing a work in their blindness that they will not wish to meet in the judgment. **I feel thankful to the Lord I have peace with Jesus Christ. I have the power of His Holy Spirit** as I speak to the people at Norwich. The prejudice was swept away from many minds. I know **the Lord** gave messages for them and **the testimony of the Spirit of God** cut its way through everything like prejudice and unbelief. But the brother so intent on his new light did not come to hear me but once. {Lt109-1890.14}

**The Lord gave me his Holy Spirit** and I bore testimony to the people. All listened with the deepest interest. **Tears were in many eyes as I dwelt on the greatness of the gift of God** in sending **Jesus** to our world to save perishing sinners. Many came to speak to me after the service, to tell how they were **comforted and refreshed.** Deep conviction was upon many minds. {EA 129.6}

I have had a burden on my soul for you. **The Lord** has shown me that you are not walking altogether in **the light** which **He** has been pleased to give you **through His word** and **through the Testimonies of His Holy Spirit** in instruction, warning, and reproof. In all circumstances and conditions, closely examine yourself, whether you be in the love of **God.** With **His grace** you are safe, but **except Christ be in you, you are reprobate.** "Take heed" is the word of warning that comes so often from the lips of **Jesus.** You are in a position of sacred trust; let no temptation cause you to swerve from your loyalty. {Lt5b-1891.1}

**Jesus has gone to prepare mansions for those who are preparing for these mansions.** No one can do this great, grand work of fitting up for these mansions by any power, themselves. **Jesus has the power, the grace, the righteousness. Receive the gift of God which is His Holy Spirit.** {Ms30-1891.6}

"**We, being many, are one body in Christ Jesus, and every one members one of another.**" [Romans 12:5.] How are you to teach this grandest of lessons, unity and love for one another, if you do not bring these precious graces into your practical life? **How can you expect the Lord to give you freedom and His Holy Spirit, when you are neglecting the plainest teachings of Christ?** {Lt9-1892.71}

**We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ.** {Lt66-1894 (April 10, 1894) par. 18}

**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him.** {14MR 84.3}

**Where did Christ obtain the gift of the Holy Spirit? From His Father. If the Holy Spirit was a gift, then “the gift” is not an “individual person” but must refer to the individual (Christ) who received the gift:**

In describing to His disciples the office work of **the Holy Spirit**, **Jesus** sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired **His** own heart. **He** rejoiced because of the abundant help **He** had provided for **His** church. **The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail.** The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. **Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power.** It is **the Spirit** that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's **Redeemer**. 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. {DA 671.2}

The truth is to be practiced in all its sacredness as the words of eternal life. Its holiness and purity are to be a savor of life unto life. **Then let the lips be kept pure from all common utterances. True holiness is the fruit of Christ's death. It was by this infinite sacrifice that the Holy Spirit was purchased for the human family.** Christ gave Himself to His church, that through obedience to the sacred words of truth the members might receive His sanctification. {Lt336-1906.19}

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive **the gift of the Holy Ghost**.

Acts 2:38

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of **Christ**, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward **God**,

Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

And this will we do, if **God** permit.

For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of **the heavenly gift**, and were made partakers of **the Holy Ghost**,

And have tasted the good word of **God**, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves **the Son of God** afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:1-6

## The Gift of the Holy Spirit given to man through The Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord & Saviour to redeem mankind!

"In English, possessive words or phrases exist for nouns and most pronouns, as well as some noun phrases. These can play the roles of determiners (also called possessive adjectives when corresponding to a pronoun) or of nouns." (Wikipedia online) Please note the possessive pronoun, "His", used throughout this document in the phrase, "His Holy Spirit." A possessive in the English language means that the noun to which the possessive points, belongs to someone. The possessive in the phrase, "His Holy Spirit", means that the Holy Spirit belongs to someone previously mentioned. (And an interesting note of thought: The Holy Spirit cannot refer to itself- "it speaks not of itself"! John 16:13).

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1) Having given Jesus, the great Gift, God gave all heaven with Him. He would bless immeasurably the great groundwork of the redemption of a lost world; He would surround the world with favours; He would heap gift on gift; and He opens for all who, through faith in Christ, will receive His gift, the treasures of eternal life. He established His throne on earth by the Holy Spirit's power, to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that Christ, through His Holy Spirit, might live in all the powers of the soul, sending through it a perpetual current of joy and blessedness in obedience to all of God's commandments. These commandments are given to counter-work the working of Satan, who impels the human family to disobedience of God's plainly expressed will. {BEcho June 17, 1895, par. 4}

2) He would bless immeasurably the great groundwork of the redemption of a lost world; He would surround the world with favors; He would heap gift on gift, and open for all who will receive His gift believing on Jesus, the treasures of eternal life. He established His throne on earth in the Holy Spirit's power to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and judgment, that Christ through His Holy Spirit might live through all the powers of the soul and a perpetual current of blessedness and joy in obedience to all God's commandments which might be given to our world, counter-working the work of Satan which power was impelling the human agent to disobedience to God's expressed will in His commandments. {Lt1-1895.15}

3) The Lord is soon to come. We want that complete and perfect understanding which the Lord alone can give. It is not safe to catch the spirit from another. We want the Holy Spirit, which is Jesus Christ. If we commune with God, we shall have strength and grace and efficiency. {Lt66-1894.18}

4) The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, which is sent to all men to give them sufficiency, that through His grace we might be complete in Him. The Lord has provided that we should always be under the teaching and influence of the Holy Spirit. We shall then discover that the law of God is holy, just, and good, and we would learn to delight in the law of God. We love the requirements of the law, and from our hearts render obedience to its requirements. {14MR 84.3}

5) True faith and repose in God are always accompanied by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, whose temple we are. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; it is His representative. Here is the divine agency that carries conviction to hearts. When the power of His Spirit is revealed through the servants of God, we behold divinity flashing through humanity. When accompanied by the Holy Spirit, the presentation of truth as it is in Jesus will be of more value than all the honor or glory of the world. {13MR 313.3}

6) The Lord gave me His Holy Spirit and a most decided testimony, which I will try to have ready to send you by next mail. The Lord gave me much power to speak to the people. There were those there whom I afterwards learned had stated that they could not see the tithing system. The Lord set home the

truth to the hearts of the hearers. **I know that Jesus was in our midst and the power of darkness was apparently palsied.** {Lt112-1896.6}

7) This meeting, in this suburb, is being greatly blessed of the Lord. Friday and Sabbath there was steady advancing in interest, and **we know that Jesus is manifesting His presence and the power of His Holy Spirit to many hearts.** We are working and praying and walking humbly with **God**. The truth is coming from the lips of **His** servants, flowing forth as a **vital current** from heaven. Thus it is, and will we have faith to believe and win many souls to **Jesus Christ**. There have been many souls deeply stirred during this meeting. {Lt25c-1895.7}

8) **My heart is constantly drawn out after God. I plead for His Holy Spirit. The manifestation of the love of God toward us in Christ Jesus** softens, yes, breaks my heart and renews my soul unto holiness. I see I cannot dishonor **my Lord** more decidedly than to disbelieve and manifest that I do not trust **His word**. {Ms51-1890.24}

9) **We thank the Lord with heart and with voice for His manifestation of His Holy Spirit which is full of the promise of eternal life.** We know that **Jesus** and heavenly angels were in the assembly, **binding up** souls in **the mystical union** with **Himself**, their lives hid with **Christ in God**. Every one is dear to **Him**, and **He** has declared in (John 17) that the **Father** loveth them as **He** loved **His Son Jesus Christ**. **One** with **Christ**, and **Christ one** with **God**—**bound up together** with **Christ in God**! They are **His** chosen ones, **His** children, heirs of **God** and joint heirs with **Jesus Christ**, redeemed to **Himself** by the blood of **the Lamb**. They are **His** remnant people, in **whose hearts is His law**. {Ms51-1890.29}

10) This has been a **season of refreshing** to my soul. **I love Jesus, and I want more of His Holy Spirit** and **His** patience, meekness, and the sunshine of **His presence** in my heart. {Ms62-1886.16}

11) **When you come to receive Christ as your personal Saviour, there will be a marked change in you; you will be converted, and the Lord Jesus by His Holy Spirit will stand by you.** There will no longer be the restless uneasiness and dissatisfaction which you possess. You love to talk. If your words were such as would glorify **God**, there would be no sin in them. But you do not realize **peace** and **rest** and **enjoyment** in the service of **God**. You certainly are not a converted man to do **God's** will; therefore, you cannot feel the **cheering, enlivening** influence of **His Holy Spirit**. {Ms13-1897.13}

12) **God Himself by His Holy Spirit instructed Mary how to bring up His Son.** Mary taught **Jesus** from the **Holy Scriptures**, and **He** learned to read and study them for **Himself**. {SJ 30.5}

13) After the service we had a most precious social meeting. W.C. White spoke, presenting some precious thoughts, and melting testimonies were borne. **The meeting was blessed of God, and we knew that Jesus was in the midst, and by His Holy Spirit was moving upon hearts.** We were soon in our carriage again, and returning to Granville. {EA 187.3}

14) We feel sorry to have your wife in constant worry and anxiety, but **the Lord** will not leave you. **Jesus the precious Saviour will give you peace and the consolation of His Holy Spirit.** **Jesus**, in giving **His** commission to **His** disciples, bade them go into all the world and proclaim **the gospel** to all nations, tongues, and people. From **His divine lips** came these words, "Lo I am **with** you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.] {Lt49-1886.2}

15) I attended meeting and spoke from the **fifteenth chapter of John. The Lord came very near by His Holy Spirit.** I invited those who had no evidence of their acceptance with **God** to come forward, that we might **unite** in prayer. Many responded, and we had an excellent season of prayer. Those who had been

treating the erring in an unscriptural manner made confession and asked the forgiveness of their brethren and sisters, and especially of those whom their unwise course had driven from the fold. **The softening, subduing influence of the Holy Spirit was felt upon hearts. We are assured that the presence of Jesus was with us, and we are sure that this church will see better days.** {Ms37-1892.34}

16) I have given you a brief sketch of my discourse to the Sydney church. After the sermon we had a most precious social meeting. W. C. White spoke, presenting some precious thoughts, and many melting testimonies were borne. **The meeting was blessed of God, and we knew that Jesus was in the midst and by His Holy Spirit was moving upon hearts.** We were soon in our carriage again returning to Granville. We ate our lunch as we rode slowly homeward. {Ms68-1894.14} {RH August 21, 1894, par. 10}

17) **Faith in Jesus** will grow as you become better acquainted with your Redeemer by dwelling upon his spotless life and his infinite love. You cannot dishonor God more than to profess to be his disciple while you keep at a distance from him, and are not fed and nourished by his Holy Spirit. {YI September 1, 1886, par. }

18) **The Lord gave me his Holy Spirit**, and I bore testimony to the people. All listened with the deepest interest. Tears were in many eyes **as I dwelt on the greatness of the gift of God** in sending Jesus to our world to save perishing sinners. Many came to speak to me after the service, to tell how they were **comforted and refreshed**. Deep conviction was upon many minds. {EA 129.6}

19) **My prayer to God is that the converting power of his Holy Spirit may come upon our youth, that they may become working agents to win scores of youth to Jesus Christ, that they may be among the number who shall be accounted wise, who shall "shine as the brightness of the firmament," and "as the stars forever and ever."** {YI June 29, 1893, par. 9}

20) **What we want is Jesus**. What we want is His love. What we want is the elevation and ennobling of character. What we want is to die to self right here, not wait until some future period. We want to make the consecration here. Oh, I am so thankful that it is not too late for us to be righteous. **I am so thankful we have a Jesus**. I am so thankful that He is able to cleanse us from all sin! I am so thankful that I can hope for His blessing. I am so thankful that I can hide in Him now, and that I can accept His light and give it forth to others. **May the Lord breathe upon us His Holy Spirit, and may we grow up into Christ, our living Head.** {Ms35-1891.63}

21) **There are many souls who are starving for the bread of life**. You may not know where to find them; but Jesus knows, and he will lead them into the light. It may seem to you that this is not a heroic work, nothing that will bring any special glory to yourselves; but that is not what you should labor for. You must walk humbly with God. Let him work; let him lead you. Consecrate yourselves to him daily, as workers, and submit yourselves to the influence of his Holy Spirit. {RH September 29, 1891, par. 10}

22) I feel much troubled over your case. I cannot feel reconciled to the thought of your going on in a reckless course, **hardening your heart against the influences of God's Spirit**, setting your will against the wishes of your widowed mother. Oh, how much you need to subdue Alexander, and gain a noble victory over self. **How much you need Jesus for your friend and counselor. How much you need the tender softening, comforting influences of His Holy Spirit.** You, my dear boy, possess naturally a proud, rebellious spirit. **You have not opened your heart to the Saviour, who died for you to redeem you to God.** You prefer rather to be considered a hardened sinner than to be known as a humble penitent, confessing your sins. You are now where Satan has control of your mind, and you are so deceived you think it brave to pursue a headstrong course. {Lt4-1871.1}



23) **The Lord will imbue us with his Holy Spirit.** **The Lord** knows, and the Devil knows, that we cannot resist the temptations of Satan without **power** from on high. For this reason the evil one seeks to hinder us from laying hold upon **Him** who is mighty to save. **Our Lord** made it our duty, as well as our privilege, to connect our weakness, our ignorance, our need, with **his strength, his wisdom, his righteousness.** **He unites his infinite power** with the effort of finite beings, that they may be more than victors in the battle with the enemy of their souls. {RH October 30, 1888, par. 15}

24) What are our young men doing? **Jesus** is waiting to **bind their hearts up** with **His great heart of love**, to **bind** their interests with **His** own. **He** says to them, Young men, flee youthful lusts. [2 Timothy 2:22.] Will you obey **His voice**? You are surely not doing this now. The truth is **an inherent power** and, if brought into the sanctuary of the soul, will draw men and women to **Christ**. It will win its way to human hearts. **To those who look to Him, Christ by His Holy Spirit** reveals the beauty of truth. **He shows Himself** to be the sin-pardoning **Saviour**. {Ms8a-1888.27}

25) **The Lord** has a people for whom **he** prays that they may **be one** with **him** as **he is one** with the **Father**. If we are, as Christians, doers of the word, we shall practice in our lives that for which **Christ prayed; for by his Holy Spirit Jesus can bind heart to heart.** We are living amid the perils of the last days; evil times are upon us; gross darkness has covered the land. **Satan seeks to intercept his hellish shadow between us and God**, so as **to obscure the light of Heaven by every device at his command**; but all who claim to be Christians, if they are **Christ-like**, will follow closely in the **footsteps** of **Jesus**. They will have **the mind** which was **in Christ Jesus**. {RH May 27, 1890, par. 1}

26) I hope, Clarence, that you are cheerful and happy. **May the Lord bless and encourage you to follow the leadings of His Spirit.** Give yourself, my dear boy, wholly to your **Saviour**. Work, work for **the Master** at all times. We have not a moment to idle away. We must devote our entire strength of body, soul, and spirit to the salvation of souls, and be **co-workers** with **Jesus Christ**. Time is short, very short. Let every moment be rightly employed, and may the **Lord imbue you**, my dear boy, **with a large measure of His Holy Spirit.** **God** will work with our efforts when we dedicate all to **Him** unreservedly. **God calls** for us and all that we have to lay upon **His** altar. {Lt15-1872.2}

27) You have not done those things to help yourself which you might have done. You have not been willing to put yourself under the restrictions that were necessary in order to gain strength. **Jesus** has died to bring salvation within your reach, but there is a work that you must do if you are saved. Instead of having your way and following your own will and evil habits, you should be willing to **walk in God's way**; you should **wear Christ's yoke**; you should die to self; and do those things which you know will please **God**. **You have a perverse, crooked nature, but Jesus will give you His Holy Spirit to aid you in the work if you ask for it with a humble heart and a sense of your own weakness.** Instead of feeling your weakness, you pride yourself in your old ways, as though it were a virtue in you to possess these **oddities**. Your droll words and actions and manifestations of your hasty temper are not becoming to a follower of **Jesus**; and if you will try more earnestly **to copy** the **Pattern**, you will see how displeasing these things are to **Him** and how you dishonor **His name** by indulging in them. {Lt53-1886.3}

28) If **Christ is formed within, the hope of glory, you will put away all vanity and foolish speaking.** You will be sanctified through the truth. You will so labor for **God** that you can have an approving conscience in your ministerial work and you can say with the devoted Saint Paul that you are clean from the blood of all men. But you cannot say this unless you are constantly gaining **wisdom and knowledge from God** as the branch draws nourishment from **the living vine—unless His Holy Spirit is resting upon you, and you are taking Jesus into your heart, thinking and talking of Jesus and doing His work** wherever you are. This is the **only** way that we can work successfully in these last times. **Christ was Himself the example we should follow, not merely in outward form**, but as **He** was in **purity, self-denial, meekness, and love**, so we should **follow Him** in the world. **His humiliation, His reproach, His crucifixion** and **His cross He gave**

to **His** disciples. **He** also gave to them **the glory** that was **given Him**. He said, "The **works** that **I do** shall ye **do** also, and **greater works** than these shall ye **do** because **I go** to my **Father**." [John 14:12.] {Ms6-1888.7}

29) **Where shall we look for help? Upwards, always!** Let the testimony not only be repeated but lived every day. "Cease [ye] from man whose breath is in his nostrils" [Isaiah 2:22], and pay to man no homage. Let praise and adoration flow back to **God**, the **living God**, and flatter no man, for if you do, **God** will shatter your idol and show him to you as a broken reed. **Upward to God be the soul's adoration! Upward sits the ruler of the heavens upon His throne, exalted, triumphant, glorified.** Honor those alone to whom honor is due. **Jesus is our Redeemer.** He practiced self-denial, self-sacrifice, and **He** loves us in our weakness and **offers to us His strength**. He says, "I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands." [Isaiah 49:16.] **He will impart His Holy Spirit in the plenitude of His reviving, and there shall not be room enough to receive it. Nothing but the baptism of the Holy Spirit can bring up the church to its right position and prepare the people of God for the fast-approaching conflict.** {Lt15-1889.12}

30) The disciples had been confused by the interpretations and traditions of the priests, and hence their darkness and unbelief in regard to the trial, death, and resurrection of their **Master**. These misinterpreted prophecies were now made plain to the understanding of the two disciples, by **Him who, through his Holy Spirit**, inspired men to write them. **Jesus showed** his disciples that every specification of prophecy regarding **Messiah** had found an exact fulfillment in the life and death of their **Master**. He addressed them as a stranger, and as one who was astonished that they **had not interpreted the Scriptures correctly**, which would have relieved them from all their difficulties. {6Red 28.2} {3SP 210.1}

31) We want you both to be affectionate. We hope May will cultivate kindness and unselfishness. Now is the time at your age to form correct habits. If you neglect to do so now, you will grow up with wrong habits confirmed upon you that will perhaps never leave you. But now, my dear children, you may form correct habits. **Do not use slang phrases, but let your words be correctly spoken.** We want you to do all that is in your power to be right. Be **lovely in temper** and **correct in deportment**, then go to your **Saviour** and ask **Him** to do **that work** for you which you cannot do for yourselves. **Ask the dear Saviour to give you His Holy Spirit to help you in all your efforts to be good and to do good.** **Jesus** loves you better than we can. We hope you will love **Jesus** and **be little lambs** of His fold. {Lt30-1877.2}

32) There is too much formality in the church. Souls are perishing for **light and knowledge**. We should be so **connected** with the **Source** of **all light** that we can be **channels of light** to the world. **The Lord would have his ministers who preach the word energized by his Holy Spirit.** And the people who hear should not sit in drowsy indifference or stare vacantly about, making no responses to what is being said. The **spirit** of the world has paralyzed the spirituality of such, and they are not awake to the precious theme of redemption. The truth of **God's word is spoken to leaden** ears, and hard, unimpressible hearts. The impression given the unbeliever by these professed Christians is anything but favorable for the religion of **Christ**. These dull, careless ones show ambition and zeal when engaged in the business of the world, but things of eternal importance do not engross the mind and interest them as do worldly things. **The voice of God through his messengers is a pleasant song**; but its **sacred warnings, reproofs, and encouragements** are all unheeded. **Eternal and sacred things are placed upon a level with common things. The Holy Spirit is grieved. Said Christ, "Take heed, therefore, how ye hear."** Those are spiritually dead who profess to worship **God** while the heart is not in **the work**. There should be a hearty, wide-awake church to **encourage** and **uphold** the hands of the ministers of **Jesus Christ**. {RH January 1, 1880, par. 4} {ST June 24, 1886, par. 3} {RH February 15, 1887, par. 4}

33) We made a special call for all of this class to separate themselves from the congregation and especially **seek the Lord**. Many came forward and several confessions were made, and yet **the work** did not go as deep with some as we felt it should. Our earnest supplications once more ascended to **God** in their behalf. **Again the Lord drew near to us, and his Holy Spirit rested upon us.** When we arose there

was a marked change in the countenances of some. The darkness and gloom had been rolled away, and light, peace, and joy had flooded their souls. Their faces were lighted up, and all seemed eager to express their thankfulness for what God had done for them. The brother who had been a gambler, drinker, and tobacco-user bore a clear testimony. Jesus had blessed him as never before. He felt that he was a converted man. All was peace and joy. Several bore a similar testimony. {ST May 6, 1880, Art. B, par. 9}

34) There was a decided failure in your education and discipline during childhood and youth. You now have to learn the great lessons of self-control which ought to have been mastered in earlier days. God brought you where your surroundings would be changed and where you could be disciplined by His Holy Spirit, that you might acquire moral power and self-control to make you a conqueror. It will require the strongest effort, the most persevering and unfaltering determination, and the strongest energy to control self. Your spirit has long chafed under restraint, and your temper has raged like a caged lion when your will has been crossed. The education which your parents should have assisted you to obtain must now be gained wholly by yourself. When young and small the twig might have been easily bent; but now, after it has grown gnarled and crooked and strong, how difficult the task! Your parents permitted it to be thus deformed; and now only by the grace of God, united with your own persistent efforts, can you become conqueror over your will. Through the merits of Christ you may part with that which scars and deforms the soul, and which develops a misshapen character. You must put away the old man with his errors and take the new man, Christ Jesus. Adopt His life as your guide then your talents and intellect will be devoted to God's service. {4T 92.1}

35) Ministers should be careful not to expect too much from persons who are still groping in the darkness of error. They should do their work well, relying upon God to impart to inquiring souls the mysterious, quickening influence of His Holy Spirit knowing that without this their labors will be unsuccessful. They should be patient and wise in dealing with minds, remembering how manifold are the circumstances that have developed such different traits in individuals. They should strictly guard themselves also lest self should get the supremacy and Jesus should be left out of the question. {4T 262.2} {GW92 72.2} {GW 381.2}

36) The soul must be surrendered to God, submitted to be purified and made fit for the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. Unless the fountain be cleansed, the stream which issues from it will be impure; but if the fountain be pure, it cannot send forth bitter water. It is by cultivating meekness and lowliness, by performing kindly, thoughtful acts for others when no human eye can see and no human praise stimulate, by hiding self in Jesus, and letting his gentleness appear in the home-life, by exercising patience when provoked, giving a soft answer when tempted to be harsh, overbearing, and vindictive, that we leave the unmistakable impression on the minds of our children that father and mother are Christians. To be a Christian is to be Christlike,—to learn of him daily, to work as he worked, to deny self as he denied himself. Jesus lived not to please himself, and his disciples must follow his example. {ST November 20, 1884, par. 5}

37) Some who had been teaching the truth to others needed to learn its first principles first themselves—mercy and the love of Jesus. Some who ought to be strong men in Christ as far as experience is concerned are weak as babies. Their age and experience, opportunities and privileges, should make them strong men under temptation, but their life and character reveal they are only children. Some come to this meeting with great self-confidence—firm to carry out their own ideas. Decided testimonies have been given to me to meet these cases. The arrows from the Lord's quiver wounded you. Why do you place yourself as a target, and then flutter as though wounded? Why not get out of my way, and let the testimony from God be set home by His Holy Spirit to hearts that need this? You get up and begin to excuse yourself, and justify yourself, thus exposing yourself to the congregation, saying to all, "Sister White means me, but all do not understand my case." You are, by this course, hedging up my way and hurting yourself. {Lt23-1885.50}



38) If the life of **Christ**'s followers today were **hid with Christ in God**, we should see the **mighty workings** of **His Holy Spirit**. But **the Lord** lets us **feel** and realize from time to time how weak we are, how unlike **Jesus in spirit**, and this is why **He** can do so little for us. **We take the glory to ourselves and become unbalanced**. May **the Lord** have **mercy** upon us and in this day may we, while **mercy** lingers, place ourselves in **right relation to God**. If we did not seek for the honor that comes from men, **the Lord** would **bestow upon us His honor**. **Divine power** would be **imparted**, and we would **have Christ as a wall of fire about us and a glory in our midst**. The **fulness of the blessing of the Gospel** has never been withheld from them who **walk uprightly**. And if as a people, **who claim to keep God's law**, we were indeed **doers of the law**, we would have **the favor of God**. {Lt35-1885.30}

39) **By His Holy Spirit, the Lord will demonstrate that His Word is the only thing that can make men right and keep them right**. I have been shown that **God's revealed truth alone** can keep men in the path of humble obedience. Standard-bearers are falling round us, not only through death, but through the deceptions of Satan. All heaven is looking upon the remnant people of **God**, to see if they will **make truth alone their shield and buckler**. **Unless the truth is presented as it is in Jesus, and is planted in the heart by the power of the Spirit of God**, even ministers will be found drifting away from **Christ**, away from **piety**, away from **religious principle**. They will become blind leaders of the blind. {Ms15-1886.26}

40) **If we walk in the light, our wisdom will increase day by day. We should know more of the truth tomorrow than we know today.** We cannot afford to be dwarfs in **Bible knowledge**, or in the religious life; but we should **grow up unto the full stature** of men and women **in Christ Jesus**. Heaven is **full of light and strength**, and we can draw from it if we will. **God** is waiting **to pour his blessing** upon us as soon as we **draw nigh to him** and by **living faith grasp his promises**. **He** says that **he** is more willing **to give his Holy Spirit** to those that ask **him** than earthly parents are to give **good gifts** unto their children. **Shall we take him at his word?** {HS 152.3}

41) My brother, **Christ** is soon to come, and I want your influence to be good upon others. **If others do not agree with you it is your nature to draw away from them and have no sympathy for them. Is this Christlike?** No, no, my brother. **I want you to be guided by your feelings less and by principle more than you have done during your past life**. Be **calm**. Do not become **easily excited**, and **talk strong** and **feel strong**, for if you do this you will certainly lose out of your heart the sweet **Spirit of Christ**. You will lose your **consecration**. You will begin to feel **bitter**, and you will not seek to harmonize with your brethren. You must **seek to be a peace-maker**, not one who would **make a breach and widen the breach** after it is made. You have no right to think **unkind thoughts**. **Just open the door of your heart to Jesus and let Him in**. Let **Him** take **the lines of control**. Let your brethren see that the **good work** wrought **in you** was **genuine**. **Draw together**, but don't draw apart. **May the Lord bless you and give you much of His Holy Spirit**. **I see that Satan is trying to make capital out of the revival at Healdsburg. He would divide the church; but do not do anything on your part to help this matter. Close the door against him. Let not a word or breath be in the direction of drawing off. Do not feel bitterness in your heart against your ministering brethren. If you do, your peace will be poisoned. It is your duty to work and talk and think and plan, to be one as Christ was one with His Father.** {Lt36-1886.7}

42) **Jesus** would have **His** workers cultivate the graces that dwell so richly with **Himself** that they may be able to win souls. All harshness must be put away. The abrupt manners that are so natural to some must be softened, subdued, and all the rough edges taken away. **He** that winneth souls is wise. **I am very desirous that the young men connected with the laborers in Lausanne should have the molding influence of God's Holy Spirit, that they will start in right and will feel the necessity of being thoughtful and courteous and tenderhearted, pitiful**. I hope that **God** will help every one of them, **and may the Lord impart to you much of His Holy Spirit is my prayer**. But let [none] of the workers think that they of themselves can do anything. **Christ** must work with our efforts. **Jesus** must **abide** in our hearts by faith.

We must have a sense of our weakness in order to feel our need of the help which **Jesus** alone can **impart**. We must do what we can and with fidelity, and then trust **Jesus** to do the rest. **The Lord** knows our every weakness, and **He** can **impart** to us **strength**, and **He** can make us **His** polished instruments, but we must **work** with **His efforts**. We seek to reach the highest standard of perfection to so cultivate every organ that we may use our powers to the **glory** of **God**. {Lt68-1886.3}

43) I think in the meetings held in Grimsby that there should be Bible lessons given in the place of many discourses. There should be visiting from house to house, to get at the people. Pray with them, talk with them, **and above everything else I hope those who labor will plead with God for His Holy Spirit**. This is what is needed. There is the **Salvation Army**, the **Holiness Band** with their cheap Christianity, and yet it pleases because there is no warfare. They present all smooth sailing. The truth brings before the people heart religion. It is not, they will say, who are in error [or] the works we do, but it is what **Jesus** does for us. This is all true but **our works must be like the works of Christ**. Now if God works by **His power**, the hearts of all must feel it. This then is the way to reach the people, **through God**. Be in earnest, agonize in prayer, and you will see the **salvation** of **God**. {Lt7a-1886.12}

44) **The Lord would have us look to Him and cry for His Holy Spirit, for there are souls to save**. We need not only **work** out our own salvation, but it is our duty to assist others to become **acquainted** with **God**. This should be done with fear and trembling. **We should accept the Word of God and have His love in our hearts**. **Christ** says, "If ye **love Me, keep My commandments**." John 14:15. If we have the **love** of **God** **in** our hearts, we shall be happy. We may be poor in this world, but we are **joint heirs** with **Jesus Christ**. {Ms47-1886.10}

45) If I had thought that you had any intention of training these brethren to imitate your manner of presenting the truth, I would have spoken to you on these points; but I did not think they were with you for any such purpose. **These men are not to have you do the searching of the Scriptures or to be brains for them. They must learn; and if God has called them to the work, He will impart to them His Holy Spirit, while they shall search and dig for the truth as for hidden treasure, praying, believing, pleading with God that He will constantly help them**. If taught to look to you to manufacture their discourses for them, you step in between these men and the true **Educator Jesus Christ**. Let them go to the **Fountain Head**. This very first lesson given them is not in **God's order**. Let them **work** in their own harness and not wear Saul's armor, but **work** as best they can in their own way and with their own humble **talent**. Let them pray and search the **Scriptures** for themselves. When you present to them even a skeleton of a discourse, a synopsis or anything of the kind, you are doing a work which wearies you; and just as far as you go in this direction, you are doing them great injury. I speak decidedly on this point. You must give **God** a chance to **work** upon **mind and** upon **heart**. You must not take the **work** out of **God's hand** to do yourself. This is the **testimony** I have borne to many. Your brother said that he had lost a book valuable to him because it contained many valuable discourses. I told him that every sermon he had ever preached that was put into writing or print was lost. **I thought it was the greatest blessing that could come to him, for he did not see the necessity of preparing himself before entering the pulpit by diligently searching the Bible and opening his heart to the impressions of the Holy Spirit**. He trusted to his old, oft-repeated discourses, and the people frequently had presented before them matter that was as dry as a chip. It had not the freshness of thought with the **sweet spirit and power** that **God** gives to **His workers**. {Lt39a-1887.3}

46) **All this work of training should be accompanied with earnest seeking of the Lord for his Holy Spirit**. Let this be urged home upon those who are willing to give themselves to the **Master's** service. **No one who will indulge in jesting, in pleasure-seeking, or in any sinful practice, can be accepted as a worker for God**. Our **conduct** is watched by the world; every **act** is scrutinized and commented upon. There must be diligent cultivation of the **Christian graces**, that those who profess the truth may be able to teach it to others as it is in **Jesus**, that they themselves may be **ensamples**, and that our enemies may be able to say

no evil of us truthfully. In all their intercourse with unbelievers they are exerting an influence for good or for evil. They are either a **savor of life unto life** or of death unto death. **God calls** for greater **piety**, for **holiness** of life and **purity** of **conduct**, in accordance with the **elevating, sanctifying truths** which we profess. Your life should be such that unbelievers, seeing your **godly walk** and **circumspect conversation**, may be **charmed** with the **faith** that produces such results. {RH May 15, 1888, par. 7} {PH010 8.2}{9T 119.3} {RH November 26, 1914, par. 7}

46) There is **power** and **permanency** in what the **Lord** does, whether **He works** by human instrumentality or otherwise. The progress and perfection of the **work of grace** in the heart are not dependent upon excitement or extravagant demonstration. **Hearts that are under the influence of the Spirit of God will be in sweet harmony with His will.** I have been shown that when **the Lord works by His Holy Spirit**, there will be nothing in **its operations** which will degrade the **Lord's people before the world, but it will exalt them.** The **religion** of **Christ** does not make those who profess it coarse and rough. The subjects of **grace** are not unteachable, but ever willing **to learn of Jesus** and to counsel with one another. {5T 647.2}

48) **The table has been spread, and Christ invites you to the feast.** Shall we stand back, refusing **his bounties**, and declaring, **"He does not mean this for me"**? **We used to sing a hymn that described a feast where a happy household gathered to partake of the bounties of the board at a kind father's invitation.** While the happy children gathered at the table, there stood a hungry beggar child at the threshold. She was **invited** to come in; but sadly she turned away, exclaiming, "I have **no father** there." Will you take this position as **Jesus invites you in? Oh! if you have a Father in the courts above, I entreat you to reveal the fact.** **He** wants to make you a **partaker** of his **rich bounties** and **blessings**. All who **come** with the confiding love of a little child will find a **Father** there. How could **the Lord express his love** to us in more tender **language** than that in which **he has expressed** it in **his precious word**? **He tells us just what to do in order that we may be saved.** How I wish that we might **all believe in the promises** of **God.** **He** says, "Ask, and **it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened** unto you: for everyone that **asketh, receiveth**; and he that **seeketh, findeth**; and to him that **knocketh, it shall be opened."** **Do we really believe this promise?** We should comply with **the conditions** laid down in **God's word**; for if we **do this we shall receive**, simply because **God has pledged his word**. We are not to look into our hearts for a joyful emotion as an evidence of our acceptance with Heaven, but **we are to take God's promises, and say, "They are mine. The Lord is letting his Holy Spirit rest upon me.** I am **receiving the light**; for the **promise** is, **'Believe that ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them.'** By **faith** I reach **within** the vail, and **lay hold** of **Christ**, my **strength**. I thank **God** that I have **a Saviour**." {ST March 25, 1889, par. 4}

49) **Self must be kept hid in Jesus.** Oh, if I could but set **Him forth before** you! Oh, that our brethren could be brought to see the necessity of self-crucifixion, then I would have hopes that they might not only be useful, in this life, but might **attain** unto the future, immortal life. Oh, **<may the Lord imbue me with His Holy Spirit constantly>** that I could present **the attractions of Christ** so as to engross the whole mind! **Oh, that my brethren might appreciate the promises of God** in all their breadth and fullness! Then they might be **saved from themselves, from self-confidence, criticism, unbelief, and Pharisaism.** Then **self-exaltation** would not be increasing, but decreasing. **<Spiritual pride would die.>** There are many who claim to **believe** in **Christ**, who have not yet fallen upon **the Rock** and **been broken.** **Self lives and is exalted.** **To such Christ does not appear what He is, or what He will be to all those who believe on Him.** {Lt4-1889.35}

50) We had an excellent meeting. **The presence of the Lord was with us.** **He breathed** upon me **His Holy Spirit** and gave me **the spirit of earnest supplication to God** that I might be **imbued with His Holy Spirit** in all my **labors**, and that my ministering brethren might be **endowed with power from on high to carry**

the solemn message to all parts of the world. I bore a **decided testimony** to the people assembled, and there were precious testimonies that followed. All related their **experience** the past year as being of a more **spiritual character** than they have had before, since embracing **the truth**. **The light of justification through faith, and that the righteousness of Christ must become our righteousness, else we cannot possibly keep the law of God,** is the testimony of all who speak, and the **fruit is peace, courage, joy, and harmony**. **There is danger of making even these subjects a theory and not practicing the truth that is expressed.** Those who bear **this message** must carry with them the **pure character of Christ Jesus**. {Ms22-1889.34}

51) Arose early, and my heart goes out to **God** in prayer for the church. Every member of this church ought to **awake**; all should be **faithful** sentinels for **God**, realizing the **work** that is devolving upon them **to do for the salvation of souls** and **the upbuilding of the cause of God** in Battle Creek. **Oh, may the Lord imbue me with His Holy Spirit** that I may speak **words** in season and out of season that will bring **courage and hope to the souls that are striving for the victory**. All will have severe **trials** to endure, for this is the **portion** of **God's** people. **There is no safety for any soul except in Jesus Christ.** The individual members of the church may be **strong** and of **good courage**. {Ms24-1889.49}

52) **The Lord gave me of His Holy Spirit** while I sought to present before the hearers the **high claims** of **God** upon us and our possibility of meeting **these claims through the merits of Jesus Christ**. **If we seek those things that are above** we shall **obtain the Holy Spirit of God**, the very **thing** we need to arm us with **the mind which was in Christ Jesus our Lord**. **The entire chapter (Colossians 3:1-4) contains lessons for every follower of Jesus Christ that no one need to be blinded or deceived.** If we are **fruit-bearing** trees in the **Lord's garden** we will not bear evil fruit. We will bear **rich clusters of precious fruit to the glory of God**. {Ms23-1889.30}

53) **Those who teach the truth must have a more thorough knowledge of the height and depth and breadth and length of the perfect love of God.** Throughout the Christian's **experience** there will be battles to fight with self; but in all these **conflicts** the soul may rise in the **triumph of victory**, and be more than **conqueror** over the world, the flesh, and the Devil, **through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**. We must have a deeper, higher sense of the **consecration** which **God** requires of men whom **he** has chosen as the **depositories** of **his holy word**. They are not to be careless in any of their ways. A most solemn responsibility rests upon them to be **examples to the flock of God, and to the world, in faith, in word, in life and character, that they may adorn the doctrine (doctrine is the law: Prov 4:2) of Christ our Saviour**. They are to be strictly **pure**, to be **much in prayer**, to be diligent students of **the Bible**. **God** has given them **mind and reasoning powers**, that they may search diligently for **the jewels of his truth**, that are to be **presented** in all their **attraction** to the imperiled souls of men. You should lay your souls **open** before **God**, that you may be **filled with heavenly inspiration**. You should **keep the fountain of the soul pure, that the streams coming forth from it may be untainted with evil**. **The whole mind and soul should become imbued with the truth, that you may be a living representation of Christ**. My brethren, **God would have you filled with his Holy Spirit, endowed with power from on high**. **Labor not to become great men; labor rather to become good and perfect men, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**. **God** calls for Calebs and Joshuas, fearless, single-hearted men, who will work with **faith and courage**. {RH December 3, 1889, par. 6}

54) This is a matter that troubles me much. If I do not have these private interviews with my brethren and sisters, I am troubled, fearing I have neglected to **give help**, to **reflect light** and **knowledge** when I had opportunity and prevent discouragements and close a door to temptations. **And if I do consent to counsel, a use is made of my words that is very unwise, and things are repeated to me that have never**

entered by mind. They will, in their difficulties or in a strait place, vindicate their position, catching hold of a word that may have been spoken that they interpret altogether differently than I meant it to be or that I had ever thought or intended. I decide I will not talk with my brethren and sisters in regard to their difficulties, but refuse to do this to all. I am perplexed to know whether this is the course Jesus would have me pursue. I pray to the Lord for wisdom that He will give me His Holy Spirit in all my speech. {Ms24-1889.14}

55) Those who love God should feel deeply interested in the children and youth. To them God can reveal his truth and salvation. Jesus calls the little ones that believe on him the lambs of his flock. He has a special love for and interest in the children. Jesus has said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me [let no one place any obstruction in the way of the children's coming to me]; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus has passed through the trials and griefs to which childhood is subject. He knows the sorrows of the young. By his Holy Spirit, he is drawing the hearts of the children to himself, while Satan is working to keep them away from him. The most precious offering that the children can give to Jesus, is the freshness of their childhood. When children seek the Lord with the whole heart, he will be found of them. It is in these early years that the affections are the most ardent, the heart most susceptible of improvement. Everything that is seen and heard makes an impression on the youthful mind. The countenances looked upon, the words uttered, the actions performed, are not the least of the books the young read; for they have a decided influence upon the mind, heart, and character. Then how important it is that the children come to Jesus in their earliest years, and become lambs of his flock! How important it is that the older members of the church, by precept and example, lead them to Jesus, who taketh away the sin of the world, and who can keep them by his divine grace from the ruin it works. The better acquainted they become with Jesus, the more they will love him, and be able to do those things that are pleasing in his sight. God has sanctified childhood in that he gave his only begotten Son to become a child on earth. {RH December 17, 1889, Art. B, par. 6}

56) Instead of increased power as we enter the perils of the last days, weakness, dissension, and strife for supremacy, are apparent. But if we had a connection with the God of heaven, we should be mighty in him, and yet we would walk with all lowliness of mind, having self hid in Jesus. But now both spiritual and natural feebleness and death are depriving us of workers. God alone, by his Holy Spirit, can arouse us from the slumber of death. There is now need of earnest working men and women who will seek for the salvation of souls; for Satan as a powerful general has taken the field, and in this last remnant of time he is working through all conceivable methods to close the door against light that God would have come to his people. He is sweeping the whole world into his ranks, and the few who are faithful to God's requirements are the only ones who can ever withstand him, and even these he is trying to overcome. Much upon these things has been shown to me, but I can only present a few ideas to you. Go to God for yourselves, pray for divine enlightenment, that you may know that you do know what is truth, that when the wonderful miracle-working power of Satan shall be displayed, and the enemy shall come as an angel of light, you may distinguish between the genuine work of God and the imitative work of the powers of darkness. Ministers may do a great work for God if Jesus abides in the heart by faith. "Without me," says Christ, "ye can do nothing." I would that I had the power to present before you your sacred, solemn responsibility. {RH December 24, 1889, Art. B, par. 11}



57) We do not go deep enough in our search for truth. Every soul who believes present truth will be brought where he will be required to give a reason of the hope that is in him. The people of God will be called upon to stand before kings, princes, rulers, and great men of the earth, and they must know that they do know what is truth. They must be converted men and women. God can teach you more in one moment by his Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth. The universe is looking upon the controversy that is going on upon the earth. At an infinite cost, God has provided for every man an opportunity to know that which will make him wise unto salvation. How eagerly do angels look to see who will avail himself of this opportunity! When a message is presented to God's people, they should not rise up in opposition to it; they should go to the Bible, comparing it with the law and the testimony, and if it does not bear this test, it is not true. God wants our minds to expand. He desires to put his grace upon us. We may have a feast of good things every day; for God can open the whole treasure of heaven to us. We are to be one with Christ as he is one with the Father, and the Father will love us as he loves his Son. We may have the same help that Christ had, we may have strength for every emergency; for God will be our front guard and our reward. He will shut us in on every side, and when we are brought before rulers, before the authorities of the earth, we need not meditate beforehand of what we shall say. God will teach us in the day of our need. Now may God help us to come to the feet of Jesus and learn of him, before we seek to become teachers of others. {RH February 18, 1890, par. 23}

58) We must have oil in our vessels with our lamps, and not be like the foolish virgins of the parable whose lamps went out as they slumbered and slept, and who had no oil to replenish them, and so failed to be ready to meet the bridegroom. We should seek for a living experience, and obtain the grace of Christ. We need his love and gentleness; we need our faith revived. Let no one disregard the counsel of God, but let us all buy of him gold, and white raiment, and plead for the anointing of his Holy Spirit. Jesus desires us to have a personal knowledge of the truth, and we should search the heart carefully, critically, cease to do evil, and learn to do well. Jesus says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent." No one should feel like rebelling, like standing in defiance of God, because he rebukes you on account of your lukewarm condition and spiritual pride. God condescends to entreat you that he may talk with you, and invites you to open the door of the heart, that he may come in and sup with you, and you with him. He declares, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." {RH April 1, 1890, par. 12}

59) Christ says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." O, remove everything that obstructs the entrance to your heart, and let the Saviour in. Humble your hearts before God, that he may give you his Holy Spirit. Christ has said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." You cannot follow Christ unless you are willing to bear the cross at every step. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God." We must take our journey through the world as pilgrims and strangers, clinging by living faith to the cross of Calvary. The blessing of God will rest upon every soul that makes a full consecration to him. When we seek for God with all the heart, we shall find him. God is in earnest with us, and he wants us to make thorough work for eternity. He has poured out all heaven in one gift, and there is no reason why we should doubt his love. Look to Calvary. Christ died for

you, and what greater **evidence** of **God's love** could you ask than that which **has been given in the life and death and intercession of Jesus?** {RH May 5, 1891, par. 12}

60) Young men and women who are **truly converted**, will depart from all iniquity. **Those who are not pure in heart, have no hold upon divine power, they are not partakers of the divine nature, and they will prove ready victims to Satan's suggestions and temptations.** They will not show **fidelity** under trial; but when they are rebuffed, they will become discouraged, because **God** does not work with their efforts. **The high and holy One** who inhabiteth eternity will not put **his Holy Spirit** into unclean vessels. Those who have not a proper sense of the **character** of **the work** for these last days, should not aspire to a place in the cause of **God**. If they **see** the offensive character of sin, and hate it as the vile thing it is, and come to **Jesus** in **contrition**, **purifying** their souls by **obedience** to **the truth**, then they may be intrusted with some part in **the work**. If they place their will on the side of **God's will**, putting forth the **energy** with which **God** has **endowed** them, **he** will **receive** them and **shed his grace in their hearts**. But if those who have become **weak in physical and moral power** by evil works, seek a place in the **work** of **God**, they should be advised to **employ themselves in manual labor**. Such employment will be more favorable for **the working out of their salvation**. They should **rely** wholly on **Christ** for **his grace** to **overcome**. **Those who have enfeebled their physical and mental powers by evil practices, need to walk very humbly before God. God reads the heart, he weighs the character, and is acquainted with every man's work. He gives his Spirit in proportion to the consecration and self-sacrifice manifested by those who engage in his work.** {RH May 20, 1890, par. 8}

61) **Jesus** waits to receive your prayers, your repentance, your confessions. **He invites** those who are bearing the weight of responsibility **to come to Him** in **contrition** of soul. You are not safe one moment unless your **daily experience** is of a **character** that makes **manifest** the fact that you **are continually deriving strength** from **Jesus Christ**. **"Well," one says, "I will let go of the work, I will step out and let someone fill my place that can do so more acceptably than I." You would better not do this unless you have fully decided that you will not make a close connection with God.** If you give place to unbelief and discouragement, Satan will come in between your soul and **Jesus**. He will be fruitful in suggestions, and will lead you to trust in ceremony and form, in mechanical operations, instead of **in Him who can impart to you His Holy Spirit, who** can in times of danger **lift up a standard** against the enemy. {Ms40a-1890.59}

62) **"Well," says one, "I will let go. I will step out, and someone else can come in my place." Better not do this unless you have fully decided that you will not maintain a close connection with God. If you leave space for Satan to come in between you and Jesus, Satan will be fruitful in suggestions.** There will be an abundance of machinery and a trusting in the mechanical operations but **leaving out the only One who can infuse you with His Holy Spirit and in times of danger lift up a standard for you against the enemy.** It will not do to depend on your finite wisdom, for you have a limited experience at best, and do not know half as much in regard to the safe and wise management of **the work** in your hands as you think you do. {Ms40-1890.54}

63) The **words spoken** by **Christ of Jerusalem** are, **"Your house is left unto you desolate."** What anguish of soul did **Jesus** feel when all **his appeals**, his **warnings** and **reproofs**, were resisted! At the time **he** brought **them** home to the soul, **impressions** were made; but self-love, self-sufficiency, love of the world, came in and choked the **good seed** sown. **Pride of heart prevented his hearers from humbling themselves before God, and confessing their sin in resisting his Holy Spirit, and reluctantly it left them. On the crest**

of Olivet, as **he** beheld the city, **he** wept over it, saying, "If thou **hadst known**, even thou, at least in this thy day, **the things** which belong unto thy **peace!**" Here **he** paused; **he** was loth to utter the irrevocable sentence. O that Jerusalem would repent! When the fast westering sun should pass out of sight, her day of mercy would be ended. **Jesus closed his sentence**, "But now **they** are hid from thine eyes." On another occasion **he** lamented the impenitence of the chosen city: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would **I have gathered** thy children together, as a hen doth **gather** her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." **The Lord forbid that this scene should now be repeated in the experience of God's professed people!** "**My Spirit**," he says, "shall not always strive with man." **The time will come when it must be said of the impenitent, "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone."** {RH December 23, 1890, Art. B, par. 12}

64) "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless, the **counsel** of **God**, that shall stand." [Proverbs 19:21.] "Commit **thy way** unto **the Lord**, and **thy way shall be established.**" **The Lord** wants to drain **His** ministers and workers of self, so that **He can impart to them His Holy Spirit**. They will never be successful, notwithstanding their highest qualifications of education and experience, unless they have an **indwelling Saviour**. They must first take a low place before **God**, and be **imbued with His Spirit**, if they would have **an influence** with their fellow men. Then **right conduct** is secured in all places and under all circumstances. They will not be selfish, impatient, and uncourteous; for when they act thus, they plainly say, I have not put **the Lord** always **before** me; **I have not Jesus by my side**; it is self I am serving today. Those <who **abide in Christ**> will have an **experience** of the highest value; they will be a **blessing** to others. Their earnest, whole-souled prayers will be heard, and **light, Heaven's light**, will come to them. Such cannot but **shine as lights** in the world, **reflecting** to all with whom they associate the **treasures** of the **future glory**. {Ms25a-1891.33}

65) Many seem to be sad because of their religion. **We should not go about begging pardon of the world because we are Christians.** I beg pardon of **Christ** only; **He** has made every **provision** that we may have a **Christian character**. "Beloved, now are we the sons of **God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when **He** shall appear, we **shall be like Him**; for we **shall see Him as He is.** **Christ** said, **Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than His lord.** If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." **It was Christ's highest joy to obey his father, and keep His law as the apple of His eye.** Let the **word** of **God** have this effect upon our **characters**. I pray that **the Lord God of heaven will let the light of his Holy Spirit shine upon you**, and when the **judgment** shall sit and the books shall be opened, you will not be ashamed of your record. I pray that in that day it may appear that you have not placed stumbling-blocks in the way of others, but that you have tried to clear the **King's highway**. Let us **exalt Jesus**. **Let us give Him our heart's best and holiest service.** And in return for this **He** says, "**I will confess you before my Father, and before His angels.**" {EA 72.2}

66) We need to **take heed to the instruction** **God** has **given** us. Parents should know that it is a **sacred thing** to carry out **these principles** in the household. The father who expects to bring up his child in the **right way** cannot afford to play the lad. He must have the **growing dignity** that **Christ** gives to man. **God** so appreciate the human soul that he "gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever **believeth** in **Him** should not perish, but have everlasting life." The **Son of God** came into the world to **practice self-denial**, and **to work for the uplifting of the human race.** **Do you ask how much God values man? I point you to Calvary, where His Son** suffered the most ignominious death that he might **rescue** you. **His love** is

without a parallel; no comparison can be made to it. He who was one with the Father suffered and died for us that he might take men and women from a state of sin into favor with God,—man with Christ, and Christ with God. Our life is to be hid with Christ that when He who is our life shall appear, we also may appear with Him in glory. Yet God will not force us to serve Him. In giving Jesus, he has done all that it is possible for Him to do. He asks us to search the Scriptures. He puts his Holy Spirit upon us and says, “I am at thy right hand to uphold thee.” {EA 172.1}

67) Here the Son comes into our world to practice self-denial, and although His own nation did not receive Him, He was the infinite Son of God. He was working for the uplifting of the human race. How much does God value man? I point you to Calvary. [The] most ignominious death my Lord suffered that He might rescue you, yet He does not force any of you to serve Him. He does not force the will or conscience of any soul. God has given Jesus to our world, and He wants us to search the Scriptures. He can put His Holy Spirit upon us, and He says, “I am at thy right hand to uphold thee”—to walk with our hand in the hand of Jesus Christ. [Isaiah 41:13.] To love Him and to glorify Him. His love is without a parallel. No comparison can be made to that love. He was one with the Father and was suffered to die for us. Christ in God and God in Christ. {Ms26-1894.8}

68) If ministers will link up together, hiding self in Christ Jesus and go forward unitedly, not feeling that one man must do almost all the thinking, God will let His Holy Spirit sustain them in their labor. Let their hearts be connected together in free, open companionship; let them esteem each other as brethren; and God will put His seal upon their apostleship by giving them success in winning souls to Christ. {EA 228.4} {Lt21-1895.20}

69) We must be ever moving forward, onward, and upward, never to become common and cheap and low. [We are] bought with a price, and O, what a price! “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven!” [Matthew 6:10.] What a request is this, what possibilities and probabilities do these words comprehend. The Lord Jesus would open before His believing ones the prospect of continual progression and improvement. Infused with His Holy Spirit we may reach the highest standard. {Ms4-1891.14}

70) My husband and myself consecrated ourselves to God to be guided by His Holy Spirit in connection with the office. I was assured that if we lost our first love, Jesus would not, could not, bless us with His counsel, that if we took upon us responsibilities in our own strength, and exercised our own judgment, we should be left to our own wisdom, which is foolishness. We were to work in God, to keep all our spiritual faculties alive, to keep ourselves under the steady, invigorating beams of the Sun of Righteousness, for Christ has said, “Without me ye can do nothing.” [John 15:5.] {Ms25a-1891.14}

71) We are to strive earnestly through the grace given us to represent Christ and not make prominent our own crude ideas, our own objectionable traits of character. We are ever to keep our will in subjection to God's will and be willing to be disciplined by His Holy Spirit, that we may shed forth His beams of light. We should manifest His love in our home, and when we are away from home, we shall carry the same pleasant disposition and manifest forbearance, meekness, courage, and love in the Lord. The heavenly mansions are prepared for those who are pure, who love and obey the Word of God, All murmuring and complaining will be put aside as unworthy of the children of the heavenly King, unworthy

of the members of **the royal family**, who are **heirs of God** and **joint heirs with Jesus** and **there we shall meet to part no more.** {Lt18b-1891.16}

72) **The Lord** has been **prodigal of His means** to save man. Boundless are **His resources**. Heavenly intelligences are ready **to unite** with human agencies and men may come into **immediate contact with Jesus Christ, the divine Advocate.** When men feel that **Jesus Christ** must have **entire control** of **the whole heart**, of **all the affections**, then **He will be with every worker**, carrying the heavy end of the yoke. **He moves upon human hearts by His Holy Spirit.** We have **a work to do** to go into all the world with **the light God has given**, asserting with pen and voice the rights of **God** and **vindicating the claims of God.** **Jesus** is to be our **only trust and confidence**. **His righteousness** is to be **our assurance forever.** {Ms40-1890.62}

73) **In presenting the truth as it is in Jesus** you will gain the **confidence of the serious minded who are striving to reach a higher standard.** **Christ is all the time drawing souls to Him by His Holy Spirit**, and if **He is abiding in your heart**, **He will work through you to draw men to Him.** Souls perishing in skepticism and infidelity will be convinced that there is **a reality in religion**, and that you understand **the way**, for the **character of Christ** will be **revealed through you.** If you **work in this manner**, many more souls will be brought as sheaves to **the Lord** in the coming year's labor. {Lt9-1892.34}

74) **Some may say, "I have done the best I can do."** Perhaps you have, because you can, of yourself, **do no good.** You must depend, **in living, active, persevering faith, upon Jesus Christ.** You can shun responsibilities, you can take yourselves still farther away from **the channel of light**, you can **breathe the worldly atmosphere and become purely worldly businessmen.** **But will it pay?** You cannot think so, with eternity in view. **Will a separation from the work take you away from temptation? No!** Every man who accepts responsibilities must not accept so many that he cannot take time to **seek the wisdom which the Lord** alone can give him. **The Spirit of the Lord** will do more for you in your work than you can do in **your lifetime without His Holy Spirit.** {Ms40-1890.25}

75) **The vine stalk draws its nourishment from the root, and communicates it to the branch.** **Such is the relation of the true believer to Jesus Christ.** **By His Holy Spirit, Christ** calls forth **faith in Him** as a personal **Saviour.** The result of this **faith** is seen in **the fruit** which is borne, revealing that the soul is in constant communion with **Jesus Christ.** On our part there must be **a faith** which **holds fast** to **Christ.** In this way we **constantly receive of His grace** and in our turn **impart it** to others. The whole universe of heaven acknowledges **this connection**, and our **petitions** are accepted **through Jesus Christ.** **His grace is given** us **in large measure;** our sins are placed to **His** account as **our substitute and surety.** {Ms7-1891.34}

76) Thus hath it been presented to me in regard to the Health Retreat at Crystal Springs. I had **a message of warning.** I **spoke** with earnestness, and I knew that **the Lord put His Holy Spirit upon me while [I] presented the danger of the association with, [and] love of, the world.** **The worldling is ever on the watch to criticize and accuse those who serve God.** **This will reveal itself in the querulous complaining of professed Christians who have never been transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ.** **They are deadly enemies to those who believe.** **They despise the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and if they can make it appear that those who are striving to obey the commandments of God are faulty, Satan has cast his arrow, and now what? He has shown his accusing power; but his cruel thrusts will do little harm if the professed believers will stand true to the words of Christ and be doers of His Word and not**



**hearers only.** Those to whom these complaints are made are **under bonds to Jesus Christ to love and respect, and be faithful to one another who are united in Christian fellowship.** **To unite with the faultfinding element and accusers of the brethren, [to] take up the reproach they lay at your door, is seconding the work of the enemy by playing yourself into his hands to make his work a success.** {Ms39-1891.5}

77) They regretted that I must leave them and said if I could remain with them a couple of weeks and speak to them as often as I had strength, they would consider it a great favor. They begged me that when I returned I should spend some months with them. They said, **Your words** have done us good, and you can be a **blessing** to the people at Honolulu. They **blessed** me **in the name of the Lord**, and said, **The Lord will go before you** that you may **speak these words** to many souls who need to hear them. I was glad I consented to speak to them, venturing the whole matter on **the promise of the Lord**, **“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”** [Matthew 28:20.] **I felt that Jesus was indeed with me that night by His Holy Spirit.** {Lt32a-1891.12}

78) **Jesus** did not seek you and me because we were his friends; for we were estranged from **him**, and unreconciled to **God**. It was while we were yet sinners that **Christ** died for us. But he has **promised to give us his Holy Spirit**, that we might **become assimilated to his nature, changed into his image.** Therefore we must put away everything like passion, impatience, murmuring, and unrest, and **find a place for Jesus in the heart.** **We must have the buyers and the sellers cleared out of the soul-temple, that Jesus may take up his abode within us.** Now **he** stands at **the door of the heart** as a heavenly merchantman; **he** says, **“Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and will open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”** **“Open unto me; buy of me the heavenly wares; buy of me the gold tried in the fire.”** **Buy faith and love, the precious, beautiful attributes of our Redeemer, which will enable us to find our way into the hearts of those who do not know him, who are cold and alienated from him through unbelief and sin. He invites us to buy the white raiment, which is his glorious righteousness: and the eyesalve, that we may discern spiritual things.** O, shall we not **open the heart’s door** to this **heavenly visitor**? {BEcho January 15, 1892, par. 6}

79) Fasten your **faith** to the eternal throne, and **all the promises of God** are at your command. **When God gave his Son, he gave us all in that precious gift.** **“He** that spared not **his own Son**, but delivered **him** up for us all, how shall **he** not **with him** also **freely give us all things?**” How glad would our **Lord** be to see our faces **lighted up with the light of his Holy Spirit.** **He** wants us to have **love** and **joy** and **peace.** **He** says, **“He** that **followeth me** shall not walk in darkness, but shall have **the light of life.”** **Then let us talk of the power of Jesus; for help has been laid upon One that is mighty.** Isaiah says that **“his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”** So let us elevate our souls **through faith in Christ** above the lowlands of earth, and **breathe the atmosphere of heaven.** {RH March 1, 1892, par. 13}

80) We need to be **constantly filling the mind with Christ**, and emptying it of selfishness and sin. **When Christ came into the world, the leaders of the Jews were so permeated with Phariseeism that they could not receive his teachings.** **Jesus** compared them to the **shriveled wine skins** which were not fit to receive the **new wine** from **the vintage.** **He** had to find new bottles into which to put **the new wine** of his kingdom. This was why **he** turned away from the Pharisees, and chose the lowly fishermen of Galilee. **Jesus** was **the greatest teacher the world ever knew**, and **he** chose men whom **he** could **educate**, and who would take **the words from his lips, and send them down along the line to our time.** **So, by his Spirit and his word, he would educate you for his work.** 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**. {RH March 15, 1892, par. 4}

81) When the people came to **Jesus**, they asked him at one time: “What shall we do, that we might **work the works** of **God**? **Jesus** answered and said unto them, This is **the work** of **God**, that ye **believe** on **him** whom **he** hath sent.” **Now the question is, Are we doing this? Do we feel our need? God** has committed to us **sacred trusts**. **The hereditary trusts of patriarchs and prophets have come down along the lines to us, and with them precious light has shone upon us.** We have **received divine enlightenment**, and yet we have not made **the advancement** in the pathway of **holiness** that we should **have made**. Our **obligation and responsibility** have been faithfully pointed out, but we have not taken hold upon **the strength** of **God**, that we might **fulfill our obligations to him**. Throughout all the churches there is **one subject** of vital importance that **has been neglected**. **We have failed to make the Holy Spirit the theme of our thought and instruction.** **Light** has come to us concerning the offices of the **Spirit of God**, and with burdened heart some have presented to the church the great provision that **God** has made for the people in the **gift of his Holy Spirit**. {ST May 9, 1892, par. 6}

82) **Just as soon as we present our emptied nature to the <Lord Jesus and His> cause, He will supply the vacuum by His Holy Spirit.** We can then believe **He** will **give us** of **His fullness**. **He** does not want us to **perish**. We do not want more of **God** <any> more urgently than **He** wants all that there is of us to be **consecrated** to **His service**. Children, I long that you shall both **abide in Jesus Christ** and **be receiving His blessing** and **diffusing it to others**. **Life is short, but eternity is endless.** {Lt27-1892.13}

83) Our compassionate **Saviour** is not less mindful of his people now. **He** is more willing to give **his Holy Spirit** as **a guide** and **instructor** to them that **ask him**, than earthly parents are to give **good gifts** to their children. **Do not be afraid to trust God**; rely upon **his sure promise**, “**Ask**, and it shall be **given** you.” **Jesus** has presented to us **truth full of spiritual light and vitality**. But has **this truth** been brought into the **inner sanctuary** of the soul? **Does Christ abide in your hearts by faith? If Christ is in you, you will make him manifest to others.** We must have more of **Jesus**, and less, far less, of self. The aspiration of our hearts should be, “**As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.**” **Jesus must abide in the heart; and where he is, the carnal desires will be subdued, and kept in subjection by the operation of the Spirit of God.** “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty **through God** to the pulling down of strong holds; 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.**” {BEcho June 15, 1892, par. 6}

84) **We are to respond to the invitations of the Spirit of God.** **Do we repent of our transgressions?** This is **an evidence** that **the Lord** is **drawing** us **to himself**; it is **Jesus** that **gives us repentance**. “**Him** hath **God exalted** with his right hand to be **a Prince** and **a Saviour**, for **to give repentance** to Israel, and **forgiveness** of sins.” **It is his Holy Spirit that impresses us with the necessity of emptying the soul of all selfishness; and when we give ourselves to God, he will fill the vacuum with his divine Spirit, and give us the precious graces of his own character.** {BEcho July 1, 1892, par. 5} {RH September 20, 1892, par. 6}

85) I sleep but very little; but I am not in any way disheartened or discouraged. **The Lord gives me of His Holy Spirit, and comforts me by His grace.** I have much brightness in the night season. I love to **think of Jesus,** and **His goodness** and **His mercy.** I am full of thankfulness that I have my reason, I have my memory, and I have **Jesus** as my **personal Saviour.** I may live or I may die, but I am **the Lord's.** **He loves me,** and I **love Him.** My **peace** is often **like a river.** I am **filled with His love.** I can see no reason for this affliction except overwork. {Lt21a-1892.7}

86) Dear Granddaughter, Mabel White:

I am so glad that you are one of **Christ's** little ones. **He** wants you to **think of Him** as your very **best Friend.** When you are inclined to do something that you fear will not be right, then **inquire of the Lord to teach** you to choose **the right way** and to **love to do right,** and **believe** that **Jesus** hears you when you pray to **Him.** Every time you do a wrong action, you **grieve the Saviour.** **He** wants you to have a **pure, beautiful character.** If you **love Jesus,** you will **not grieve His Holy Spirit by disobedience.** When you are **reproved** for a fault, **correct it at once and do not repeat the evil.** {Lt71-1892.3}

87) **Jesus** is waiting to breathe upon all **His** disciples and give them **the inspiration of His sanctifying Spirit and transfuse the vital influence from Himself to His people.** **He** would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. Their lives cannot be divided. **Christ is to live in His human agents and work through their faculties and act through their capabilities.** Their will must be **submitted to His will; they must act with His Spirit** that it may be no more they that live, **but Christ that liveth in them.** **Jesus** is seeking to **impress upon them the thought that in giving His Holy Spirit He is giving to them the glory which the Father hath given Him, that He and His people may be one in God.** Our way and will must be **in submission to God's will,** knowing that **it is holy, just and good.** {Lt11b-1892.7}

88) O that we may have a deeper experience in prayer. **With confidence we may come to God, knowing what it is to have the presence and power of His Holy Spirit.** We may confess our sins and, right there while asking, know that He pardons our transgressions, because **He** has **promised** to forgive. We must **exercise faith** and **manifest true earnestness and humility.** **We can never do this without the grace of the Holy Spirit.** We must **lie low at the feet of Jesus** and cherish no selfishness, reveal no self-uplifting; **but in simplicity seek the Lord, asking for His Holy Spirit** as a little child asks bread of his parents. {Lt11b-1892.9}


89) **In God** we can do valiantly, for **the Lord will move upon the heart by His Holy Spirit,** and **add daily unto the faith** of such as shall be saved. How I long to direct our brethren in America to **look to Jesus,** to **study His life and character,** and **manifest** disinterestedness, self-denial and devotion to **the service of Christ,** becoming thereby **a power for good** in the world. {Lt23c-1892.20}

90) In coming to **God** the prayer of **importunity** should be offered, "I will not let thee go except **thou bless me.**" You are **invited** to spread out all your perplexities before **the Lord; but do not gratify the enemy by pouring them into the minds of others, lest they stumble over them to their ruin.** **Jesus** knows how to cure all the maladies of the soul. When we beseech the **Lord** to pity us in our weakness and distress, to **guide us by his Holy Spirit,** that we may **understand his word,** **he** will no more turn away from the prayer of the humble suppliant than the parent will turn away from the hungry child who comes to him for bread. When you turn away **from the broken cistern that can hold no water,** and **in the name of Jesus, your Advocate,** come **directly to God, asking for the things** you need, difficulties will disappear, the **righteousness of Christ** will be **revealed** as **your righteousness, the virtue of Christ as your virtue.**

**You will then understand that justification can come alone through faith in Christ;** for **in Jesus** is **revealed** the **perfection of the character of God; in his life** is the revelation of the **genuine principle** of

true holiness. Through the atoning blood of Christ, the sinner is set free from bondage and condemnation; through the perfection of the sinless Substitute and Surety, he may run in the race of humble obedience to all of God's commandments. Without Christ he is under the condemnation of the law, always a sinner, but through faith in Christ he is made just before God, and loving God, he keeps his commandments, and realizes through an experimental knowledge that the Father loves him, and takes up his abode with him. {ST August 22, 1892, par. 6}

91) The chosen people of God have lost their first love. Without this all their profession of faith will not save a soul from death. Suppose the attention should be turned away from every difference of opinion, and we should heed the counsel of the True Witness. When God's people humble the soul before Him, individually seeking his Holy Spirit with all the heart, there will be heard from human lips such a testimony as is represented in this Scripture, "After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." [Revelation 18:1.] There will be faces aglow with the love of God; there will be lips touched with holy fire, saying, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." [1 John 1:7.] {Lt25b-1892.13}

92) The eye of God is upon these lands; for here He would set up his standard and unfurled his banner. Here on this missionary soil, He would see souls won to Jesus Christ. He would have every professed Christian a true missionary, ready to wheel into line, to do his individual work in his place, and all join in systematic effort. He would have men forget their own notions and prejudices, which bring only darkness and doubt upon their souls, and engage in work for those who are ready to perish. He would have them realize that no man liveth unto himself. It is through inattention to unselfish effort for others, that many have become dwarfed and crippled in their religious experience. Some who are in the background might have been far advanced in the knowledge of God, if they had not stood apart from  their brethren, withdrawing from association with believers who did not work according to their limited ideas. O, if these hinderers would lose sight of themselves and interest themselves in the salvation of souls, their petty differences would be forgotten, and alienation from their brethren could not exist. If when they came together, they would not speak concerning the things to which they see objections, but would hold their mouth as with a bridle, and would seek the Lord in earnest prayer that his Holy Spirit might rest upon them, that they might have a burden for souls for whom Christ died, they would find that their darkness would flee away, and light and hope would come into their souls. Self-esteem would vanish, and they would become teachable as children. Stubbornness would melt away in contemplation of the love of God, and their hearts would glow, touched with a coal from off the altar. Sorrow would be banished, and cheerfulness take its place; for the infinite love and goodness of God would be the theme of their testimony. {BEcho September 1, 1892, par. 21}

93) God hates sin. Satan's work is to allure to works of evil. How adroitly Satan has worked with his bewitching power to fascinate the mind to choose sin rather than righteousness. The influence of man on men had become dangerous because of Satan's leading and controlling the mind and pressing this influence man has over man in his own service. But the Lord Jesus by the agency of His Holy Spirit changes the order of things and takes the sins and guilt of man upon Himself, and draws man to Himself, and sanctifies and employs the human agent as His instrumentality to engage his powers to do an entirely opposite work than Satan advised. He would enlist man in His service to expel from the earth sin and evil. Thus the powers of men would become through grace that which God designed in the beginning they should be—an agent of numberless blessings to every man, and man indeed become his brother's keeper—and thus the world be restored to God to make the chain of mutual dependence through faith in Jesus Christ fast to His throne. The highest power in the universe should be embodied

in humanity and **elevate humanity through their faith in Jesus Christ**—an **influence emanating from God, concentrating** all the influences of the world, for the recovery of man. {Lt43-1892.5}

94) Since **God** has so **loved** us, we ought also to **love** one another. How much? **Jesus** said, “This is my **commandment**, that ye **love** one another as **I** have **loved** you. Greater **love** hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are **my** friends, if ye do whatsoever **I** command you. Henceforth **I** call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his **Lord** doeth: but **I** have called you friends; for all things that **I** have heard of **my Father** **I** have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen **me**, but **I** have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth **fruit**, and that your **fruit** should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the **Father** in **my name**, **he** may give it you. **These things I command you, that ye love one another.**” [John 15:12-17.] Here we have a **decided, positive command**. We would ask, Who are **doers** of these **words**? **Oh, that God may impart to His poor, needy children His Holy Spirit of love, that the prayer of Christ may be fulfilled in His people, and we all may be one as He is in the Father and the Father in Him.** {Lt24-1892.22}

95) **Jesus is waiting to breathe upon all his disciples**, and give them the **inspiration** of **his sanctifying spirit**, and transuse the vital influence **from himself to his** people. **He** would have them understand that henceforth they cannot serve two masters. **Their lives cannot be divided. Christ is to live in his** human agents, and **work through** their faculties, and **act through** their capabilities. Their will must be submitted to **his will**, they must act with **his spirit**, that it may be no more they that **live**, but **Christ** that **liveth in** them. **Jesus is seeking to impress upon them the thought that in giving his Holy Spirit he is giving to them the glory which the Father has given him, that he and his people may be one in God.** Our way and will must be in submission to **God’s will**, knowing that it is **holy, just, and good**. {ST October 3, 1892, par. 4}

John says, “This is the confidence that we have in **him**, that, if we ask anything according to **his will, he** heareth us; and if we know that **he** hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the **petitions** that we desired of **him**.” Let us dwell much upon these points before the people, that their ideas may be enlarged, their faith increased. They should be encouraged **to ask largely, and expect without a doubt the riches of his grace; for through Jesus we can come into the audience chamber of the Most High. Through his merits we have access by one Spirit unto the Father.** Oh, that we may have a deeper experience in prayer! With confidence we may **come to God**, knowing what it is to have **the presence and power of his Holy Spirit**. We may confess our sins, and right there, while asking, know that **he** pardons our transgressions, because **he** has promised to forgive. We must **exercise faith, and manifest true earnestness and humility. We can never do this without the grace of the Holy Spirit. We must lie low at the feet of Jesus, and cherish no selfishness, reveal no self-uplifting, but in simplicity seek the Lord, asking for his Holy Spirit as a little child asks bread of his parents.** {ST October 3, 1892, par. 5}

We should **act** our part, **take Christ** as our personal **Saviour**, and, standing under the cross of **Calvary**, “look and **live**.” **God** sets **his** children **apart** for **himself**. And as they **connect** themselves **with him**, they have **power with God**, and prevail. **Of ourselves we can do nothing; but through the grace of his Holy Spirit, life and light are imparted**, and the soul is **filled** with longing, earnest desire for **God, for holiness. Then** it is that **Christ leads** us to the **throne of grace**, and **clothes** us **with his righteousness**; for the **Lord God** of heaven **loves** us. We would be willfully blind and stubborn to doubt that **his heart** is **toward** us. **While Jesus, our Intercessor, pleads for us in heaven, the Holy Spirit works in us, to will and to do of his good pleasure.** All heaven is interested in the salvation of the soul. Then what reason have we to doubt that **the Lord** will and does **help** us? We who teach the people must ourselves have **a vital connection with God. In spirit and word** we should be to the people as a **wellspring**, because **Christ is in us a well of water springing up unto everlasting life.** Sorrow and pain may test our patience and our faith; but the



brightness of the presence of the Unseen is with us, and we must hide self behind Jesus. {ST October 3, 1892, par. 6}

96) Those who are constantly at disagreement in the home life, who do not practice the words of the Lord, will not enter into the heavenly mansions, because they would find that which did not suit their taste even in heaven. Heaven is to be the home of those only who are sanctified, refined, and made meet for the society of the saints in light. If we manifest the character of Christ here, keeping all the commandments of God, we shall be cheered and blessed with glimpses of the pleasant home in the mansions Jesus has gone to prepare. Those who, through the grace given us, represent, not their own crude ideas, their own peculiar, hereditary, and cultivated objectionable traits of character, but the character of Christ, will be fit inhabitants for the heavenly city. Our ways, our will, are to be under subjection to God's will, to be disciplined by his Holy Spirit. If we are courteous and gentle at home, we shall carry the savor of a pleasant disposition when away from home. If we manifest forbearance, patience, meekness, and fortitude in the home, we shall be able to be a light to the world. All murmuring, all complaining, will be put aside by the true Christian. {ST November 14, 1892, par. 3}

97) I was glad to receive letters from Emma and Edson. I know that time is very short, and I want to do my work for eternity. I have no time to lose, not a moment. I am not my own. I must render an account to God for my time, for the words of my mouth, for my influence. May the Lord Jesus give me of His Holy Spirit is my prayer. I pray for you both most earnestly, that the Lord will give you clear spiritual eyesight that you may approve things that are excellent and shun every false path, for Satan has laid many a track that we cannot afford to enter. {Lt58-1892.7}

Much love.

Mother.

98) How are the world to know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent? through His Word and through His human agents. We are to be His representatives. Through us the world will form their opinion of God and of the religion of Christ. Therefore Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." [John 15:8.] "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:16.] When men see, they glorify God. Great dishonor is brought upon the cause of God because those who profess Christ do not possess His Holy Spirit, but walk in their own ways. What a terrible misrepresentation of God, His ways, His character, are the selfishness of life and hardness of heart of His professed followers. A profession of piety is not enough; if religion is not brought into practical service, and does not produce good works, it is valueless. If we do not live to bless others, we are unfaithful stewards, and we shall never receive the heavenly benediction, "Well done." [Matthew 25:21.] But God will have a peculiar people, of whom it is written that Christ is not ashamed to call them brethren. They bear His likeness. They are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. {Ms98-1893.28} {RH June 27, 1893, par. 13}

99) My brother, the money you expend in the tax imposed in connection with your secret organizations, would supply many a want in the various branches of the cause of God. Saith God, "Them that honor me I will honor." [1 Samuel 2:30.] There are many ways opened whereby you could be a light to the world. The work of every follower of Jesus Christ is to seek and save those who are lost. God will give His Holy Spirit to all who manifest their love for the truth in good works. He supplies all providential opportunities and facilities to make them laborers together with Him. All who will place themselves in the channel of light will seek and use the helps the Lord has provided. {Lt113-1893.44}

Under the teaching of God, under the guiding of His Holy Spirit, a work will be done in the Review office that will place it upon a different basis. I was astonished at the blindness manifested in putting Mr. Russel in the place of Frank Belden. This is not according to the order of God. Men who have never surrendered themselves to the control of the Spirit of God are not to be placed in positions of holy trust. Those who place them there show that they themselves are in need of divine enlightenment. The Lord Jesus could not find men in the schools of the rabbis to do His work; they were altogether too wise in their own conceit, and they felt no need of being taught of God. There was no room in their hearts for the entrance of the words of the Lord; and the Saviour entrusted His truth to humble men who were emptied of self. {Lt20a-1893.51}

100) Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh, by a pure and holy life to condemn sin in the flesh. He came to our work to represent the character of God, and it is our world to represent the character of Christ. If we have lost His love out of our hearts, our work is to seek the Lord, that our hearts may be renewed by His Holy Spirit. {Lt77-1893.27}

101) Out of Christ, human wisdom in all its forms is foolishness; for those who trust in their own wisdom, have lost eternity out of their reckoning. Christ prayed for his followers, saying, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” To all who believe in Jesus as able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by him, the gospel is the power and wisdom of God. “The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him.” “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God.” Jesus is inviting and drawing by his Holy Spirit the hearts of young and old unto himself. He says, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” {YI January 19, 1893, par. 2}

102) “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.’ The chosen people of God have lost their first love. Without this all their profession of faith will not save a soul from death. Suppose the attention should be turned away from every difference of opinion, and we should heed the counsel of the True Witness. When God’s people humble the soul before him, individually seeking his Holy Spirit with all the heart, there will be heard from human lips such a testimony as is represented in this Scripture,—‘After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.’ There will be faces aglow with the love of God, there will be lips touched with holy fire saying, ‘The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.’” {GCDB January 31, 1893, Art. B, par. 1} {HM November 1, 1893, Art. A, par. 15}

103) I spoke in the little chapel at Kaeo on the Sabbath at 11:30. I could not close the gate of my thoughts. They would be very active, for I discerned in this congregation a company which had been presented before me as needing a work done for them individually, that they should carry upon their hearts the burden for souls for whom Christ has died—souls in their very midst with whom they come in contact in business relations. The Lord has given to every man his work. All have talents to use and multiply by use in saving the perishing souls around them through the earnest cultivation of the Christian graces. Day by day they may come closer and still closer to God and may be laborers together with Him. The Lord has not withdrawn His Holy Spirit from those who do not believe the truth in Kaeo, and they are to be labored for. Those who believe are to learn wisdom from Jesus Christ how to be wise workers to save souls. {Ms77-1893.14}

104) After the meeting opened I arose to speak. The unbelief and prejudice were so strong that a thick granite wall seemed to bar our way. Oh, how I longed for warmth and power. And it came! The Lord gave me His Holy Spirit and I was perfectly free. I spoke of the love of Jesus and His great sacrifice made in our behalf that we might have happiness in this life by being obedient to all of God’s commandments,

and the  **blessing**  of the future life. " **Blessed are they that do his commandments** , that they may ... enter in through the gates into the city" and "have right to the  **tree of life** ." [Revelation 22:14.] {Lt115-1893.4}

105)  **We know not how soon we shall be singled out as not being law abiding citizens, because the prince of the power of the air is getting possession of the minds of men** . We can choose between obeying the powers that be and dishonoring  **God** , or disobeying the powers that be and  **honoring God** .  **If we obey God, His Holy Spirit is resting upon us, and we are not fighting with our own assertions, but with "It is written."**   **All we have to do is to go back to the fourth commandment. Read the testimony of Jesus Christ that not even a little dot was to be altered, but it is just as written by the finger of God on the tables of stone** . We should love the truth because it is truth. {Ms11-1893.12}

106) You are to  **come to God**  as a repenting sinner,  **through the name of Jesus, the divine Advocate** ; to  **a merciful, forgiving Father, believing that He will do just as He has promised. Let those who desire the blessing of God knock** , and wait at the  **throne of mercy**  with firm assurance, saying, "For  **Thou, O Lord** , hast said, 'Every one that  **asketh receiveth** ; and he that  **seeketh findeth** , and to him that  **knocketh it shall be opened** .'"  **The Lord**  longs to have those who  **seek after God believe in Him**  who is able to do all things.  **He has sought to show us how ready He is to hear and answer our request by the use of a most familiar and common-place occurrence** .  **He**  said, "What man is there of you whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall  **your Father**  which is in heaven  **give good things**  to them  **that ask Him** ?"  **Christ**  makes  **an appeal**  to us concerning the  **willingness of God to help** , arguing from the natural love of the parent for his offspring. What father could turn from his son who asks bread? And should any one dishonour  **God**  by imagining that  **He**  will not respond to the call of  **his**  children? Would we think a parent capable of trifling with his child, and tantalizing him by raising his expectations only to disappoint them? Will the father promise to give good and nourishing food to his child, and then give him a stone?  **If ye then, being human and evil, give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give his Holy Spirit to them that ask Him** ? {BEcho April 1, 1893, par. 4}

107) "Ye are  **my witnesses** " (Isaiah 43:10), saith  **Jesus** . "That was  **the true Light** , which  **lighteth**  every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9. Oh,  **arise and shine** , all who believe  **the truth** , for " **the glory of the Lord**  is  **risen**  upon thee." Isaiah 60:1.  **Let every soul humble himself before God, seeking Him in all meekness and lowliness of mind. Then the Lord will exalt you by giving you richly of His Holy Spirit. Mercy and the love of God**  will appear  **gloriously**  triumphant. {Lt110-1893.24}

➔ 108)  **Jesus lives to make intercession in our behalf, and He will not leave you comfortless. His Holy Spirit will not depart from you; only believe and trust. God says it, let faith rest upon His word** . There is  **grace**  and  **assurance in the promise** ; but we are not to look so much at this, as at  **God in the promise** . This is an irresistible  **force** , a  **mightiness**  above all the powers of Satan.  **The promise is the heart of God speaking** . See  **it**  in  **its true greatness** .  **It**  is the  **faithfulness**  of your  **heavenly Father performing** .  **Rest then not so much in the blessing promised, but in the thus saith the Lord** . {Lt102-1893.3}

109) If you truly  **belong to Christ** , you will have  **opportunities**  for  **witnessing**  for  **him** . You will be invited to attend places of amusement, and then it will be that you will have an  **opportunity to testify**  to your  **Lord** . If you are  **true**  to  **Christ**  then, you will not try to form excuses for your non-attendance, but will  **plainly and modestly declare**  that you are  **a child of God** , and your  **principles**  would not allow you to be in a place, even for one occasion, where you could not  **invite the presence of your Lord** . We should not permit  **the spirit of conservatism**  to lead us to misrepresent  **our Lord** . Our daily  **influence**  must be like that  **of Christ** . We must practice  **self-denial, overcome temptation** , and daily  **grow in grace** .  **We cannot be witnesses for Christ without his Holy Spirit to work upon our hearts; but he has said that our heavenly Father is more willing to give us the Holy Spirit, than parents are to give good gifts to their children. We**

are to receive **the Holy Spirit**, and through its agency the sinner will be **impressed** with the fact that in **Jesus there are to be found joys superior to those of earth**. {YI May 4, 1893, par. 5}

110) But though **the Lord** does not compel us to do **him service**, it is yet a fact that we are not our own in any sense, since **the Lord is both our Creator and Redeemer**. **Soul, body, and spirit belong to him**. All our powers belong to **the Lord Jesus Christ**; and yet, though we may choose to render them to **him to do a grand service for him and humanity through the operation of his Holy Spirit**, we also may choose to render them to Satan, and work untold harm by cherishing satanic attributes of character. **We are left free to serve whom we will serve; but the time is coming when the books will be opened, and every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the body**. John says: "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before **God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were **judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to their **works**. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were **judged** every man according to their **works**. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." {YI June 15, 1893, par. 4}

111) Bro. Henry needs to be transformed in **character** before he is in condition to be at all times a safe counsellor. When the **love of Jesus pervades** his soul, he will **diffuse it**. When he has learned **meekness and lowliness in the school of Christ**, he will reveal a **Christlike patience**, an **invincible charity**, and an **omnipotent faith** in the **grand work** of saving souls for whom **Christ** has died. Every soul must come to the **trial of** all the **Christian graces**. The **heart** must be **warmed with the glowing fire of God's goodness**. **When the Lord moves upon the heart by His Holy Spirit, there will be a submitting to the discipline and influence of the Holy Spirit**. **Painstaking effort**, which is requisite to the **attainment of true virtue and wisdom**, and is indispensable to him who will be chosen to become a **coworker** with **Jesus Christ**, will be **manifested**. {Lt42-1893.13}

112) Your letter was received with pleasure. I thank you for writing, also thank you for the nice present you sent me, the silk net. It is a good fit. I was much pleased with the good spirit which was evidenced in your letter. **I am very pleased and thankful to our heavenly Father that His Holy Spirit has been moving upon your hearts to decide that John should go to school**. It will be best for him, and for you in the end. I knew his peril, for **the Lord** had **impressed** this upon my mind and **opened** before me his great danger. And now **the Lord** has been pleased **to work** in **His providence** in bringing around matters so that he is now in attendance in the school. Let us still **supplicate** at the throne of **grace** that John may be while thus favorably situated, soundly **converted**. There are excellent traits of **character** in John if they could be **developed and trained**, and **be brought to his Saviour**. But while in the company he has been keeping only hopeless ruin was before him. We will now **exercise faith** that he will give himself **to Jesus**, and **love and serve Him**. {Lt94-1893.1}

113) Will not you and a few others **unite together** in special seasons of prayer that **the Great Physician** shall **undertake** in your behalf? **He** knows just how to remove your difficulties. Do **come to Him** with all your **heart** for **health and healing** of your infirmities. Press your **petitions** to **His throne** perseveringly, and **believe** it will be done. **Jesus loves you; keep the soul in perpetual communion with God**. It is a constant satisfaction that you are performing **a work for Jesus**. **Divine wisdom** will **be given** you. **His Holy Spirit will pervade your mind as it is drawn out to Jesus**. {Lt58a-1893.5}

114) The gross, the sinful, corrupt transgressors are named as those outside the city of **God**. There is presented **the ten virgins**, five were wise and five were foolish. What was the offense of the five foolish? they took **no oil** (they **<received> not** of **the grace of God**) in their vessels with their **lamps**. They had **lamps, a knowledge of the truth**, but **no living connection with God**. **They were not vitalized by His Holy Spirit**. They made **appearance of** giving out as the wise virgins, but they **<supposed themselves wise, and>**

were only wise in their own sight. **God** sees that they have **no saving faith**, that **Christ** to them is not a personal **Saviour**. **They are a fraud**. They have **not been growing in grace** and **the knowledge** of **our Lord** and **Saviour Jesus Christ**. Why? **Because they have not been doers of the words of Christ**. All these striking illustrations are lessons to be carefully studied and contemplated. {Lt12-1893.7}

115) The past night has been to me one of deep, earnest **solicitude** in behalf of this family. The family were together for religious worship. The season of prayer was, I felt, a **solemn** time. **We were reading in Acts of the working and development of the Christian church after the ascension of the Lord Jesus and the bestowal of His Holy Spirit upon His disciples that they might be witnesses for Jesus that He was the Prince of life**. I see these seasons of prayer are having their **influence** upon the members of the family. {Ms82-1893.14}

116) Under the present circumstances, they cannot hold their ground against opposing forces of sin and error, which will not be wanting. **The Lord by His Holy Spirit is at work to recruit and reinforce the Lord's army by enlistments, in order to hold the fort**. The accession of members is essential, to bring their **fresh minds as a reinforcement** to breast the difficulties which must be met. If these young **minds will walk in the light**, they will have **clear conceptions** of their individual **responsibilities and duty**. They will have zeal for **Christ** and in connection with the present pressure, **communicate a new spirit** to the entire family, which so much need the fresh, **vitalizing power from above**. There will be pressure from outside influences, but the **unity from the forces within** will stand against the pressure from without. The additional impetus given by the members of the family who should decide to stand under **Christ's banner**, if they are **true to principle in the spirit and efficiency** which **Jesus gives**, will put everything in motion and triumph over the powers of darkness and the obstacles Satan presents. {Ms82-1893.18}

117) It would be pleasant for me to have you to consult with as it would be pleasant, as you express it, to see and talk with me. But there **is One** who is your **Counselor** and **He** never makes a mistake. **I have prayed night and day that the Lord will imbue you with His Holy Spirit and give you heavenly wisdom that you will have the mind of Christ and move in His counsel**. I never mean to be a burden to my children but a helper, one who can point them ever to **One mighty in counsel**, who will **lead** them in **His way to do His will** and then **the marks of God** will be **seen** in all they undertake. I am not their leader. **Jesus Christ** occupies this position. {Lt66-1893.13}

118) **The Lord would have us follow in his footsteps, and be influenced by the dictates of his Holy Spirit**. The influence of man upon man, unless controlled by **the Holy Spirit**, is a dangerous influence; for Satan causes his suggestions to be acted upon, and draws men into his service through human instrumentalities. But **the Lord Jesus by the agency of his Holy Spirit** changes this order of things. **He** takes upon **himself** the sin of man, and by **the power of his divine love draws men to himself, sanctifies** and makes them **holy**. When men are **under the control of Christ, he employs** them as **his** agents, and **leads** them to devote their **powers to doing a work** exactly opposite to that which Satan had designed they should do. {ST September 4, 1893, par. 6}

**Jesus** would **enlist** men in **his service**. **He** would direct their perverted powers in such a way that, **through his grace**, they may **become agents** for the working of unmingled good to every other man, and each become his brother's keeper in **disinterested love**, and thus the world be **restored** to **God**. **Through faith in Jesus Christ the chain of mutual dependence is fastened to the throne of God**, and **through the agency of man humanity is bound to God**. "**God has promised his Holy Spirit, the highest power in the universe, to be embodied in men, that through faith in Jesus Christ humanity may be elevated**. An **influence emanating from God draws and concentrates the power** of the universe, that a lost and rebel race may be **reconciled and restored to God**. {ST September 4, 1893, par. 7}



119) **O how essential that the physician is one divested of selfishness, one who has a correct knowledge of the atonement made by Jesus Christ [so] that he can uplift Jesus to the despairing soul, one who holds communion with God. What a treasure he possesses in his knowledge of the treatment of the diseases of the body, and also the knowledge of the plan of salvation. Resting in Jesus as his personal Saviour, he can lead others to hopefulness, to saving faith, to find rest and peace and a new life in Jesus Christ. There are men whom the Lord has convicted in regard to the perils of a physician's calling and have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before them in the gospel. Their souls were drawn out in earnest prayer for wisdom and defense in the many temptations to which they were subjected in their medical profession. Making God their refuge, they were guided by His Holy Spirit in the path of surety and perfect trust. {Lt36-1893.25}**

120) Sabbath forenoon, October 14, I spoke to the people from (John 14), presenting before them the manifest love of God for all the world, and [how] when we draw nigh to God He always responds and draws nigh to us. Not one takes a step toward Jesus, but He advances toward them. I presented the dangers of a half and half service. This kind of serving God is no satisfaction to our own souls, and in no way pleases Him who hath bought us with His own precious blood. Children as well as the parents should give themselves without reserve to the Lord and He will accept them. The Lord came near to us, our hearts were softened by His Holy Spirit, and it had a subduing influence upon the hearts of all present. {Lt97-1893.5}

121) There is a call for a higher standard, a holier, more determined, self-sacrificing service in the Lord's work. There is no safeguard for any one but the truth as it is in Jesus. This must be planted in the heart by His Holy Spirit and watered by His grace. Much that is called religion will sink out of sight when assailed by the opposing forces of satanic agencies. Nothing but the truth and wisdom from above can guide, can purify, can bless and sanctify the soul. None must be led to regard self-indulgence as religion. It is a deception. Let not selfishness be pampered. The youth should learn to restrict their desires and beware of extravagance in the outlay of means. To be rooted and grounded in the truth is our only safety. Looking unto Jesus, contemplating His life and character, following in His footsteps, we are safe. "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principalities and powers." [Colossians 2:9, 10.] {Lt11-1893.40}

122) The only safety for our youth in this age of sin and crime is to have a living connection with God. They must learn how to seek God that they may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and act as though they realized that the whole host of heaven was looking upon them with interested solicitude, ready to minister unto them in danger and in time of need. The youth should be barricaded by warning and instruction against temptation. They should be taught what are the encouragements held out to them in the word of God. They should have delineated before them the peril of taking a step into the by-paths of evil. They should be educated to revere the counsels of God in his sacred oracles. They should be so instructed that they will set their resolution against evil, and determine that they will not enter into any path where they could not expect Jesus to accompany them, and his blessing to abide upon them. They should be taught practical, daily religion that will sanctify them in every relation of life, in their homes, in business, in the church, in society. They must be so educated that they will realize that it is a perilous thing to trifle with their privileges, but that God expects them reverently and earnestly to seek daily for his blessing. The blessing of God is a precious gift, and it is to be counted of such worth that it will not be surrendered at any cost. The blessing of God maketh rich, and it addeth no sorrow. {RH November 21, 1893, par. 5}

123) I beg of you to make a wise use of that which I write. Sister Phillips is not to be condemned and denounced; she has been led along step by step in false paths. There have been those who have given her wrong impressions; they have flattered and encouraged her, and their words have had an influence upon her life and upon the work she is doing, which she thinks **God** has given her. I feel sorry because our brethren and sisters have not kept their **eyes steadfastly upon Jesus**; and confusion and weakness are sure to follow. **May the Lord by His Holy Spirit transform minds and characters, that they shall bear the mold and superscription of heaven.** {Lt4-1893.21}

124) **God** would have us **look unto Him** continually, that **by beholding Jesus** we might become **changed into His likeness** in our **characters**. **He was ever touched with human woe, and our hearts should be softened and subdued by His Holy Spirit, that we may be like Him, working in His lines, wearing His yoke, learning His meekness and lowliness of heart.** The **blessed Redeemer** has **set us an example in living out the precepts of the law**. **He says** to **His** followers, “Freely ye have **received**, freely **give**.” [Matthew 10:8.] We are to have an **open heart to receive the rich treasures of heaven**, and **our hearts are to be opened** to let those **rich treasures out** to others. **Oh, we need to abide in Christ, then we will be a constant channel through which God will communicate to our brethren and to the world His own gracious Spirit.** {Lt1a-1894.3}

125) We feel sorry, children, that we have to be so far away from you whom we love so much, but **the Lord loves** you better than it is possible for us to love you, and **He** will care for you and will **bless** you and give you **His peace** and make you **happy**. **When the enemy tempts you, do not let him gain the victory, but tell him you love Jesus and Jesus loves you, and you will not grieve His Holy Spirit when He loves you and cares for you.** The angels of the **Lord** are round about you day and night “Like as a father pitieth his children, so **the Lord pitieth** them that **fear** him.” [Psalm 103:13.] Let the sunshine of the **Saviour’s** love come into your hearts; speak like the pleasant sunshine. {Lt155-1894.3}

126) Are finite men able to read the human heart? How do they know but that in the judgment they have passed upon those they thought erring they have done a great injustice? **How do they know but that God is striving by His Holy Spirit to bring these very souls to repentance, and that the reason of their errors is the counter-working of Satan, who moves upon their objectionable traits of character in order that they may become discouraged in their efforts to overcome?** **Jesus** said, “Ye judge after the flesh. **I** judge no man.” “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.” [John 8:15; 7:24.] {Ms102-1894.21}

127) **We need much more of the presence and power of God, and it is waiting our demand upon it.** Cultivate faith and fervency in prayer. **The Lord Jesus loves** us, and pleads for us. **His Holy Spirit works with in us.** When trials come, utter no word of complaint. Let not a murmuring thought enter the soul. **Jesus**, the precious **Saviour, loves** us with a **love** that is infinite. O talk of **Jesus**, meditate upon **Jesus** and by **beholding Him**, we shall become **changed** into **His character**. We shall not cease to pray that **the blessing of God** may **rest upon** you. {Lt65-1894.20}

128) **The Lord God came down** to our world clothed with the **habiliments** of humanity, that **He** might work out in **His** own life the mysterious controversy between Christ and Satan. **He** discomfited the powers of darkness. All this history is saying to man, “**I**, your substitute and surety, have taken your nature upon **Me**, showing you that every son and daughter is privileged to become a partaker of the **divine nature**, and **through Christ Jesus** lay hold upon immortality.” **Those who are candidates for this great blessing should in everything act in a manner to represent the advantages of their association with the Lord through His revealed truth and through the sanctification of His Holy Spirit.** This will enlarge the

mind of the human agent, fasten it upon **sacred things**, set it to receive **truth**, to comprehend **truth**, which will lead to the working out of **truth** through the **sanctification** of **heart, soul**, and character. {Lt67-1894.31} {SpTEd 220.1}

129) The end is near. You have had **great light**, great opportunities, but you have not improved them in a way that has worked [for] your **spiritual** advancement. The unselfish **love that dwelt in the bosom of Jesus Christ** has not been the quality of the **love** which you have cherished. **Love, pure and Christlike, is not a feeling, but a principle.** You have not known what manner of spirit you were of. **Love is a precious plant which we receive from Jesus. When we are quickened by His strong motive power, taught by His Holy Spirit, we shall love God supremely and our neighbors as ourselves.** Will you weed out the vanities and grasp in your life the realities in order that there shall be no dead fly in the ointment? {Lt19-1894.18}

130) May **the Lord** give you **wisdom** and give **wisdom** to all who are teaching the **truth** to others in Biblical institutes, or in any other place, that they may know **how to communicate** that which they have learned to perishing souls. **If those who have heard the precious truth, which has been spoken in the demonstration of the Spirit, will lay hold upon God by living faith and be vitalized by His Holy Spirit and take up the work right where they are, lifting up Jesus before their own family [so] that all may behold Him, they will do the very work that God calls upon them to do.** Those who take up their home responsibilities will also trade upon **the Lord's goods** by extending their efforts into the neighborhood and into the church. **They will increase in tact and wisdom, for the Holy Spirit will cooperate with a willing, God-fearing, humble worker.** {Lt39-1894.13}

131) The **Saviour** said, "All that the **Father** hath **given Me** shall **come to Me**; and him that **cometh to Me** I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do **mine** own **will**, but the **will of Him** that **sent Me**. And this is the **Father's will** which hath **sent Me**, that of all which **He** hath **given Me** I should lose nothing, but should **raise it up** again at the last day." [John 6:37-39.] **The Lord** has determined to **take** a people to **Himself** according to **His** own **divine wisdom**; not because they are imperfect and defective in character, but because **through His grace He** can **correct** their errors and **remedy** their mistakes. **He can instruct them by His Holy Spirit.** What a mercy it is that the **Lord's purpose** will be accomplished in behalf of all who **believe** in **Christ** as their personal **Saviour**. **He** will **fulfill His purpose**, and the **grace** of **Jesus Christ** will make every **believing** soul **complete** in **Him**. {Ms27-1894.2}

132) **I wish to see Jerusalem when the fires of the last great day shall have cleansed it from all sinful defilement. Jerusalem is now no more sacred to me than any other place on the globe.** Wherever by **His Holy Spirit Jesus** makes known **His presence**, wherever **His righteousness shines forth in bright and glorious beams**, wherever **His divine love illuminates** the humble places of the earth, wherever **His honor dwells**, there I am pleased to be. **Christ** looks with **sadness upon the delusions that ensnare human minds who are so eager to behold the places where His feet are supposed once to have trodden**, and yet **who do not heed His command, "Follow me," who do not walk in the light as He is in the light.** {Lt44-1894.22}

133) My sister, **Jesus** has purchased you with **His** own **life**. **He** has died in order that you might have **His love**, that you might **receive Him** as your personal **Saviour** and **become His witness**, testifying by your **words and actions** that **He** is mighty to **save**. **If you surrender soul, body, and spirit to Christ, He will make you His agent, and by His Holy Spirit will work through you to His name's honor and glory.** If you will **give yourself fully to Jesus**, **He** will **create** in you an **intense desire for the friendship of God**, and you will have **deep longings to reflect the goodness and the love of Jesus** in your **life and character** to your family and to those who know not the **love** of **God**. {Lt51-1894.6}

134) What an account will such professed Christian parents have to render in that great day when every case shall be decided! These world-loving parents profess **Christ**, and have their names registered in the church books, but in **works** they deny **him**. Shall not parents who truly desire to **love God** be partakers of **the divine nature**? Shall they not exert in the home an influence altogether different from that of these hypocritical professors? Shall not the **love** of **Christ** be in them as **a well of water** springing up unto eternal life? Shall it not be made manifest that **Christ abides in the soul temple by the spirit**, word, and action of the parents who realize their responsibility before **God**? **Shall they not pour into the minds of their children that which the Lord Jesus has abundantly given them of his Holy Spirit**? Shall not **his love, his purity, his patience, his meekness and lowliness of heart, his perseverance, integrity, and zeal be made manifest in the character** of godly parents? {ST September 10, 1894, par. 7}

135) **The Lord** will do everything for **His** truth, everything for the salvation of your souls. I pray for your entire company, and am oft blessed in so doing. I am so grateful that **Jesus Christ** is your **Friend**. Only believe. The end of all things is at hand. Go forward. Diffuse the light among the colored people. **The Lord will, if you seek wisdom of Him, give to you largely of His Holy Spirit**. I do fear and **tremble** for you all, knowing that the enemy will try his every snare and device to divert you from every heavenly plan, but you need not fail nor be discouraged. Keep your **eye single** to **the glory of God**. Put on every piece of the **armor**. Let nothing like defiance come into your experience. If **Jesus is your Captain, obey His orders**. Pray much and contemplate **the character of Christ Jesus**, and you will **become changed** from **glory to glory**, from **character to a higher, purer character**, until you are **complete** in **Jesus Christ**. You have gone thus far in your preparation for your mission in the Southern field, and I say, "Do not abandon **the work** which seems to bear the **signature** of **Heaven**. If some fierce waves dash over, look and trust." {Lt119-1894.9}

136) Those who ought to be **laborers in the vineyard** will not undertake the work in **faith and hope**. The stay-at-home, professed Christians are misrepresenting **Jesus Christ**. They refuse to be **partakers** with **Him** of **His trials**, of **His humiliation**, and of **His burden-bearing**. They do not wear **His yoke**. If they would engage all their powers for **God**, they would not work alone. But many feel no genuine **burden** for souls. **Step by step they might work their way until by study and prayer they might become skillful in the Scriptures, and be able to lay hold with intense earnestness of the God of all grace, beseeching Him for His Holy Spirit to mold and fashion them and make them wise to win souls to Christ.** {Lt31-1894.21}

137) The **truth** must be preached in its **purity**; for the speculations and suppositions of men and boasted eloquence, will amount to nothing in these days. What we must have is the **converting, transforming power** of the **Spirit of God** upon **life and character**, and we must **become as little children**. The **Lord** says to **his** workers, "A **new heart** will I give you." O, what a **work** might be accomplished if every one who attempts to **hold forth the word of life** would do so in **sincerity and truth**, having **learned and continuing to learn**, of **Jesus**! What a **work** might be accomplished if the teachers of **truth** knew how to **hide self** in **Jesus**, so that **Christ** and not self might appear! **O that all who profess the name of Christ would draw out their souls after God with yearning desire that they might be filled with his Holy Spirit.** {RH October 9, 1894, par. 13}

138) We have a sufficient **truth**, a **powerful truth**, the **Word of the living God**. It is a **sword** which cuts both ways. But if the **spirit of meekness** is not a cherished attribute in the soul, it languishes and the **truth** does not sanctify the soul, bringing it into subjection—even the **thoughts**—to **Jesus Christ**. Those who have **great light** are required to **walk** in **that light** as did Enoch. **To do this, our ministers need to be converted to God every day, as vessels whom God can fill with His Holy Spirit.** They must ever bear in mind that as ministers they are entrusted with very solemn responsibilities. They cannot act out their own natural traits of character and yet be ensamples to the flock of **God**. The man who is a **teacher of truth**,

→ who is **bearing the last message of mercy** to our world, must **work** in **Christ's lines**, **adopting Christ's maxims**. **He must be imbued with the Spirit of Christ, else he will lead souls astray by his words, his spirit, and his daily manifestation of character.** {Ms41-1894.7}

139) Matters have been presented to me which I must present before you. **I have been shown that the Lord has blessed you with much of His Holy Spirit; precious light has come to the people through your instrumentality.** **The Lord** has a **work** for you to **do**. But the enemy tempts you. In the past he has so shaped matters in your connection with your brethren that to a great degree you have lost confidence in them. You do not confide in them as being led and taught of **God**. Through these things the enemy has weakened your courage. Now, temptations will just as surely come to you as they have come to others in the past, but **Jesus** is your only **helper**, **He** is your **Pattern**. {Lt10-1894.1}

140) I spoke today to a well-filled tent. Many unbelievers were present. I dwelt upon 2 Peter, first chapter. **The Lord gave me His Holy Spirit and I addressed the people with earnestness, presenting the fact that Christ is our only hope and sole dependence.** We are to come to **Him** with our little **trials and large perplexities** and tell them all to **Jesus**, believing that **He** will be our **helper**, our **strength**, our **sympathizing Friend**, for **He** is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. In **the Lord Jehovah** is our **strength**. {Ms1-1895.34}

141) **God would have imbued the worker with His Holy Spirit as he sought to diffuse the light that God had given to him.** He who works with an **eye single** to the **glory of God**, will have **increased light** as he **imparts light**. He will see and realize the value of souls, and contact with an unconverted soul will lead him to kindle his taper at the **divine altar** and **bear its light** to his fellow men. **God** will use the most **humble men, even if they have not been ordained.** Let all **open the heart to the voice** and the **knock** of **Jesus** and let **Him in.** **The Lord** has waited long for the **missionary spirit** to pervade the church, so that every one would **work** as in the sight of the <universe> of heaven. **“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 in the uttermost parts of the earth.”** [Acts 1:8.] {Lt84-1894.23}

142) Angels of **God** would have been close beside them to **impress the hearts** of those who were **thirsting** for the **waters of life**. **God would have imbued the workers with His Holy Spirit as they sought to diffuse the light which God had given them.** He who works with an **eye single** to the **glory of God** will have **increased light** as **He imparts light**. He will see and realize the value of souls, and contact with an unconverted soul will lead him to **kindle his taper at the divine altar**, and **bear its light** to his fellow men. **God** will use the most **humble** men, even if they have not been ordained. Let all **open the heart to the voice and knock** of **Jesus**, and **let Him in.** {Ms51-1894.18}

143) **Jesus** says to all, **“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”** [Matthew 11:29.] **The Lord** says, **“I will hear your requests. I will grant your petitions.”** **“Ask, and ye shall receive.”** [John 16:24.] **Is this promise to be appropriated only by the presidents of conferences? No. Each one who asks will receive.** Individually we are to **wait** upon the **Lord, putting our petitions before Him.** The **religion** of **Jesus Christ** **rests** upon the **Word**, on the definite, solid **“Thus saith the Lord.”** **The Lord is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask it than parents are to give good gifts unto their children.** {Ms100-1894.9}

144) **Your health, your spiritual life, depend upon your personal relation to God. In order to lead others to Christ you must yourself be imbued with the Spirit of Christ. Inhale not a breath from Satan in**



retaliation. If you walk with contrition of heart, with full and decided purpose, having faith in Jesus, He will breathe upon you His Holy Spirit. {Lt9-1894.4}

145) Christ breathed upon his disciples, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Christ is represented by his Holy Spirit today in every part of his great moral vineyard. He will give the inspiration of his Holy Spirit to all those who are of a contrite spirit. Let there be more dependence upon the efficiency of the Holy Spirit, and far less upon human agencies. I am sorry to say that at least some have not given evidence that they have learned the lesson of meekness and lowliness in the school of Christ. They do not abide in Christ, they have no vital connection with him. They are not directed by the wisdom of Christ, through the impartation of his Holy Spirit. Then I ask you, How can we regard these men as faultless in judgment? They may be in responsible positions, but they are living separated from Christ. They have not the mind of Christ, and do not learn daily of him. Yet in some cases their judgment is trusted, and their counsel is regarded as the wisdom of God. When human agents choose the will of God, and are conformed to the character of Christ, Jesus acts through their organs and faculties. They put aside all selfish pride, all manifestation of superiority, all arbitrary exactions, and manifest the meekness and lowliness of Christ. It is no more themselves that live and act, but it is Christ that lives and acts through them. They understand the precious words of the Saviour's prayer, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." God would have every individual look less to the finite, depend less upon men. We have counselors who make manifest that they have not a knowledge of the grace of Christ, and do not understand the truth as it is in Christ. {SpTA03 48.2}

146) It was Christ who breathed on His disciples, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." And Christ is represented by His Holy Spirit today in all parts of the world. He will give the inspiration of His Holy Spirit to those who are of a contrite heart. Let there be more dependence upon the Holy Spirit's efficiency, and far less upon human agencies. Some, at least, have no evidence that they have an abiding Christ, and that He has inspired them with wisdom in counsel through the transfusion of His own self in the heart. There are among our leaders those who are living a life separate from Christ. While they are looked to, trusted in, and relied upon as the great council of God, they have not the mind of Christ. Jesus Christ, living in the faculties of the consecrated human agents, will act through every organ. They will depend upon and choose the will of God, and conform to His character. All pride, all superiority, all arbitrary exactment will be put away; they will feel that they are "all brethren." {Ms32-1897.11}

147) May the Lord give the missionary spirit to His church. Then the workers will go into the harvest field pleading with our heavenly Father that His Holy Spirit may go with them, that they may hold forth the words of life to those who are hastening to death. In all our cities there are heathen who have not had the truth presented to them, who have not heard the warning message of the Lord's soon coming, who have not heard that the end of all things is at hand. Unless messengers shall go to them in the Spirit of Christ, how shall these people hear the gospel invitation? How shall they know that their sins may be forgiven through the mercy of a crucified and risen Saviour? This aggressive warfare must be entered upon with a devoted, self-sacrificing spirit that many know nothing about. As opportunities offer, as doors open, and the Word of Life is brought to the people, it will start into operation the opposers of the truth. The door that is open to the missionary will also be open to the opposer of truth. But if the truth is presented as it is in Jesus, the hearers are responsible for its rejection. {Ms44-1895.16}

148) We returned from Ashfield yesterday, reaching home about four p.m. Sunday May Lacey and I rode to Petersham, eleven miles. I spoke in the tent, from 1 John 3. The Lord gave me His Holy Spirit, and the

truth as it is **in Jesus**, **spoken** on that occasion, made **impression** on minds. There were about one hundred and sixty present, apparently an excellent class of people. They listened, apparently with intense interest, and **the Lord was present** in the meeting. There were quite a number outside the tent all through the service. {Ms59-1895.67}

149) Last Sunday night there were not as many out as usual, either in Ashfield, or Petersham. The baptism was a great event, and many walked a long way to get to it, while carriages were crowded. Standing for the space of two hours made some of the people so weary that they did not come to the meetings in the evening. Four dollars was taken in the collection at Ashfield, and five dollars at Petersham. The meetings are reported as excellent. New ones are coming to the services in both places. **O, we feel like humbling**

→ **our souls before God, and pleading in the name of Jesus for His Holy Spirit to move upon the hearts of the people.** {Lt23-1895.7}

150) Spoke to the church in Parramatta in reference to true godliness, a preparation for the coming of **Jesus Christ**, and the duties of parents to their children. **The Lord gave me much of His Holy Spirit and the congregation felt the power of the Word.** Many testimonies were borne in confession. {Ms60-1895.15}

151) **The Lord gave us in that assembly His Holy Spirit.** There were present the school teachers of Bismark, and there was a woman with a large family of boys in attendance—unbelieving, and we hope that the **seed sown** may spring up and **bear fruit to the glory of God.** **I presented the keeping of the ten commandments of God as the sure evidence of our love to Jesus Christ as is plainly specified in John 14.** Then I linked **these sayings of Christ** to John on the isle of Patmos, “who also **am** your brother and **companion in tribulation**, and in the **kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ**, was in the isle of Patmos for the **word of God**, and for **the testimony of Jesus Christ.**” [Revelation 1:9.] John has voiced the **words of Christ** for our benefit. Revelation [22]:12-17. A very **solemn impression** was upon the people. **After the meeting closed a woman came up and began to declare, with the Bible in her hand, we were not under the law but under grace. “Yes,” I said, “If we keep the commandments of God, we are not under the bondage of the law, but we are free.”** {Lt63-1895.12}

152) You are not to be a poor, cringing mortal, feeling yourself demerited by human beings, longing to get away alone. **God wants you to walk in His light, in His love, to accept by faith the forgiveness of your sins, and by the regenerating influences of His Holy Spirit change your moral affections and make you complete in Jesus Christ.** Stand in the **moral excellence of His character.** “Be **strong in the Lord** and **in the power of his might.** **Put on the whole armor of God,** that ye may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil.” [Ephesians 6:10, 11.] {Lt25a-1895.19}

153) **The Lord has blessed Battle Creek again and again by pouring out His Holy Spirit upon the Church and the workers, but how few have cherished its influence?** How few have expended money as **He** has directed? Means has been used in educating those who know the truth, while fields have been neglected where souls are wholly unenlightened. Had ministers gone out, and used **the gifts God** has **given** them in **carrying the burden of the work in preaching to souls ready to perish**, they would have had far greater **knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ** than they have attained **by seeking the education of the schools.** **They should have done their very best in the strength of God, as did the disciples after the Holy Spirit came upon them, when they went everywhere preaching the Word, and when the power of God attended their message.** Has **God given** us a **work to do**? Has **God** bidden us go amid opposing influences and **convert** men from error to **truth**? {Lt45-1895.17}

154) **The end of all things is at hand. God is moving upon every mind that is open to receive the impressions of his Holy Spirit.** He is sending out messengers that they may give the warning in every locality. **God is testing the devotion of his churches and their willingness to render obedience to the Spirit's guidance.** Knowledge is to be increased. The **messengers of Heaven** are to be seen **running to and fro, seeking** in every possible way to warn the people of the coming **judgments**, and presenting the **glad tidings of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.** The standard of **righteousness** is to be exalted. **The Spirit of God** is **moving** upon men's **hearts**, and those who **respond to its influence** will become **lights** in the world. **Everywhere they are seen going forth to communicate to others the light they have received as they did after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.** **And as they let their light shine, they receive more and more of the Spirit's power.** **The earth is lighted with the glory of God.** {RH July 16, 1895, Art. A, par. 10} {AUCR April 1, 1898, par. 16}

155) **God** has not appointed any man guide, nor made any man conscience for another; therefore let human hands be withheld from restraining his servants who feel the burden to enter his vineyard to labor. Let **God work** with his own chosen agents by **his Holy Spirit.** No human being is to sit in judgment upon his brother. Neither are any to feel that they can handle roughly the precious pearls for which **Christ** gave **his** life. **The pearl, the precious human pearl, was found by Christ.** Let man be warned; be careful how you treat the **Lord's "peculiar treasure."** All discourtesy, all pain, all neglect, which these souls suffer at your hands, is charged against you as inflicted upon **Jesus Christ.** They are not to be treated in a lordly, commanding manner. **Laws and rules are being made at the centers of the work that will soon be broken into atoms.** Men are not to dictate. **It is not for those in places of authority to employ all their powers to sustain some, while others are cast down, ignored, forsaken, and left to perish.** But it is the duty of the leaders to lend a helping hand to all who are in need. Let each work in the line which **God** may indicate to him by **his Holy Spirit.** The soul is accountable to **God** alone. Who can say how many avenues of light have been closed by arrangements which **the Lord** has not advised nor instituted? **The Lord** does not ask permission of those in responsible positions when **he** wishes to use certain ones as **his agents for the promulgation of truth.** But **he** will **use** whom **he** will **use.** **He** will pass by men who have not followed **his** counsel, men who feel capable and sufficient to work in their own wisdom; **and he will use others who are thought by these supposedly wise ones to be wholly incompetent.** Many who have some talent think that they are necessary to the cause of **God.** Let them beware lest they stretch themselves beyond their measure, and **the Lord** shall leave them to their own ways, to be filled with their own doings. None are to exercise their human authority to bind minds and souls of their fellow-men. They are not to devise and put in practice methods and plans to bring every individual under their jurisdiction. {RH July 23, 1895, par. 1}

156) The meeting today was a very solemn occasion for all present. The **testimony** meeting was excellent. Everyone whose name was called responded willingly. I know that the **Lord Jesus was in the midst** of us, and all heaven was pleased as we followed the **example of Christ.** On these occasions **the Lord manifests Himself** in **a special manner** to **soften and subdue** the soul, to **expel selfishness**, to **imbue with His Holy Spirit**, and to **bring love and grace and peace into hearts** that are **contrite.** As the meeting closed and we **turned our tents** in the woods, **a soft, sweet, holy influence pervaded our hearts.** My soul was **filled with sweet peace.** {Ms14-1895.2}

157) Satan is a vigilant watcher and worker, and seeks to intercept every **ray of heaven's light** in order that it shall not come to the soul; but **Christ** is also **working**, and by **mercies** given, and by **mercies** withheld, **he seeks** to **lead** men and women **to look above the earthly to the heavenly and eternal.** Every man is **intrusted with capabilities, with a stewardship** for **the great Householder**, and he is to look to **the great Counselor** for **directions** and for **wisdom.** **Christ** would have his servants **work** for those who

understand **him** not; for **he** looks with **infinite compassion** upon the human family under the deceptive wiles of Satan. **He** sees them employing their God-given probationary time in seeking everything but the one thing essential. **The voice of Jesus** pleads with men, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto **me and drink**, and **the water** that **I shall give** him shall be **in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life**." **No creature that God has created is looked upon with indifference**. **God** has an **intense desire** to **relieve** the woes of mankind and apply **his balsam** to their wounds. **His love** is ever exercised for the needy and oppressed. **His heart** is **full of joy** when the sinner breaks with Satan, and **looks up to God** as to a **merciful, sympathizing, loving Father**. **Jesus** declared, "**My Father worketh** hitherto, and **I work**." **The Lord** is ever **active in exercising his mercy**; **he** would have every soul **become acquainted with the paternal character of God**. When men obtain **a correct view** of the **unceasing mercy of God**, they will be attracted, and **by beholding will become changed into the same image**. Those whom **God** has made stewards of capabilities and means, **he commands**, for their own interest, to **lay up their treasure in heaven**, and as **he has given freely** to them of **his bountiful mercy**, to **give freely** to others. Instead of living for themselves, **Christ** is to **live in them**, and **his Holy Spirit** is to **lead** them to **dispense wisely their goods**, being **merciful** to others even as **he** is **merciful** to all. No man can be a **follower of Christ** and **live** for himself. The Christian is to be **an agent for God**, **dispensing his blessings** to others, and thus **laying up** for themselves **treasure** in heaven. His **treasure** will thus never be lost, but will ever **accumulate increasing interest**, and a **good foundation** be laid against the time to come. {ST September 12, 1895, par. 6}

158) Bear in mind, my son, that success is not the result of chance, of accident, or of destiny, but it is the **outworking of God's** own providence, the award of **faith** and **discretion**, of **virtue** and **persevering labor**. It is the **practice of truth** that brings **success** and **strength** of **moral power**. In **practicing the teachings** of **Jesus** you will reveal to the angels of heaven and to men that you have **learned of the Great Teacher**. The **bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness** are to be welcomed as the **light of the mind**; and the **principles of the character of Christ** are to be made the **principles of our character**. **The Lord** will certainly **be** with you, and will **endue** you with **His Holy Spirit** if you **seek Him** with all your **heart**. {Lt86-1895.25}

159) The **pure in heart** shall **see God**. While all men shall **behold Christ** as **a judge**, the **pure in heart** shall **behold him** as **a friend**; for **Jesus** has said, "Henceforth **I** call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what **his lord** doeth; but **I** have called you **friends**; for **all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known** unto you." The **pure in heart** shall **see Christ** as **a friend and elder brother**. Those who are **constantly looking unto Christ** for **his counsel**, who **pray in sincerity** for **his Holy Spirit**, will be grieved if a cloud hides **him** from their sight. **Satan will pass his hellish shadow across their pathway in order that the human agent shall not discern God, but may behold him who obtrudes himself between the soul and God, suggesting, as he did to Adam, his lying sophistry to lead men into transgression. He frames lies to substitute for a "Thus saith the Lord."** {ST October 3, 1895, par. 3}

160) **God** has **promised to give wisdom** to those who feel their need of **it**. **He** says, "If any of you lack **wisdom**, let him **ask of God**, that **giveth** to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and **it** shall be **given** him." We must feel our need of **wisdom** daily, or else we shall not **seek it**, and will become filled with self-sufficiency, self-importance, and thus be unfitted to learn the **lesson** that **Christ** has **given** in regard to becoming **meek and lowly of heart**. All need **wisdom** to understand that it is **true greatness to keep company with Jesus Christ**, to **walk in meekness and humility with God**, **cultivating single-hearted simplicity**, and being **ever ready to receive instruction from the great Teacher**. **God** has **promised his Holy Spirit**, which is sufficient to **teach** us, **illuminating to our minds the word of God**, which, if practiced, will thoroughly **furnish** a man unto all **good works**. **God's commandments** are exceeding broad. {RH October 8, 1895, par. 6}

161) When you **believe** on **Jesus Christ**, when you have **hold of Jesus Christ** by a firm grip, you can look forward to eternal life. **Our faith will enter, then, within the veil.** And **He** has left with us **His Holy Spirit** to **enable** us to have that **living faith** that shall fasten upon **the promises**, and then we will not despair, but our souls will be **filled with hope and courage**. Satan's temptations will come but **our faith will reach hold of that which is within the veil.** Our **faith** will be **stronger** than the temptation—**an anchor** to the soul both sure and steadfast—and therefore we will be **able to impart the heavenly blessings** to those around us. {Ms18-1895.23}

162) **God** has **given** us **His holy Word**, and **His Word** is to be **presented in the grace** of **His Holy Spirit**. When men permit their peculiar traits of character and their own unpurified spirit to misrepresent the **pure and holy truths** which **God** has committed to them, they cause the loss of many souls who might have been saved if the human agents had been **meek, humble**, and **contrite of heart**. It is only as one has learned of **Jesus** the precious lesson of preserving the fragrance of **His character** that the **Spirit and Word** are a savor of **life unto life**. {Lt7-1895.3}

163) Those who are waiting for the appearing of our **Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ** cannot mingle with those who are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of **God**, who are seeking amusement in games and pleasure parties. As faithful watchmen they must proclaim the warning, "The morning cometh, and also the night." [Isaiah 21:12.] **Christ** has left **His Holy Spirit** to be **His representative** in the world, to give **celestial aid** to every hungering, thirsting soul. **Heavenly inspiration** is still imparted to men, and it is the work of those who have had **light**, to let **light shine forth** to those who are in darkness. Let no one feel inclined to hide his **light**. Those who hide their **light** so that the world may not distinguish between them and those who walk in darkness will soon lose all **power to diffuse light**. They are the ones who are represented by the **five foolish virgins**, and when the crisis comes, when the call is heard, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" [Matthew 25:6], they will arouse at last to find that their **lamps** have gone out, that they have mixed with the elements of the world and have not provided themselves with the **oil of grace**. They were lulled to sleep by the cry of peace and safety, and did not keep **lamps** trimmed and burning. Aroused to their darkness they plead for **oil**, but it is impossible for one Christian to impart **character** to another soul. {Lt84-1895.17}

164) We then had a very excellent testimony meeting. Many testimonies were borne, giving praise and glory to **God** for **His** unspeakable **goodness** and **matchless love** to fallen man in the **gift** of **Jesus**, **His only begotten Son**, that whosoever **believeth** in **Him** should not perish, but have **everlasting life**. All seemed to have a desire to lift up **Jesus** higher and still higher, and the hymns sung were expressive of praise and thanksgiving to **God**. Some testified who were not in the faith; one man, a minister, whose heart was stirred by **the Holy Spirit**, witnessed that the **Spirit of God** was in the meeting. We felt much pleased to see so large an attendance, not only of our own people, but from the outside. May the **Lord touch the hearts** of the people, and give them **His Holy Spirit** to convict of sin and to convert the soul. The **message** of **invitation and mercy** must be given to the world. The time seems short. {Lt82-1895.3}

165) You may ask, as many others have done, How may I know that **Jesus** receives me and loves me? Shall I know by my feelings? No; by **obedience** to **His** Holy Word. Appropriate to yourself the **rich promises** of **God**. Believe His Word that **Jesus is abiding** in your heart by faith. Through faith and trust in **God**, you may have **His** peace, and you can then say, "I know in whom I have believed. I will listen to every whisper of **His Holy Spirit**." {Lt96-1895.4}



166) We are not to look with indifference upon those who are dishonored through sin; “for **God** so **loved** the world, that **he** gave **his** only begotten **Son**, that whosoever **believeth** in **him** should not perish, but have **everlasting life**.” Having given **Jesus**, **God** will with him also freely give us all things that pertain unto **life** and **godliness**. However wretched may be the specimens of humanity that men spurn and turn aside from, they are not too wretched, too low, for the **notice** and **love** of **God**. **He** sends **his Holy Spirit** to yearn over them with **tenderness**, seeking to **draw** them to **himself**. **God** uses humanity to **uplift** humanity. The **Lord Jesus** **condescended** to clothe **his divinity** with humanity, and to stand as a **representative of God** upon earth, an **example** of what **God** would have humanity become through the **grace of Christ**. **God** has not left humanity out of the plan for saving humanity. Humanity must become the **channel** through which the **grace of God** is to flow to reach humanity. {RH November 12, 1895, par. 1}

167) “Then **Jesus** said unto them, yet a little while is **the light** with you. Walk while you have the **light**, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have **light**, believe in the **light**, that ye may be the children of **light**.” Some men in the Battle Creek College have a false idea as to what constitutes duty. **The Lord God** of heaven has caused **his Holy Spirit** from time to time to **move upon** the students in the school, that they might acknowledge **him** in all their ways, so that **he** might direct their paths. At times the **manifestation of the Holy Spirit** has been so decided that studies were forgotten, and the **greatest Teacher** the world ever knew made **his voice** heard, saying, “Come unto **me**, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and **I** will give you **rest**. Take my **yoke** upon you, and **learn** of **me**; for **I am meek** and **lowly in heart**: and ye shall find **rest** unto your souls: for **my yoke** is easy, and **my** burden is light.” **The Lord** **knocked** at the door of hearts, and I saw that angels **of God** were present. There seemed to be no special effort on the part of the teachers to influence the students to give their attention to the things **of God**, but **God** had **a Watcher** in the school, and though **his presence** was **unseen**, yet **his influence** was discernible. Again and again there have been **manifest** tokens of **the presence of the holy Watchman** in the school. Again and again the **voice of Jesus** has **spoken** to the students, saying, “Behold, **I** stand at the door, and **knock**; if any man hear **my voice**, and open the door, **I** will **come** in to him, and will sup with him, and he with **me**.” {SpTA05 9.1} {Ms73-1896.1}

168) Thus hath it been presented to me in regard to the Rural Health Retreat. I had a message of warning. I spoke with earnestness, and I know **the Lord** put **his Holy Spirit** upon me while I presented the danger of association with, and love of, the world. **The worldling is ever on the watch to criticize and accuse those who serve God. This will reveal itself in the querulous complaining of professed Christians, who have never been transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ.** They are deadly enemies to those who believe. They despise the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and if they can make it appear that those who are striving to **obey the commandments of God** are faulty, **Satan** has cast his arrow, and now what?—He has shown his accusing power; but his cruel thrusts will do little harm if the professed believers will stand true to the **words of Christ**, and be **doers of his word**, and not hearers only. Those to whom these complaints are made, are under bonds to **Jesus Christ** to **love** and **respect** and be **faithful** to one another who are **united** to **Christ** in church fellowship. **To unite with the fault-finding element, to be accusers of the brethren, to take up the reproach they lay at your door, is seconding the work of the enemy by playing yourself into his hands, to make his work a success.** {SpTA06 4.3}

169) I wish to see Jerusalem when the fires of the last great day shall have cleansed it from all sinful defilement. **Jerusalem is now no more sacred to me than any other place on the globe. Wherever by His Holy Spirit Jesus makes known His presence, wherever His righteousness shines forth in bright and glorious beams, wherever His divine love illuminates the humble places of the earth, wherever His honor dwells, there I am pleased to be.** **Christ** looks with sadness upon the delusions that ensnare human minds who are so eager to behold the places where **His** feet are supposed once to have trodden, and yet

who do not heed **His command**, "**Follow me**," who do not **walk** in the **light** as **He** is in the **light**. A shadow is resting over Jerusalem, a terrible shadow, which I have no desire to come under. Everywhere **a curse is visible**, which I have no desire to look upon. I can see **marks of the curse** everywhere. {Ms52-1896.26}

170) **God** holds us accountable for our long neglect of doing our **duty** to our neighbors. **He** sees precious jewels that will **shine out** from among the colored race. Let the work be taken up determinedly, and let both the young, and those of mature age, be educated in essential branches. Take hold of this nation that has been in bondage, as **the Lord Jesus Christ took hold** of the Hebrew nation after they came forth from Egypt. **God** will put **his Holy Spirit** upon those who put heart and soul into **the work**, realizing the **truth of the words of inspiration**: "We are **laborers** together **with God**; ye are **God's husbandry**, ye are **God's building**." **The Lord** has long been waiting for human **instrumentalities** through whom **he** could **work**. How much longer shall heavenly **agencies** be obliged to wait for human agents who will respond to the **words of Christ**, "**Go work** today in **my** vineyard"? When the **hearts of God's** professed people are animated by the principle of the **living faith that works by love and purifies the soul**, there will be a response to these **appeals**. **Christ linked himself in brotherhood to all nationalities**. **He** made no distinction between the white race and the black race in his plan of salvation. **He** bought the meanest of humanity with an infinite price, and **he** notes when we leave the naked unclad, the poor unfed, the destitute unrelieved, the despised forsaken. {RH February 4, 1896, par. 2} {SWk 63.2}

171) **The divine Spirit** reveals its **working** on the human heart. When **the Holy Spirit operates** upon the mind, the human agent will understand the statement made by **Christ**, "He shall receive **of Mine**, and shall show it unto you." [John 16:14.] **Subjection to the Word of God** means the **restoration** of one's self. **Let Christ work by His Holy Spirit, and awaken you as from the dead, and carry your mind along with His.** Let **Him employ** your faculties. **He** has created your every capability, that you may better **honor** and **glorify His name**. Consecrate yourself to **Him**, and all associated with you will see that your energies are **inspired of God**, that your noblest powers are called into **exercise to do God's service**. **The faculties once used to serve self and advance unworthy principles, once serving as members of unrighteous purposes, will be brought into captivity to Jesus Christ, and become one with the will of God.** {Lt8-1896.11} {SpTA10 29.2}

172) Men and women may study **the will of God** with profit. Let young men and young women, while the dew of youth is upon them, begin to study the word **of God**, which expresses **his will**. **The steps of Christ** are certainly marked out in the word. **Go where they can be found today. Do not seek to go back to the land where Christ's feet trod ages ago.** **Christ** says: "He that followeth **me** shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light of life**." We can know far more **of Christ** by following **him** step by step in the **work of redemption, seeking the lost and the perishing, than by journeying to old Jerusalem**. **Christ** has taken **his** people into **his church**. **He** has swept away every ceremony of the ancient type. **He has given no liberty to restore these rites, or to substitute anything that will recall the old literal sacrifices. The Lord** requires of his people **spiritual sacrifices alone**. Everything pertaining to **his worship** is placed under **the superintendence of his Holy Spirit**. **Jesus** said that **the Father** would **send the Holy Spirit in his name** to **teach his** disciples **all things**, and **to bring all things** unto their **remembrance** that **he** had said unto them. **The curse rests upon Jerusalem**. **The Lord** has obliterated those things which men would worship in and about Jerusalem, yet many hold in reverence literal objects in Palestine, while they neglect to **behold Jesus** as their **advocate** in the heaven of heavens. {RH February 25, 1896, par. 8}

173) Brethren who are associated together in the Review and Herald Office, you may inquire, How may I know that I am a child **of God**, how may I know that I am an heir **of God** and joint heir with **Jesus Christ**?

When you walk in all humility of mind before **Him**, when you are habitually studying **His Word** with a view to gain a set purpose, to have a knowledge of the only true **God** and **Jesus Christ** whom **He** hath sent, you may know this. By **beholding Jesus**, by dwelling upon **His perfection of character** and striving to be **like Him**, **pure, tender feelings** will take the place of hardheartedness. The soul will be stirred to its very depths with intense desire to be **like Jesus** and to be led by **His Spirit**. Then the **fruit** will appear, and you will **walk in love**. You will **love God** with your whole heart, and will listen to every whisper of **His Holy Spirit**. {Lt9-1896.16}

174) Presidents of conferences, you will be wise if you will decide to come to **God**. **Believe in Him**. **He** will **hear** your prayers, and **come** to your assistance, in much less time than the public conveyances could bring one, two, three, or four men, from a long distance at a great expense, to decide questions which the **God of wisdom** can decide far better for you. **He** has promised, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of **God**, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be **given him**." [James 1:5.] If you will sincerely **humble your hearts** before **Him**, empty your soul of self-esteem, put away the natural defects of your character, overcome your love of supremacy, and come to **God** as a little child, **He** will bestow on you **His Holy Spirit**. When two or three shall agree as touching anything, and shall ask **the Lord, in the name of Jesus, it shall be done** for them. {Ms17-1896.12} {SpTA08 7.1}

175) How many might now be employed were there means in the treasury to sustain them in the work! How many facilities might be used in extending the work **of God** as **his providence** opens the way! Hundreds could be employed in the field in doing good in various branches, but they are not there. Why?—Selfishness keeps them at home; they love ease, and so remain away from **the vineyard of the Lord**. Some would go into regions beyond, but they have not the means to take them; for others have left undone that which they ought to have done. These are some of the reasons why a few workers have to go loaded down as a cart beneath sheaves, while others take no burden. Those who ought to be **laborers in the vineyard** will not undertake **the work in faith and hope**. The stay-at-home, professed Christians are misrepresenting **Jesus Christ**. They refuse to be **partakers with him of his trials, of his humiliation, and of his burden bearing**. They do not **wear his yoke**. If they would engage all their powers for **God**, they would not work alone. But many feel no genuine burden for souls. Step by step they might work their way until, by study and prayer, they might become skilful in the Scriptures, and be able to lay hold with intense earnestness **of the God of all grace, beseeching him** for **his Holy Spirit** to mold and fashion them and make them wise to win souls to Christ. {RH July 14, 1896, par. 8}

176) **God** has appointed a day in which he will judge the world. **Christ** tells us when that day will be ushered in, and says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, ... and then shall the end come." Satan has worked in such a way as to blind the understanding of men, and to cause those who profess to be followers **of Christ** to neglect their weighty **responsibilities**, and to lose their **first love**. He has worked in such a way that a hard, selfish, Satanic spirit has taken possession of many who have loved souls for whom **Christ** died. They might have worked in a variety of ways as **God's instrumentalities**. They might have visited from house to house, and opened **the Scriptures** to those whose understanding is darkened. Angels **of God** would have been close beside them to **impress** the hearts of those who were **thirsting for the waters of life**. **God** would have **imbued** the workers with **his Holy Spirit** as they sought to diffuse the light that **he** had **given** them. He who works with **an eye single to the glory of God** will have **increased light** as he **imparts light**. He will see and realize the value of souls, and contact with an unconverted soul will lead him to kindle his taper at the divine altar, and bear its **light** to his fellow men. **God will use the most humble men, even if they have not been ordained.** Let all open the heart to **the voice** and **the knock of Jesus**, and let **him** in. **The Lord** has waited long for the **missionary spirit to pervade the church**, so that every one would **work** as in the sight of the hosts of heaven. "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 parts of the earth.” Determined effort to oppose the spread of **the message** will be aroused, but we are to remember that **Jesus**, who is **our example**, did not fail, and was not discouraged. **His method of labor** must be our method of labor. **He** did not hesitate or sermonize, but **he instructed** men with authority, as a teacher sent from **God**. {HM August 1, 1896, par. 7}

177) It is by **contemplating Christ**, by **exercising faith in him**, by **experiencing** for ourselves **his saving grace**, that we are qualified to **present him** to the world. When the soul is **renovated through the truth** and **brought into harmony with God, the Lord** will accept us as **workers** together with **himself**, for the salvation of others. **Jesus** will be our **theme**; **his love burning** upon the altar of our hearts, will reach the hearts of the people. **The truth** will be presented, not as a cold, lifeless theory, but as a **living force** to change the life. **But the power is of God through his Holy Spirit, which works effectually on hearts and minds**. When **Jesus** left to **his** disciples **the work** which **he** had begun, **he** charged them: “Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with power from on high**.” And **he** promised, “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.” And the disciples “continued with **one accord** in prayer and supplication,” waiting for **the fulfillment of the promise**. {RH August 25, 1896, par. 7}

178) In their early years, children may be useful in **God's work**. They are the younger members of the family, and **He** will **give** them **His grace** and **His Holy Spirit**, that they may overcome impatience, fretfulness, and all sin. **Jesus loves** the children. **He** has **blessings** for them, and **He loves** to see them **obedient** to their parents. **He** desires them to be **His** little missionaries, denying their own inclinations and desires for selfish pleasures **to do service** for **Him**; and this **service** is just as acceptable to **God** as the **service** of grown-up children. {Ms27-1896.3} {RH November 17, 1896, Art. B, par. 3}

179) We left Cooranbong Friday. Sara accompanied me to this place for the purpose of meeting Elder Farnsworth and wife and speaking to the church in Ashfield. Brother and Sister Farnsworth and Elder Israel met with the Parramatta church Sabbath forenoon. Brother Farnsworth spoke to the church, and they said they had an excellent meeting. I spoke to those assembled in Ashfield. **The house was well filled and the Lord gave me of His Holy Spirit, both forenoon and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon**. Brother Farnsworth said a few words Sunday afternoon, and in the evening the church was well filled. On Sabbath afternoon there was a **testimony** meeting and **the Lord Jesus was in our midst**. {Lt156-1896.1}

180) “Then **Jesus** said unto them, yet a little while is **the light** with you. Walk while ye have **the light**, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have **light**, believe in **the light**, that ye may be the children of **light**.” Some men in the Battle Creek College have a false idea as to what constitutes duty. **The Lord God** of heaven has caused **his Holy Spirit** from time to time **to move upon** the students in the school, that they might **acknowledge him** in all their ways, so that **he** might **direct** their paths. At times the **manifestation** of **the Holy Spirit** has been so decided that studies were forgotten, and **the greatest Teacher** the world ever knew **made his voice heard**, saying, “**Come** unto **me**, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and **I** will give you **rest**. **Take my yoke** upon you, and **learn** of **me**; for **I am meek and lowly in heart**: and ye shall find **rest** unto your souls: for **my** yoke is easy, and **my** burden is light.” **The Lord knocked** at the door of hearts, and **I** saw that angels **of God** were present. There seemed to be no special effort on the part of the teachers to influence the students to give their attention to the things **of God**, but **God** had **a Watcher** in the school, and though **his presence** was unseen, yet his **influence** was discernible. Again and again there have been manifest tokens of **the presence** of **the holy**

**Watchman** in the school. Again and again **the voice of Jesus has spoken** to the students, saying, “Behold, **I** stand at the door, and **knock**; if any man **hear my voice**, and **open the door**, **I** will **come** in to him, and will sup with him, and he with **me**.” {SpTEd 77.2}

181) The disciples of **Christ** are not called upon to magnify men, but to magnify **God**, the source of all wisdom. Let educators give **the Holy Spirit** room to do its **work** upon human hearts. **The greatest Teacher is represented in our midst by his Holy Spirit.** However you may study, however you may reach higher and still higher, although you occupy every moment of your probationary time in the pursuit of knowledge, you will not become complete. **When time is over, you would have to ask yourself the question, “What good have I done to those who are in midnight darkness? To whom have I communicated the knowledge of God, or even the knowledge of those things for which I have spent so much time and money?”** It will soon be said in heaven, “It is done.” “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. **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**” **When this fiat is spoken, every case will have been decided. Far better would it be for workers to take smaller work, and to go about it slowly and humbly, wearing the yoke of Christ and bearing his burdens, than to devote years in preparation for a large work, and then fail to bring sons and daughters to God, fail to have any trophies to lay at the feet of Jesus.** Men and women are hovering altogether too long in Battle Creek. **God** calls them, but they do not hear **his voice**. Fields are neglected, and that means that minds are unenlightened. Corrupt seed is being rapidly sown in the hearts of our youth, and great practical **truths must be brought** in contact with the children and youth; for **truth is powerful**. {SpTEd 141.2}

182) **Ministers of Jesus Christ should apportion some part of God’s vineyard to men who are standing idle in the market place.** If they blunder, then correct their mistakes, and set them at work again. Many more have been hindered from going forth into the work, than have been encouraged to trade upon their talents, and yet it is by using their ability that they learn how to employ their talents. Many have entered Battle Creek to obtain an education who could have been better instructed in their own country. Time has been lost, money has been needlessly expended, a **work** has been left undone, and souls have been lost, because of the miscalculation of those who thought they were serving **God**. **The Lord lives, and His Holy Spirit presides everywhere.** The impression must not prevail that Battle Creek is the Jerusalem of the world, and that all must go up there to worship. Those who desire to **learn**, and who make every possible effort to acquire **knowledge, walking** conscientiously in **the light of the truth**, need not journey to Battle Creek. **God** is our teacher; and those who would improve their talents where they are, will be blessed with **teachers sent of God to instruct** them,—teachers who have been preparing to **do a work** for **the Master**. **To spend more time, to expend more money, is to do worse than to lose it; for those who seek to obtain an education at the expense of practical godliness are on the losing side.** That which they acquire in educational lines during the time when they should have entered upon **the work**, is mere waste and loss. The heavenly intelligences are waiting for human agents with whom they can co-operate as missionaries in the dark parts of the earth. **God** is waiting for men to engage in **home missionary work** in our large cities, and men and women are retained in Battle Creek when they should be distributed in the cities and towns, along the highways and hedges. They should be calling and bidding men to **come to the marriage supper**, for all things are now ready. There will be missionaries who will **do good work** in the **Master’s vineyard** who do not go to Battle Creek. {Lt47-1895.88} {SpTEd 143.1}



183) You both should stand firmly for the **truth** and not, by any course of action you may pursue, bring dishonor to **God**. Your time, your, character, your influence, would be given **to do Him service**. Be true to yourself; make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way. May **the Lord** grant **His Holy Spirit** to **rest** upon you in **large measure**. Then you will reveal **Christ in words, in spirit, and in character**. The **mind** that is brought into **captivity** to **Jesus Christ** will **meditate** upon heavenly things; and O, how sweet will be that contemplation. {Lt119-1897.2}

184) **Jesus** says, “Walk while ye have **the light**, lest darkness come upon you.” Gather up every ray, pass not one by. **Walk in the light. Practise every precept of truth** presented to you. **Live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**, and you will **then follow Jesus** wherever **he goeth**. **When the Lord presents evidence upon evidence and gives light upon light, why is it that souls hesitate to walk in the light?** Why do men neglect **to walk in light to a greater light?** **The Lord** does not refuse to give **his Holy Spirit** to them that **ask him**. When **conviction** comes home to the conscience, why not listen, and heed **the voice** of **the Spirit of God**? **By every hesitation and delay, we place ourselves where it is more and more difficult for us to accept the light of heaven, and at last it seems impossible to be impressed by admonitions and warnings. The sinner says, more and more easily, “Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.”** {RH June 29, 1897, par. 2}

185) Living upon the plan of addition, which is here brought to view, will give strength and efficiency to follow in the **footsteps** of your **Redeemer**. **Looking** unto **Jesus, studying His character**, you will have **spiritual strength**. The **joy** of **Christ** will be **in you**, and your **joy will be full**. You will be **a partaker of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruptions that are in the world through lust. Will you take heed to **the instructions** here given? If you live adding **grace to grace**, **God** will multiply unto you the precious **influences** of **His Holy Spirit**. Your religious experience will no longer be filled with gloom and you be **spiritually** strengthless. {Ms75a-1897.15}

186) **Our Saviour** addresses the parents, and says, “**Ask, and ye shall receive.**” “If ye being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your **heavenly Father give his Holy Spirit** to them that **ask him**.” O what **love**, what **matchless love**, has **God our Father shown** to us His children! In full assurance of faith we may call **Him Father**. **He** would have us **believe** that **He** has a **special care** for us, for has not the **rich fountain been flowing** down to us in **richest currents of love and pity and tenderest compassion?** **His love is immeasurable**. Parents may love their children, but **the love of God is larger, broader, deeper than human love possibly can be**. **The Father** hath an **inexhaustible fountain of love**. **He loves** you, dear sister. **He loves** your husband. **He loves** your children. **He loves** your parents. **The Lord Jesus** is your **Redeemer**, your **Restorer**. Only have faith. Trust **Him** just now. {Lt95-1897.4}

187) There are a few who have felt dissatisfied with the restraints, because of the most earnest efforts not to allow association between girls and boys, and this dissatisfaction will be manifested by disregarding the rules. If the boys and girls **loved the Lord Jesus**, they would be under the **influence of His Holy Spirit** and would choose to carry themselves with **modesty** and **sobriety**. They would maintain their own **integrity** and there would be no need of these rules. But so long as they will, at every chance they can get, act out the desire to be in association—the girls with the young men and the young men with the girls—**there must be a large responsibility upon the teachers to keep the young men and women from forming attachments**. If the students have come to the school to study, to put in their time earnestly, and be

prepared to act in home duties and in missionary **work**, they must consecrate all their faculties to improvement. But some youth need far less looking after than others. {Ms176-1897.56}

188) In your labors day unto day, you will in words bring from **the treasure house** of the soul things **new and old** of the most **precious things of God**. You will **communicate whatsoever things are good and lovely**. **Directed by the finger of God**, **defended by His providence**, and **upheld and sustained by His Holy Spirit**, you will **walk** both unitedly and securely, for you will move in **the straight line of duty** and of safety. **The mark of the high calling** of **Christ Jesus** is before you. Keep the **thoughts elevated**, the **eye upward**. Tempests and storms will beat upon you, but **keep the eye single and fixed upon Him**, who is the **Author and Finisher** of your **salvation**. **Press onward**, catching the **bright beams** of the **Sun of Righteousness**, **singing** unto **the Lord** a new song even of **praise and thanksgiving**. {Lt220-1897.3}

189) **God will not trust His Holy Spirit to those who would work contrary to its deep inward, earnest working.** Young men who will indulge in intemperate habits, in smoking and tampering with the wine cup, will so corrupt the principles of the soul, that these objectionable things become one with their nature, a part of themselves, not only to demoralize themselves, but others. **Low gratifications indulged, and indulged continuously, degrade the entire being.** The taste for evil and love of coarseness becomes natural. Stain after stain gathers like leprosy upon the soul, until they are suddenly destroyed, and that without remedy. **The sinner may repent, and Jesus may accept his contrition, and will pardon his transgression, but the influence of that time of evil doing upon others can never be entirely counteracted.** {Ms126-1897.36}

190) **Jesus** added, “**Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**” Rejoice not in the possession of power, lest you lose sight of your **dependence** upon **God**. Be careful lest self-sufficiency come in, and you work in your own strength, rather than in the **spirit and strength** of your **Master**. Self is ever ready to take the credit if any measure of success attends **the work**. Self is flattered and exalted, and the impression is not made upon other minds that **God is all and in all**. The apostle Paul says, “When I am weak, then am I strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:10. When we have a realization of our weakness, we learn to depend upon a power not inherent. Nothing can take so strong a hold on the heart as the abiding sense of our **responsibility** to **God**. Nothing reaches so fully down to the deepest motives of conduct as a sense of the **pardoning love** of **Christ**. **We are to come in touch with God**, then we shall **be imbued with His Holy Spirit**, that enables us to come **in touch** with our fellow men. Then rejoice that **through Christ** you have **become connected with God**, members of the heavenly family. While you look higher than yourself, you will have a continual sense of the weakness of humanity. The less you cherish self, the more distinct and full will be your comprehension of the excellence of your **Saviour**. The more closely you **connect** yourself with **the source of light and power**, the **greater light** will be shed upon you, and the **greater power** will be yours **to work** for **God**. Rejoice that you are **one with God**, **one with Christ**, and with the whole family of heaven. {DA 493.3}

191) The **talents** entrusted to men may be used in an unconsecrated manner, by doing a good action from impulse, in a haphazard way, refusing to see opportunities that are close by, and that should claim the attention. **Many practice self-denial and self-sacrifice by fits and starts.** They need to seek the **wisdom** that comes from **God** alone. They need to consult their **Leader**. **They need to do much praying, much trusting in Jesus Christ that His Holy Spirit may work in them, revealing a straightforward course of service which God will approve, and which will be a benefit and blessing to many souls.** The

consecration of all our **words and actions** to **God** makes us **His witnesses**. It develops a **character** that is the result of cherishing **the truth** in all its principles. **Truth** is not a cheap commodity; it is as **precious gold, tried in the fire**. {Lt35-1898.11}

192) “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life**.” If men and women would hear these **words, meditate on them**, and **believe them** with the whole heart, all controversy would be ended. Men think too much of what they themselves can do. They become elated and self-confident. They fail to realize their entire dependence upon **God**. They think that **God** is dependent on their ability in **His** work of saving souls. **If these looked to Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, they would realize the truth of the words, “Without Me ye can do nothing.” “No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me,” Christ** declared. But while the **good works** even of the best men cannot save them, none can be saved without bearing the **fruit of good works**. The **sanctifying power of Christ** upon the heart will produce **precious fruit**, and **His Spirit and power** will make our **works** acceptable to **God**. **If by His Holy Spirit Christ abides in the soul, our features, our attitude, our words will reveal Him to the world.** {ST January 6, 1898, par. 10}

193) These are the motives we have in working to bring all we can to **Jesus**. We are anxious to establish our **school**, that all who wish to become students may have an opportunity. Left to yourselves, you will never exercise your reason correctly. But **the Lord** will not leave you to yourselves. **He** follows you by **His Holy Spirit**. **He** thrusts the subject upon you. **Is it unpleasant to you to be urged to come and put forth every effort? We do not ask those to come who feel they have no need. We want those who feel their great necessity, and who desire to be workers.** {Ms10a-1898.22}

194) In this work is a constant **education**. The desire to be a blessing discovers the weakness and inefficiency of the worker. This drives the soul to **God** in prayer, and **the Lord Jesus** gives **light** and **His Holy Spirit**, and they understand that **it is Christ** who does the **melting and breaking** of the hard hearts. **Through you, the human agency, He communicates His light, His truth; you are the frail instrument through whom the hidden power of God does work, that His strength may be perfected and made glorious in your weakness.** {Lt133-1898.4} {RH December 6, 1898, Art. B, par. 5}



195) **The students in our school have the privilege of knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent.** The moment **glance** inquiringly toward **Christ, seeking for His grace, He** advances to us. **He** would encourage the one who is **looking to Him to behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world. **No one can sincerely desire conformity to Christ’s likeness, but the Lord by His Holy Spirit begins to transcribe His likeness on the heart.** **He** who commanded the **light** to shine out of darkness is willing and longing to shine in every heart, to give each one the **light of the knowledge of His glory** in the face of **Jesus Christ**. {Ms84-1898.3} {RH October 25, 1898, par. 2}

196) My brother, I am pained to see that in the place of rising up to **walk** with **the Lord Jesus**, you are indulging **a spirit** of doing very little. Will you not **bind** yourself up with **God**? Waste not your physical and mental powers in inaction. Let your example be a constant reminder of what **God** requires from every steward of means and of ability. Faith and prayer will do everything for you. May **the Lord move upon you by His Holy Spirit. Arise and shine**; for your **light** has come, and **the glory of the Lord** has **risen** upon you. {Lt79-1898.20}

197) The apostle continues, “Furthermore, then, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by **the Lord Jesus**, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to **walk** and to please **God**, so ye would abound more and more, for ye know what **commandments** we gave you by **the Lord Jesus**. For this is the **will of God**,

even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to **possess** his vessel in **sanctification** and **honor**. ... For **God** hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto **holiness**. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but **God**, who hath also given unto us **his Holy Spirit**. But as touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are **taught of God** to **love** one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; and that ye **study to be quiet**, and **to do** your own business, and **to work** with your own hands, as we **commanded** you; that ye may **walk honestly** toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.” {Lt106-1898.13}

198) **“Abide in me.” Do not stand outside of Christ, as many professed Christians of today. To “abide in me, and I in you”** is a possible thing to do, and the **invitation** would not be given if you could not do this. **Jesus our Saviour is constantly drawing you by His Holy Spirit, working with your mind that you will abide with Christ.** You have wandered from **Him** who is your **light**, your **life**, your **salvation**. The **blessings He** bestows are all connected with your own individual action. Shall **Christ** be refused? **He** says, **“Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out”** John 6:37. Of another class **He** says, **“Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life”** John 5:40. **The Lord Jesus** knew man could not save himself. **He** must be saved by a **power** outside of himself. {Ms194-1898.9}

199) By the **light of truth God** has revealed **the path** that leads to **Paradise**. **He** has **given** opportunities and privileges and **His Holy Spirit to aid** in reaching the highest standard of Christian **character**. But man must **work** in **Christ’s lines**. He must be a laborer together with **God**. He must submit to **God’s training**, that he may be **complete in Christ**. In the **Scriptures** we are shown how to **co-operate** with **God**. Peter writes **“To them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. {Lt139-1898.52}

200) I think it is **God’s will** for you to unite with Brother and Sister Starr. You can all **work to do service** to **God**, and can be a **strength and help** to one another. Your husband sleeps in **Jesus**, and if Brother and Sister Starr can do something to fill the void, you can **unitedly** accomplish more than if you were separated. May **the Lord** give you much of **His Holy Spirit**, that you may have perfect assurance and peace. {Lt30-1899.4}

201) **The wails of a world’s sorrow are heard all around us. Sin is pressing its shadow upon us**, and our **minds** must be ready for every **good word and work**. We know we have **the presence of Jesus**. The sweet influence of **His Holy Spirit** is **teaching and guiding our thoughts to speak words** that will refresh and cheer and brighten the pathway of others. **If we can speak to our sisters often, and in the place of saying, “Go,” lead them ourselves to do as we would do, to feel as we should feel, we shall have a strong an abiding conception of the value of the human soul.** We are **learners**, that we may be **teachers**. This **ideal** must be **imprinted on the minds** of every church member. {Lt54-1899.9} {6T 115.4}

202) **The wails of a world’s sorrows are all around us; its shadow is pressing in upon us**, and our **minds** must be ready for every **good word and work** because we know we have **the presence of Jesus**. The sweet influence of **his Holy Spirit** is **teaching and guiding our thoughts, to speak the words** that will refresh and cheer and brighten the path of others. {RH May 9, 1899, Art. B, par. 12}

203) I have received and read your letter with surprise. I cannot sleep past twelve o’clock p.m. I am inquiring what I ought to do or say that will change the condition of your mind. I have had the most intense

interest in your behalf, and may **the Lord** guide my pen. **The Lord** has made you a man of **His appointment** and angels **of God** have been your helpers. I have written that **the Lord** has placed you in the very position that you are in, not because you are infallible but because **He** would work your **mind** by **His Holy Spirit**. It is **the Lord** who has placed you where you are to **impart the truth, present the truth** as it is **in Jesus**, in this period of the earth's history. I know the position you are in, where such great and momentous **responsibilities** are entrusted to you. {Lt73-1899.1}

204) My brethren in responsible positions, you are a spectacle unto the world, to angels, and to men. Brother Wilcox, when you see the necessity of being a **faithful householder**, you will give **meat** in due season. **Present truth. Guard the paper, lest there shall be introduced into it articles that are not suitable for this time.** **God** help you, my dear fellow laborers, to **work** as if you were in full view of the whole universe of heaven. Important issues must soon be met, and we wish to be hid in the **cleft of the rock, that we may see Jesus, and be quickened** by **His Holy Spirit**. **We have no time to lose, not a moment.** {Lt89-1899.9}

205) **Christ** will never say to anyone who comes to **Him** for help I am discouraged with you. No; **He** gives **His** whole **mind** to the subject of each, as though this was the only thought **He** had in mind. And such tenderness, such deep interest **He** reveals for the welfare of every soul. **He** wants your confidence, and **He** wants your faith in **Him** as a personal **Saviour**. Forget your petty grievances, and keep your eyes fixed on **Jesus**. **He** calls you to come. **He** invites you to take **His yoke**. Philip, Peter, **the Lord** calls you to come to **His** side, to **work** in **His** cause and **honor His name**. Be not impatient with me because I plead for your souls. There is a whole heaven of **blessings** for you if you will let **God bestow** upon you the **endowment of His Holy Spirit**. Let every soul be **converted** anew. Your help is **in God**. Turn your face toward the **Sun of Righteousness**. Plead with **the Lord** with **heart** and **soul** and **voice**. Make thorough **work** for eternity, and you will have the full **blessing of God**. I leave this with you, and may **the Lord work** with you by **His Holy Spirit**. {Lt160-1899.15}

206) My brother, I believe **Jesus** has presented to you correct views of yourself and of that which is objectionable in your character as a minister of **God**. If you see this and repent of it, you will give evidence by your words and actions that you are transformed by confessing your sin and forsaking that which has grieved **the Spirit of God**. **The Lord** will write pardon over against your name, and will permit you to **serve Him** in ministerial **work**. **He** will be to you a present **help** in every time of need if you will **walk** humbly before **Him**. **Jesus** longs to see the **impress** of **His Holy Spirit** on every child **of God**. **He** desires you to be **perfect and entire, "wanting nothing."** [James 1:4.] {Lt64-1900.11}

207) Let us **remember** that **the Word Christ** has **commanded us** to preach to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples is **confirmed by the Holy Spirit**. This is **God's plan of work**. **Christ** is **the mighty power** which **confirms the Word**, bringing men and women, through **conversion** to the truth, to an **understanding** faith, making them **willing** to do whatsoever **He** had **commanded** them. The human agent, the seen **instrument**, is to preach **the Word**, and **the Lord Jesus**, the **unseen agency**, by **His Holy Spirit** is to make **the Word efficacious and powerful**. {Lt105-1900.7}

208) **Christ** prayed that **His** disciples might give to the world an **example of His power to mold human beings into His own image**. **His Holy Spirit** changes those degraded by sin, **restoring them to holiness**.

Cannot we see and understand that **Christ** teaches us by **His own example** to count all things but loss for the riches of **His grace** and the **excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord**? Does **He** not show us by **His wisdom**, by **His obedience to the law of God**, that this is the sum of all **science**? "**The law of the Lord** is **perfect**, converting the soul: **the testimony of the Lord** is sure, making **wise** the simple. **The statutes of the Lord** are right, **rejoicing** the heart, **the commandments of the Lord** are **pure, enlightening**



the eyes.” “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who **walk in the law of the Lord.**” [Psalm 19:7, 8; 119:1.] {Lt135-1900.20}

209) When the mind, instead of being centered upon self, is occupied in seeking to enrich poverty-stricken souls, the treasure of **God’s love—the golden oil** from the two olive trees—is **poured** into the heart. Those who **impart** to others of the **riches of the grace of heaven** will be themselves enriched. This **blessed experience** all can obtain who will be **channels through which God can impart His grace.** It is for all who will dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone in **Jesus Christ.** The **ministering angels** are waiting, longing for **channels** through which they can **communicate heavenly treasures.** Men and women can reach the highest stage of **mental and moral development** only by **co-operating** with **Jesus Christ,** by **learning His methods, by accepting His Holy Spirit,** by **laboring** together with **Him.** The **intellect** is never so truly enriched as when we are trying to **enrich** others. {Lt2-1901.14} {GH January 1, 1901, Art. A, par. 15}

210) All the men who are so passionate that nothing can cross their track, but that they have to fly into a passion, will only dishonor any church in our Conference. **God** is well pleased with **His** children who urge and intercede with **God** and present **His promises** made in their behalf; but if while doing this their mind and heart are full of complainings and murmurings and faultfinding, and their mouth defiled with evil-speaking and reproach of others, **God** has no use for their talents of words. Let all this wickedness of thought and feelings and all malice be put away. When the church members heed the **words of Christ** in warnings and instruction, then **the Lord** can **work** by **His Holy Spirit** with the members of the church. When the church acts the **will** of **God** on its part, then **the Lord Jesus will act His promise** and **reveal His grace** to all who put their trust in **Him.** {Lt214-1901.2}

211) **The Lord** has given to each man his work. Bro. and Sr. Burden, you are not to look [to] or depend on any human being. Look in faith to our **precious Leader, the Captain of the Lord’s host.** Armed and equipped by **His grace** and **His keeping power,** you may be a great help to the cause in the Sanitarium. It gives me courage to know that you and Bro. <and Sr.> Kress are where you are. With the good hand of **the Lord** with you, you can hold the fort. Looking unto **Jesus,** you can daily **receive wisdom to impart** to the poor, sin-sick souls who need **light.** May **God** give you largely of **His Holy Spirit** that **by precept** and **example** you may help those who need help. {Lt13-1901.10}

212) **The life of a church depends on the interest which its members manifest in those outside the fold.** Let the church **of God** remember that **Christ** gave **Himself** as a sacrifice to save a world from destruction. For our sake **He** became poor, that we through **His** poverty might come into possession of eternal riches. **Shall those whom God has blessed with a knowledge of the truth become narrow in their plans? Let them arouse to a sense of their vast obligations, cutting away every thread of selfishness, that the Lord may pour upon them His Holy Spirit. Let them seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near.** They have no reason for being faithless and complaining. Let them cease all fault-finding and murmuring, and encourage a spirit of gratitude for past mercies and blessings. Let them praise the Lord in unfeigned gratitude for **the light of His Word,** which shines upon their pathway, to be received into heart and mind, and reflected upon those in darkness. Thus they will be prepared to work to the praise and **glory of Christ,** and to inscribe upon their banners, “**Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**” {ST August 21, 1901, par. 10}

213) “**The Word** was made flesh, and **dwelt** among us.” [John 1:14.] **This Word** was “the **true Light,** which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” [Verse 9.] O that all would see the importance of understanding **the Word of Life!** “**He** was in the world, and the world was made by **Him,** and the world knew **Him** not.” [Verse 10.] What **a representation!** **The Majesty of heaven,** sent to our world in the guise of humanity, **was unrecognized, unacknowledged.** Shall **God’s** people be as ignorant now of **His** working

as were the people mentioned in this Scripture? Servants of the **Most High** are again preparing a people to know and understand **Christ**, uplifting **Him** before the people as **the Lamb of God**, who alone can take away the sin of the world. Shall we, by neglecting to obey **the Word**, allow our spiritual eyesight to become so blinded that we cannot discern the working of **Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit** through His servants? {Ms59-1902.5}

214) **The Lord** is working. The salvation of **His** striving people is promised to the **Saviour**. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of **thy power**." [Psalm 110:3.] **The Source** of **all divine agencies** gives **an energy** to souls by **His Holy Spirit**, whereby **He** works in the children of disobedience, causing the dead in trespasses and sins to become transformed, to put away their sins and live to **Christ**. The men heretofore blinded by the enemy may see the worldliness in believers, and they will be disgusted at its truly hideous character in the light of **Christ's divine glory** and **beauty** through the revealing of the truth as it is **in Jesus**. **It is the light of life**. **It is a soul-energizing light**. {Ms129-1901.9}

215) **The Lord Jesus is the maker of the mind which man has debased and enfeebled by sin**. The central power of the earth's fallen subjects is a demon. He has set up his throne in the world. **Christ** proposes the means of recovery through the great work of redemption. "**God** so loved the world, that **He** gave **His** only **begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in **Him** should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] **The Lord Jesus**, through sacrificing **His** life upon the cross, **purposed by the agency of the Holy Spirit to bring man to see his position as a sinner and surrender his will to God's will**. **He** will sanctify every soul that will receive **the gracious gift** and give him **power** to become a son of **God**. **He** takes away the destructive tendencies of the sinful nature and brings the human agency into **His** service. **Working through His Holy Spirit He sanctifies and cleanses the soul temple**. Thus, though his whole powers had become deranged, man may be brought back, restored to his original relationship to **God**, and become an agent of good to every other man. In place of the diseased, soul-and-body-destroying principles of evil, he follows heavenly principles. **Sanctified by the agency of the Holy Spirit, his influence upon his fellow man becomes aggressive to expel from the earth the evils produced through the satanic perversion of that which God designed should be only good**. All these perverted powers **the Lord Jesus** will turn to **His** service, and man becomes the human **channel** to work the will of **God** to redeem and bring back a world that has broken away from [its] allegiance to **God** and to unite them to their proper center. {Ms176-1902.2}

216) As faithful householders, give meat in due season to the household of **God**. Present **truth** to the people. Work as if in full view of the whole universe of heaven. We have no time to lose—not a moment. **Important issues must soon be met, and we need to be hidden in the cleft of the rock, that we may see Jesus and be quickened by His Holy Spirit**. {7T 154.3}

217) My sister, your husband is not a stranger to suffering. He has not yet been truly converted, and neither have you. Your first work should be to **heed the invitation of Christ**. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." [Matthew 11:28.] **The Lord** desires you to wear **His** yoke. **Remember that we cannot have rest in this life or in the future life unless we comply with Christ's invitation**. **His Holy Spirit** alone can develop a harmonious character, a character that will produce **uniformity and peace**. By praying and watching unto prayer, bring fragrance into your lives. Both of you need to feel your entire dependence on **God**. It is only by **His aid** that any of us can gain **spiritual power**. You may both at times struggle hard and long, to rule and subdue self, but you will fail unless you receive **help** from **on high**. Only through our **Lord Jesus Christ** can we gain the victory over self and selfishness. Let us acknowledge **God as the source of all our blessings**. Let there be in our lives no boasting, no feeling

of superiority. Let us humble ourselves before **the Lord**, consecrating all we have and are to **Him**. {Lt55-1902.11}

218) **On the day of Pentecost the Infinite One revealed Himself in power to the church. By His Holy Spirit, He descended from the heights of heaven as a rushing mighty wind to the room in which the disciples were assembled.** Words of penitence and confession of sin were mingled with songs of praise for sins forgiven. Words of thanksgiving and of prophecy were heard. **All Heaven** was bending low to behold and adore the wisdom of matchless, incomprehensible Love. The apostles and disciples were lost in wonder, and exclaimed, "Herein is Love!" [1 John 4:10.] **They grasped the imparted gift.** Their hearts were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, **God** forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our **Lord Jesus Christ**. They were filled with an intense longing to add to the church of such as should be saved. They called on the believers to arouse and do their part, that all nations might hear the truth and the earth **be filled with the glory of the Lord**. {Ms62-1902.13}

219) Brother Bollman, **the Lord** has given you talents which, sanctified by **His Holy Spirit**, will place you on vantage ground. Do not at any time yield to the temptation to draw about you a cloak of self-righteousness so that **the Comforter, the Holy Spirit of God**, shall not be able through the **grace of Christ Jesus** to **enter your heart**, softening it and making you tender and compassionate and loving in disposition. Let your heart be humble and contrite. Thus through **an abiding Christ** you will become **Christlike in character**. **The Lord** desires you to stand by **His** side as a kind, patient, humble son **of God**. {Lt174a-1902.7} {PUR July 26, 1906, par. 4}

220) As workers, we are to be **Christ's representatives** on the earth. We are to be **representatives** of the truth as it is **in Jesus**. As far as possible, every branch of the work should be carried on in the manner in which **Christ** carried on **His** work during **His** ministry. The mind of every one of us must be worked by **His Holy Spirit**. True, we may take up some line of service and seem to do a certain work without first consecrating ourselves wholly to **the Lord**; but the results of such a work are not eternal. All of us—and especially those of us who are leaders, we who for many years have been students of the prophetic **Word**—should more fully understand the responsibilities that are resting upon us. To this end, **let us read a few verses from Ephesians**—instruction that is right to the point and that will help us to realize our privileges and responsibilities better than almost anything else that could be read. In this epistle Paul says: "I therefore, the prisoner of **the Lord**, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation** wherewith ye are called." [Ephesians 4:1.] {Ms127-1902.3}

221) **The Lord, by His Holy Spirit, is going to strengthen Brother Jones, enabling him to endure the inconveniences and taxation of travel from place to place.** **He** desires our brother to heed **the messages** that **He** has taken pains to send to him. **He** desires him to weave into the fabric of his character the threads of **patience** and **kindness**, that in heaven it can be said of him, **He** is complete **in Christ Jesus**. **God** desires every minister of the gospel to strive to attain to **this perfection**. {Ms120-1902.14} {Lt242-1906.29}

222) **I have mentioned this to show the important place that the asking of questions fills in teaching the truth. By His Holy Spirit the Lord can make us light-receivers and light-givers.** **The Lord** desires unbelievers to be brought in contact with **His** people, that they may be blessed by **the increased light** shining from **His Word**. In our dealings with those who know not the truth, we should be very careful to do nothing that will leave on their minds an impression unfavorable to the truth. We are to seize every opportunity to point sinners **to Jesus, the One** who takes away the sin of the world. We are to hold forth every possible inducement to draw them **to Christ**. In our words and manner there is to be no harshness. **We are never to swerve from Bible principles, but we are never to force our customs upon those who**

come to our sanitariums for treatment. In all that we do or say, the dignity of the truth is to be preserved. {Lt213-1902.17}

223) I am spending hours of the night, while others are asleep, in prayer. The past life is woven into our future. We must individually make every failure that appears thus a success, because we learned how to guard our minds, our words, our deportment. By looking unto Jesus, by beholding Him in His ministry, we shall become changed into His likeness in character; and then when imbued with His Holy Spirit, we give glory to God in reflecting the grace bestowed upon us to others. Thus we declare the glory of God by copying His character which we highly esteem and by being intensely in earnest to declare His excellencies in our own life character. {Ms223-1902.9}

224) All these developments, in addition to the scenes of the crucifixion and the resurrection, gave the disciples courage. The raising of Jesus from the dead and His ascension to heaven, as well as the horrible death of Judas, placed the disciples on vantage ground. If Christ had not borne with Judas until the end, the results of the betrayer's course would not have been impressive enough to stay the hands of the persecutors, and the most terrible scenes would have been witnessed after Christ's ascension. Instead of putting to death only Stephen, they would have made an effort to destroy all the apostles. But God worked by His Holy Spirit, and five thousand were converted in one day. Let God be true and every man a liar. Christ Jesus stands at the helm. "Lo," He declares, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.] {Ms162-1902.45}

225) Be hopeful. Knowing that Jesus loves you, you can be cheerful. Keep your soul in the love of God. Sometimes we may gain strength by being kept in quietness. Action is good sometimes; but often we may receive great blessing in calm, sweet meditation and in quiet study, waiting upon God for the refreshing of His Holy Spirit. "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." {Lt93-1903.6}

226) Let everyone now come to a decision to end this work of faultfinding and accusing today. With your eyes looking unto Jesus, behold His wounds and let His blood be applied to every guilty conscience and cleanse away the pollution of selfishness. Yield up the whole heart to God and seek for the forgiveness of your own sins. Seek sanctification through the belief of the truth. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you, and you will feel the constraining influence of His Holy Spirit. Wrap your soul up in God. Then you will have a conformity to His likeness and with an intense desire thirst and pant after holiness. Let not one any longer grieve the Holy Spirit of God. You need to admire the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His precious life to redeem you that you should not perish but have eternal life. Shall we not individually seek now a deeper sanctification through that precious blood of God's dear Son? Shall we not be determined to honor God and do His commandments? Only consider that the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all; but it rests with the individual whether he will give up his sins and become a vessel unto honor for the Lord Jesus. Your will must be in every case submitted unto God. {Ms175-1903.26}

227) Since God is light, we must walk in the light. God would have all His people stand on the high platform of eternal truth and, through faith, in union and communion with the Father and the Son. Then upon each mind will be distinctly impressed the sinfulness of a lack of unity. The Lord will unite with a united people to lead them by His Holy Spirit into all truth. There is unity with God the Father; there is unity with His Son Jesus; and the result is communion one with another. "that your joy may be full" through full fellowship with God and Christ. God is light; His nature is light; in and through Him there is no darkness at all. Since He is light, we must walk in the light, and not in darkness. {Lt192-1903.15}

228) **The Lord** is to be **the great Teacher**. **His Holy Spirit**, if allowed to control, will bring in harmony among the different workers, and the building will be symmetrical in all its parts. And all **the glory** is to be given to **the Lord Jesus**, who has had supervision of the whole work. It is foolish for those who are but **God's** instrumentalities to take glory to themselves. It is **only** by the wisdom that **God** **imparts** that they are enabled to do successful work. {Lt227-1903.11}

229) As faithful householders, give meat in due season to the household **of God**. Present truth to the people. **Work as if in full view of the whole universe of heaven**. We have no time to lose—not a moment. Important issues must soon be met, and **we need to be hidden in the cleft of the rock, that we may see Jesus**, and be **quicken**ed by **his Holy Spirit**. {IR January 20, 1904, par. 6}

230) **Do not serve the enemy of God by exhibiting a harsh, unkind spirit**. Those only will enter heaven who have overcome the temptation to speak and act unkindly and harshly. **Act out the mind of Christ, speak the words of Christ**, and **the Lord Jesus**, by **His Holy Spirit**, will be a guest in your home. {Lt133-1904.20}

231) I thank you **in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**. May **His Holy Spirit** attend the **words** that have been spoken to you today. I want the help of **the Spirit of God** every moment, and I want you to have it every moment also. {Ms50-1904.46}

232) This morning my hope is **in Christ my Saviour**. I pray that **He** will impart **His Holy Spirit** to me every day, that with heart and mind and strength I may **glorify Him** in this life. We are to do **God's work**, not according to our own plans, but in accordance with **the example** that **the Lord Jesus** has given us. **He** came to our world to do the work appointed **Him** by **His Father**, that we might receive an **education in the high science** of performing genuine service for **the Master**. {Ms83-1904.1}

233) Received Australian mail and found some very important matter in regard to moving the *Echo* from Melbourne to a more-retired location in a rural district. This is now decided, and I thank **the Lord** that this decision is made. There is an excellent report of a sanitarium that seems to be well patronized. All are of good courage in **the Lord**. I am grateful to **our heavenly Father**, that in the expectation this sanitarium would be a decided means of success in reaching many souls in the highways and byways, we will not be disappointed. The report is excellent. May **the Lord** **preside** in this institution continually is my prayer. We have not moved from blind impulse in establishing this institution. **I have been shown in the visions of**

**the night what might be done in the sanitarium under management that was managed by the great Medical Healer Jesus Christ.** We shall then have an intelligent and meaningful service. It is the rejection of light that has come to us in **the Word** and **in the testimonies of His Holy Spirit** that has caused a sad state of things in St. Helena. When the directions given of **the Lord** are obeyed, there will be **harmonious action in the mind** and the will of man, in harmony with **the divine will**. Such an important institution as a sanitarium demands consecrated managers in every line. {Ms173-1905.6}

234) God has placed in our hands a banner on which is inscribed the words, "**The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus**." "Here are they that **keep the commandments of God**, and **have the testimony of Jesus Christ**," **He** declares. At all times and in all places we are to hold the banner firmly aloft. **God's** denominated people are to take a firm stand under the banner of truth. **The truths that we have been proclaiming for more than half a century have been contested again and again. Again and again the facts of faith have been disputed, but every time the Lord has established the truth by the working of His Holy Spirit.** Those who have arisen to question and overthrow the principles of present truth have been **sternly rebuked**. {Lt95-1905.4}



235) What every worker needs is a thoroughly **converted mind and heart**. Let each one look **to God** for **His Holy Spirit** and walk before **Him** in all humility of mind. Those who are working for **God** are not to trust in men or make flesh their arm; they are to look **to Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith**, for **aid and guidance**. {Lt107-1905.6}

236) **The blessing of God** in the home where this union shall exist is as **the sunshine of heaven**, because it is **the Lord's** ordained will that man and wife should be linked together in holy bonds of union, under **Jesus Christ**, with **Him to control**, and **His Spirit to guide, His Holy Spirit to listen to the petitions that shall come up to Him**—where two or three, He says, are together, I am in their midst. {Ms170-1905.4}

237) **Read the first eleven verses of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Present the truth in its power, as it is in Jesus. Keep the mind stayed on God and imbued with His Holy Spirit**. Present the affirmative of truth. Stand on the platform of eternal truth. **But do not accuse. Say nothing to arouse enmity and strife**. {Lt54-1906.3}

238) **We see the need now of constant, earnest prayer that God will give us largely of His Holy Spirit. We depend upon the Spirit's power.** We cannot depend on self, but alone upon **Jesus Christ**. Teach all to make **a thorough work** for eternity. We have no time to lose. We need to make **straight paths** for our feet, lest the lame may be turned out of the way. We have not a moment to lose to obtain a **fitting up** for the kingdom of **God**. We have **a perfect pattern in Christ** of what **preparation** is essential for every soul who enters in through the gates into the city **of God**. **We must improve our opportunity now to follow the Pattern sent us from heaven to give the Example we must copy** if we shall have a place among the sanctified. {Lt61-1906.3}

239) **He requires that we are softened and subdued and sanctified by His Holy Spirit, and that we study how we may work the very works that Christ has worked.** He went with **His** disciples from place to place. Wherever **He** went **He** was attentive to those that came, that needed attention. **They had not any sanitariums as we have here, but they needed the sanitarium that it shall grant them what they need in Jesus Christ. He was their sanctuary, He was their helper, He was the great leading Physician in our world. Wherever He went they followed Him.** {Ms186-1907.8}

240) If as branches we draw our **nourishment** from **the vine Jesus Christ**, we have a right to expect that **He** will give us of **His Holy Spirit**. **He** will work with us, and **His power** will rest upon us. Then when we speak to others in regard to **the truth, the holy Spirit** will be **present** to **impress** their **minds**. {Ms45-1908.6}

241) I write unto you in Washington, D.C. **The Lord** is not pleased with **your spirit** or your work. Not that everything is wrong, neither are all things correct and as **God** would have them. **When men take the place as God and send forth their requirements, they sometimes command things to be done that dishonor the Lord Jesus.** Now **the Lord** declares unto these men that they should **copy a course of action** similar to that which the disciples followed when they assembled together and prayed for **the Holy Spirit**, continuing their supplications. The time taken in this kind of exercise, confessing their sins, putting away their own devising according to their individual characters, and viewing the cities of the South and devising ways to ready the people—because **the message** must come to all kindred and people—would be time well spent. They are to weed out of their own characters all selfishness and all peculiar traits that will never, never give them a place in the city of **God** unless they repent in **mind** and **heart** and are **converted through the sanctification of the truth**. Then **the Holy Spirit** would give these men **clear spiritual eyesight** to discern **the true requirements of God**, and in the use of their pens and their tongues they would **express the truth** in their souls' being **converted to God**. The same work would be entered into by every

conference. They should be entreated to seek **the Lord**. There would be much less human devising and human forbiddings. **The Lord's Holy Spirit** would come into the **hearts** of men in responsible positions in conferences, and the ministers and the officials, the physicians and the educators would be found pleading with **the Lord Jesus** to change their unconverted **hearts by His Holy Spirit**. And men would understand their human frailties, that they need the **heavenly connection** with **Christ Jesus**. Victories would be gained, and they would give **the truth in purity**. {Lt383-1908.1}

242) **It is only at the altar of God that we kindle the taper with holy fire.** It is **only** the **divine light** that will reveal the littleness, the incompetence, of human ability, and give clear, distinct views of the **perfection** and **purity** of **Jesus Christ**. **It is only as we behold Jesus that we desire to become like Him.** Only as we **view His righteousness** do we hunger and thirst to possess **it**. Only as we **ask in earnest prayer** and **with the humility and simplicity of a little child**, can **God grant** us our **heart's** desire. Such prayer is heard and answered. **The Lord** is more willing to give **His Holy Spirit** to those who earnestly desire it than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. **Christ has promised the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and righteousness and holiness.** **The Spirit of God** is not given by measure to those who earnestly seek for it, who by faith stand upon the **promises of God**. They plead the pledged **word of God**, saying, "**Thou hast said it. I will take Thee at Thy word.**" {ST July 15, 1908, par. 8}

243) **We are in the last days of this earth's history.** Our work is reformatory. **Those who take a part in it have no excuse for indolence or ignorance. We are to work according to the directions given in the Word of God, and in harmony with the light He is sending through the agency of His Holy Spirit.** How **earnestly** we should strive to come up to all our **high privileges**, and to meet **the standard** set for us in **Christ Jesus**. The only hope of producing a harvest of souls for the courts of **God** is in unselfish labor. **We must open the truths of the Bible to the people, that they may be warned of their dangers and be sanctified through the truth. The life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit must come into every soul.** {Ms91-1908.2} {LUH November 4, 1908, par. 2}

244) May **God** bless you, my brethren and sisters. My heart is drawn out in tenderness and love for you. You are a large company here. Will you not consecrate yourselves **to God**? We invite you to come **to Jesus**, to believe in Him, and **receive** from **Him** the **outpouring of His Holy Spirit**. **He** will give you this if you will ask in faith **believing**. Then work in harmony with **Him** to disseminate truth. Let us not go away from this meeting unconverted. If you will seek to answer in your lives individually the last prayer of **Christ** for His disciples, you will follow on **to know the Lord**. And you will find that **His** goings forth are prepared as the morning. This is not like the fading strength and glory of the setting sun. **He** likens the Christian's **experience to the morning, the rising sun, which is ever increasing in warmth and light and power.** {Ms91-1909.32} {RH January 13, 1910, par. 23}

245) **Now is our time to make decided efforts to awaken the people who have never yet been warned.** Much thought and labor is given to the printed page. This is well; but if more effort were given to sending forth the living missionary to preach the truth, many more souls would be aroused and won to the truth. **While Jesus ministers in the true sanctuary above, He is through His Holy Spirit working through His earthly messengers. These agencies will accomplish more than the printed page, if they will go forth in the Spirit and power of Christ. Christ will work through His chosen ministers, filling them with His Spirit, and thus fulfilling to them the assurance, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."** [Matthew 28:20.] {Lt128-1909.13} {Ms49-1910.13} {RH April 7, 1910, par. 13}

246) We had a camp-meeting at Deering's Oaks, and there was a crowd assembled to hear **the truth** which was spoken in the preaching of the **Word of God**. Several were brought to a **knowledge of the truth**. **The Lord** gave me **the special power of His Holy Spirit**. I spoke from the stand very near the location

where I have spoken many times with great **freedom** and **power** to thousands of people in regard to the coming of our **Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in power** and **great glory** to receive the faithful ones to **Himself**. We have not a sanitarium in the whole large city of Portland to represent the **virtues** of simple treatment cures without drugs. {Lt186-1909.6}

247) The prospect that was before me as I sat there with my pen in my hands and had lost consciousness, why, **the scene that was presented**, and **the works** that were being done by **Christ!** The **influence of His Holy Spirit** that was being resisted, because they did not come up to **the standard** that it was their privilege to come up to, and for which **the Lord sent Jesus** to make it possible that humanity **might grasp divinity**, and **divinity** might lift up humanity **to become one** with **Jesus Christ**. **Humanity and divinity combined** could bring in a position of **oneness to God** that is presented. And when we consider, as when I began to come to myself, the privileges that we were to claim from this chapter—it seemed to me that I was in heaven. It seemed to me my whole being was brought **into a unity with Jesus Christ**, and that we could have **this unity**, the human being could **take hold of the divine nature**, and **become partakers** of **the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in world through lust. {Ms139-1909.13}

248) We have come to a time when we need to look carefully to ourselves, **to see whether we are learners of the meek and lowly Jesus**, or whether we desire to be leaders. **The Lord** has men of **His appointment** whom **He** will use in **His** work so long as they allow themselves to be used in accordance with **His good pleasure**. **He can never use any one who is seeking to humble some one else**. **Humble** yourselves, brethren. When you do this, it is possible for **holy angels to communicate** with you, and place you on **vantage ground**. Then your **experience**, instead of being faulty, will be filled with **happiness**. **Let us so relate ourselves to God** that we shall be **susceptible to the movings of His Holy Spirit**. {Ms9-1910.7}

249) I was sitting in my chair just before starting on a long journey, and I lost myself, and I will tell you what was presented to me. **"I am the true vine. ..."** [John 15:1.] Whatever your disposition, whatever your temperament, unless you are **molded and fashioned after Christ's likeness** you will never meet **Him** in peace. **"I am the vine,"** was presented in such clearness. Those that promise to bear **fruit**, to **work** to the **glory of God**, **He pruneth**, that they may bring forth more **fruit**. **Now do not consider your trials are an abuse to you.** **They are to bring you into living connection with God.** **They are to teach you to resist the devil, and to cling to Jesus Christ.** You want to get rid of your old hereditary tendencies and passionate disposition, and **learn of Jesus** to be **meek** and **lowly**. Why? **Because there is a heaven to win and a hell to shun.** You cannot afford to miss obtaining **victories**. May **God put His Holy Spirit upon you.**

250) **I want to tell to every man and woman, God has given you His work, and if you will just read the Word and see how much God has done for you, then you will try to obey God, not according to your imperfect ideas, but according [to] His Word, that you may not offend God and grieve His Holy Spirit.** Fall down upon your knees and plead with **God** to have compassion upon you that you may not **grieve the Holy Spirit of God** and drive it from you. You cannot afford to do this. It is too **expensive** a matter that you should be careless in forming your **character** in this life for the **eternal life**. **The Lord Jesus gave you His example** right in this life, and **lived a perfect pattern** for every soul that will **cooperate** with **Him** in **His work**. {Ms84-1910.30}

251) In a letter addressed to his friends at Prague he said: "My brethren, ... I am departing with a safe-conduct from the king to meet my numerous and mortal enemies.... I confide altogether in the **all-powerful God**, in my **Saviour**; I trust that **He** will **listen to your ardent prayers**, that **He** will **infuse His prudence** and **His wisdom** into my mouth, in order that I may resist them; and that **He** will **accord me His Holy Spirit** to **fortify** me in **His truth**, so that I may face with **courage**, temptations, prison, and, if



necessary, a cruel death. **Jesus Christ** suffered for **His** well-beloved; and therefore ought we to be astonished that **He** has left us **His example**, in order that we may ourselves **endure with patience all things** for our own salvation? **He** is **God**, and we are **His** creatures; **He** is **the Lord**, and we are **His** servants; **He** is **Master of the world**, and we are contemptible mortals—yet **He** suffered! Why, then, should we not suffer also, particularly when suffering is for us **a purification**? Therefore, beloved, if my death ought to contribute to **His glory**, pray that **it** may come quickly, and that **He** may **enable** me to support all my calamities with constancy. But if it be better that I return amongst you, let us pray to **God** that I may return without stain—that is, that I may not suppress one tittle of **the truth of the gospel**, in order to leave my brethren an excellent **example** to follow. Probably, therefore, you will nevermore behold my face at Prague; but should **the will of the all-powerful God** deign to restore me to you, let us then advance with a firmer heart in **the knowledge** and **the love** of **His law**.”—Bonnechose, vol. 1, pp. 147, 148. {GC 105.1}

252) The **work** that lies before us is one that will put to the stretch every power of the human being. **It** will call for **the exercise of strong faith** and **constant vigilance**. **At times the difficulties that we shall meet will be most disheartening. The very greatness of the task will appall us. And yet, with God's help, His servants will finally triumph.** “Wherefore,” My brethren, “I desire that ye faint not” [Ephesians 3:13] because of the trying experiences that are before you. **Jesus** will be **with you**; **He** will **go before you** by **His Holy Spirit**, **preparing the way**; and **He** will be your **helper** in ever emergency. {Ms4-1913.21} {GCB May 28, 1913, par. 21} {LS 439.1}

253) The attitude that our **representative** men maintain during the conference will have a telling influence upon all throughout the field, as well as upon the delegates themselves. O let it be seen, my brethren, that **Jesus** is **abiding in the heart**, **sustaining**, **strengthening**, **comforting**. It is your privilege to be **endowed** from day to day with a **rich measure** of **His Holy Spirit** and to have **broadened views** of the importance and scope of **the message** we are proclaiming to the world. **The Lord** is willing to **reveal** to you **wondrous things** out of **His law**. **Wait** before **Him** with **humility of heart**. Pray most earnestly for an **understanding** of the times in which we live, for a fuller **conception** of **His purpose**, and for fased efficiency in soul-saving. {Lt7-1913.6} {RH May 29, 1913, par. 6} {RH June 12, 1913, par. 21}

Those who see **Christ** in **His true character**, and receive **Him** into the heart, **have everlasting life**. It is **through the Spirit** that **Christ** dwells in us; and **the Spirit of God**, received into the heart **by faith**, is the **beginning of the life eternal**. {DA 388.1}

*And this is life eternal, **that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.** John 17:3*

**AMEN.**

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