

Changing Cleveland One By One

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right back upon Satan when he comes with his temptations, "It is written." This is the way that our Lord met the temptations of Satan, and resisted them.—*The Review and Herald*, April 10, 1888.

Hang in memory's hall the precious words of Christ. They are to be valued far above silver or gold.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 81 (1900)

Keep a pocket Bible with you as you work, and improve every opportunity to commit to memory its precious promises.—*Review and Herald*, April 27, 1905.

The time will come when many will be deprived of the written Word. But if this Word is printed in the memory, no one can take it from us.—*Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 20, p. 64 (1906)

Study the Word of God. Commit its precious promises to memory so that, when we shall be deprived of our Bibles, we may still be in possession of the Word of God.—*Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 10, p. 298 (1909)

Memorize Scripture

A Life of Thought and Action

In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, such a work as that of John [the Baptist] is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. . . . In order to give such a message as John gave, we must have a spiritual experience like his. The same work must be wrought in us. We must behold God, and in beholding Him lose sight of self. *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, pp. 332, 333 (1904)

Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived. We must live a two-fold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work. *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 512 (1905)

Prayer and effort, effort and prayer, will be the business of your life. You must pray as though the efficiency and praise were all due to

God, and labor as though duty were all your own.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, p. 538 (1881)

No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer.—*The Great Controversy*, p. 530 (1911)

He who does nothing but pray will soon cease to pray.—*Steps to Christ*, p. 101 (1892)

Firmly Rooted in Christ

The storm is coming, the storm that will try every man's faith of what sort it is. Believers must now be firmly rooted in Christ or else they will be led astray by some phase of error.—*Evangelism*, pp. 361, 362 (1905)

It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point and let the

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imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones.—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 83 (1898)

The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end.—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 324 (1898)

Christ and Him crucified should be the theme of contemplation, of conversation, and of our most joyful emotion.—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 103, 104 (1892)

Molded by the Holy Spirit

Never will the human heart know happiness until it is submitted to be molded by the Spirit of God. The Spirit conforms the renewed soul to the model, Jesus Christ. Through its influence, enmity against God is changed into faith and love, and pride into humility. The soul perceives the beauty of truth, and Christ is honored in excellence and perfection of character.—*Our High Calling*, p. 152 (1896)

There is not an impulse of our nature, not a faculty of the mind or an inclination of the heart, but needs to be, moment by moment, under the control of the Spirit of God.—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 421 (1890)

The Spirit illumines our darkness, informs our ignorance, and helps us in our manifold necessities. But the mind must be constantly going out after God. If worldliness is allowed to come in, if we have no desire to pray, no desire to commune with Him who is the source of strength and wisdom, the Spirit will not abide with us.—*Our High Calling*, p. 154 (1904)

The Necessity of Bible Study

No renewed heart can be kept in a condition of sweetness without the daily application of the salt of the Word. Divine grace must be received daily, or no man will stay converted.—*Our High Calling*, p. 215 (1897)

Let your faith be substantiated by the Word of God. Grasp firmly the living testimony of truth. Have faith in Christ as a personal Saviour. He has been and ever will be our Rock of Ages.—*Evangelism*, p. 362 (1905)

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts.—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 626 (c. 1914)

None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict.—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 593, 594 (1911)

Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive.—*The Great Controversy*, p. 625 (1911)

Our people need to understand the oracles of God; they need to have a systematic knowledge of the principles of revealed truth, which will fit them for what is coming upon the earth and prevent them from being carried about by every wind of doctrine.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, p. 273 (1885)

Commit Scripture to Memory

Several times each day precious, golden moments should be consecrated to prayer and the study of the Scriptures, if it is only to commit a text to memory, that spiritual life may exist in the soul.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, p. 459 (1880)

God's precious Word is the standard for youth who would be loyal to the King of heaven. Let them study the Scriptures. Let them commit text after text to memory and acquire a knowledge of what the Lord has said.—*My Life Today*, p. 315 (1887)

Build a wall of scriptures around you, and you will see that the world cannot break it down. Commit the Scriptures to memory, and then throw