

Favorite Quotes from Ellen G. White

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Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts?

“Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? Of whom do we love to converse? Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ’s, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. All we have and are is consecrated to Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things.” {*Steps to Christ* 58.2}

A new standard of character

“The leaven hidden in the flour works invisibly to bring the whole mass under its leavening process; so the *leaven of truth works secretly, silently, steadily*, to *transform* the soul. The natural inclinations are softened and subdued. *New thoughts, new feelings, new motives, are implanted. A new standard of character is set up — the life of Christ.* The mind is *changed*; the faculties are roused to action in *new* lines. Man is not endowed with new faculties, but *the faculties he has are sanctified*. The conscience is *awakened*. We are *endowed* with traits of character that enable us to do service for God.” {*Christ’s Object Lessons* 98.3}

Receive greater light.

“... Whoever is with *singleness* of purpose seeking to do God’s will, earnestly *heeding* the light already given, *will receive greater light*; to that soul some star of heavenly radiance will be sent to guide him *into all truth.*” {*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White* 312.3b}

The sound of prayer and singing.

“With astonishment the other prisoners heard *the sound of prayer and singing* issuing from the inner prison. They had been accustomed to hear shrieks and moans, cursing and swearing, breaking the silence of the night; but *never* before had they heard *words of prayer and praise* ascending from that gloomy cell. Guards and prisoners marveled and asked themselves who these men could be (Paul and Silas), *who, cold, hungry, and tortured, could yet rejoice.*” {*Acts of the Apostles* 214.1}

God's long forbearance and His great love.

“The green fields, the lofty trees, the glad sunshine, the clouds, the dew, the solemn silence of the night, the glory of the starry heavens, and the moon in its beauty, ***all bear witness to His wonder-working power.*** Not a drop of rain falls, not a ray of light is shed upon our unthankful world, but ***it testifies to God's long forbearance and His great love.***” (Australasian) {*Union Conference Record*, June 1, 1900 par. 4.}

He is in communion with his people.

“Christ walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks. Thus is symbolized his relation to the churches. ***He is in communion with his people.*** He knows their true state. He observes their order, their vigilance, their piety, and their devotion. Although he is High Priest and Mediator, in the sanctuary above, yet he walks up and down in the midst of the churches on earth. ***He goes from church to church, from congregation to congregation, from soul to soul.*** He is represented as walking, which signified untiring wakefulness, unremitting vigilance. He observes whether the light of any of his sentinels is burning dim or going out. If the candlesticks were left to mere human care, the flickering flame would languish and die. But he is the true watchman in the Lord's house, the true warden of the temple courts. ***His continued watchcare and sustaining grace are the source of life and light.***” {*The Home Missionary*, November 1, 1893 par. 5}

Today, Today, TODAY.

“The third angel's message is swelling into a loud cry, and you must not feel at liberty to neglect the present duty, and still entertain the idea that at some future time you will be the recipients of great blessing, when without any effort on your part a wonderful revival will take place. ***Today*** you are to give yourselves to God, that He may make of you vessels unto honor, and meet for His service. ***Today*** you are to give yourself to God, that you may be emptied of self, emptied of envy, jealousy, evil surmising, strife, everything that shall be dishonoring to God. ***Today*** you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. *It is our work today* to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord—fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.” {*Selected Messages*, 190.3}

The Lord has given us a divine directory.

“The Lord has given us a divine directory by which we may know his will. Those who are self centered, self-sufficient, do not feel their need of searching the Bible, and they are greatly disturbed if others do not have the same defective ideas, and see with the same distorted vision that they do. ***But he who is guided by the Holy Spirit***

has cast his anchor within the veil wherein Jesus has entered for us. He searches the Scriptures with eager earnestness, and seeks for light and knowledge to guide him amid the perplexities and perils which at every step compass his path. Those who are restless, complaining, murmuring, read the Bible for the purpose of vindicating their own course of action, and they ignore or pervert the counsels of God. ***He who has peace has placed his will on the side of God's will, and longs to follow the divine guidance,*** while he who is full of unrest is constantly struggling to sustain himself, and make it appear that he is right, and is sustained by what he estimates as wisdom." {*Signs of the Times*, August 14, 1893 par. 6}

Angels of God are ready.

"Angels of God are ready to impart grace and power to those who feel their need of divine strength. But these heavenly messengers will not bestow blessings unless solicited. ***They have waited for the cry from souls hungering and thirsting for the blessing of God; often have they waited in vain.*** There were, indeed, casual prayers, but not the earnest supplication from humble, contrite hearts. Meeting after meeting has closed with but little manifestation of the Spirit and power of God. The people seemed to be satisfied to reach no higher; they seemed to expect no revival of the work of God; but with grief and disappointment angels turned from the scene of confusion . . . , and the people preparing to return to their homes without the blessing which Heaven was more than willing to give them." {*The Review and Herald*, July 24, 1883 par. 21}

Uplift the cross of Christ higher and still higher.

"The consecrated messengers who in the early days of Christianity carried to a perishing world the glad tidings of salvation, allowed no thought of self-exaltation to mar their presentation of Christ and Him crucified. They coveted neither authority nor pre-eminence. Hiding self in the Saviour, they exalted the great plan of salvation, and the life of Christ, the Author and Finisher of this plan. Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever, was the burden of their teaching.

"If those who today are teaching the word of God, would ***uplift the cross of Christ higher and still higher, their ministry would be far more successful.*** If sinners can be led to give one earnest look at the cross, if they can obtain a full view of the crucified Saviour, they will realize the depth of God's compassion and the sinfulness of sin." {*The Acts of the Apostles* 209.1, 2}

Christ is a complete Saviour!

"There are many who seem to feel that they have a great work to do themselves before they can come to Christ for his salvation. They seem to think that Jesus will come in at the very last of their struggle, and give them help by putting the *finishing touch* to their life-work. It seems difficult for them to understand that ***Christ is a complete Saviour,*** and able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him. They lose sight of the fact that Christ himself is "the way, the truth, and the life."

When we individually rest upon Christ, with full assurance of faith, trusting alone to the efficacy of **his blood to cleanse from all sin**, we shall have peace in believing that what God has promised he is able to perform. As Christ represented the Father, so we are to represent Christ to the world. We cannot transfer our obligation to others. **God desires to make known to you what is the richness of his glory, that you may preach the mystery of salvation to those around you, —Christ in you the hope of glory.**” {*The Review and Herald*, March 5, 1889 par. 6}

Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, and increase of faith.

“The Spirit of God co-operates with the humble worker who abides in Christ and communes with him. Pray when you are faint-hearted. When you are desponding, close the lips firmly to men; keep all the darkness within, lest you shadow the path of another; but tell it to Jesus. **Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, increase of faith, that you may see light in his light, and rejoice in his love. Only believe, and you shall surely see the salvation of God.**” {*Gospel Workers* (1892) 428.3}

God answers, not always according to your expectations.

“Ask, then; ask, and ye shall receive. Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, increase of faith. To every sincere prayer an answer will come. It may not come just as you desire, or at the time you look for it; but it will come in the way and at the time that will best meet your need. **The prayers you offer in loneliness, in weariness, in trial, God answers, not always according to your expectations, but always for your good.**” {*Gospel Workers* (1915) 258.3}

Their lives are full of joy; for Christ walks beside them.

“Dear Christian friends, drop the burdens that God does not ask you to carry. The more you think and talk of these self-imposed burdens, the larger they grow, until at last they will utterly destroy your faith and courage. Do not think that when you walk with Jesus, you must walk in the shadow. **The happiest people in the world are those who trust in Jesus and gladly do his bidding.** He is the light of life. From the lives of those who follow him, unrest and discontent are banished. With a full heart they echo the words of the wise man, Wisdom’s “ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.” Though they meet with trials and difficulties, **their lives are full of joy; for Christ walks beside them, and his presence makes the pathway bright.**” {*The Review and Herald*, April 18, 1907 par. 6}

We may expect large things if we have faith.

“The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. **He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them. He has a use for them, and He is well pleased when they make the very highest demands upon Him, that**

they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises.

“But to pray in Christ’s name means much. It means that we are to accept His character, manifest His spirit, and work His works. The Saviour’s promise is given on condition. “If ye love Me,” He says, “keep My commandments.” He saves men, not in sin, but from sin; and those who love Him will show their love by obedience. {*Desire of Ages* 668.1, 2}

All true obedience comes from the heart.

“**All true obedience comes from the heart.** It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. **When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience.** Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us.” {*Desire of Ages* 668.3}

Men are ennobled by exploring the mines of Truth.

“**No one can search the Scriptures in the spirit of Christ without being rewarded.** When man is willing to be instructed as a little child, when he *submits wholly* to God, he will find the truth in His word. If men would be obedient, they would understand the plan of God’s government. The heavenly world would open its chambers of grace and glory for exploration. Human beings would be altogether different from what they now are, **for by exploring the mines of truth men would be ennobled.** The mystery of redemption, the incarnation of Christ, His atoning sacrifice, would not be as they are now, *vague in our minds*. They would be not only better understood, but altogether more highly appreciated.

“In His prayer to the Father, Christ gave to the world a lesson which should be graven on mind and soul. “This is life eternal,” He said, “that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.” [John 17:3](#). This is true education. It imparts power. **The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God.** It gives to man the mastery of himself, bringing every impulse and passion of the lower nature under the control of the higher powers of the mind. It makes its possessor a son of God and an heir of heaven. It brings him into communion with the mind of the Infinite, and opens to him the rich treasures of the universe.

“**This is the knowledge which is obtained by searching the word of God. And this treasure may be found by every soul who will give all to obtain it.**

“If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.” [Proverbs 2:3-5](#).” {*Christ’s Object Lessons* 114.1-4}

***When you hurry from one thing to another—
Commune with your own heart, and then commune with God.***

“If you would have the rich treasures of heaven, you must hold secret communion with God. **Unless you do this, your soul will be as destitute of the Holy Spirit** as were the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. When you hurry from one thing to another, when you have so much to do that you cannot take time to talk with God, how can you expect power in your work?

“The reason so many of our ministers preach tame, lifeless discourses is that they allow a variety of things of a worldly nature to *take their time and attention*. Unless there is constant growth in grace, we shall be wanting in words suitable for the occasion. **Commune with your own heart, and then commune with God. Unless you do this, your efforts will be fruitless, made thus by unsanctified hurry and confusion.**

“Ministers and teachers, let your work be fragrant with rich spiritual grace. Do not make it common by mixing it with common things. Move onward and upward. Cleanse yourselves “from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” [2 Cor 7:1.]

“***We need to be converted daily.*** Our prayers should be more fervent; then they will be more effectual. ***Stronger and stronger should be our confidence that God’s Spirit will be with us, making us pure and holy, as upright and fragrant as the cedar of Lebanon.***” {*Gospel Workers* 272.1-4}

The Day of Pentecost shall be repeated with the power of the forth angel.

“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of ***the Day of Pentecost shall be repeated*** with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, “I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory” [Rev 18:1]. **Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.**” —*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 6, 1055 (1886). {*Last Day Events* 202.3}

The Day of Pentecost will be repeated, —fulfilled in the latter rain.

“In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God’s people. [Future of this writing.] Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. **A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost.** —*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, 126 (1909).

“**The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening.** The prophecies which were **fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain** at the opening of the gospel, **are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. . . .**” {*Last Day Events* 202.4-203.1}

Cherish every desire of the soul after God.

“Those who are engaged in service for the Master need an experience much higher, deeper, broader, than many have yet thought of having. Many who are already members of God’s great family know little of what it means to behold His glory and to be changed from glory to glory. Many have a *twilight perception* of Christ’s excellence, and their hearts thrill with joy. They long for a fuller, deeper sense of the Saviour’s love. Let these cherish every desire of the soul after God. ***The Holy Spirit works with those who will be worked, molds those who will be molded, fashions those who will be fashioned.*** Give yourselves the culture of spiritual thoughts and holy communings. You have seen but the first rays of the early dawn of His glory. As you follow on to know the Lord, you will know that “the path of the righteous is as the light of dawn, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” [Prov 4:18](#), R.V., margin.” {*The Ministry of Healing* 503.2}

You cannot burden the Lord.

“Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. “The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.” [James 5:11](#). His heart of love is touched by our sorrows and even by our utterances of them. ***Take to Him everything that perplexes the mind. Nothing is too great for Him to bear, for He holds up worlds, He rules over all the affairs of the universe.*** Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for Him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for Him to read; there is no perplexity too difficult for Him to unravel. No calamity can befall the least of His children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which He takes no immediate interest. “He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” [Ps 147:3](#). ***The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul upon the earth to share His watch care, not another soul for whom He gave His beloved Son.*** {*Steps to Christ* 100.1}

Your mind may be clouded because of pain.

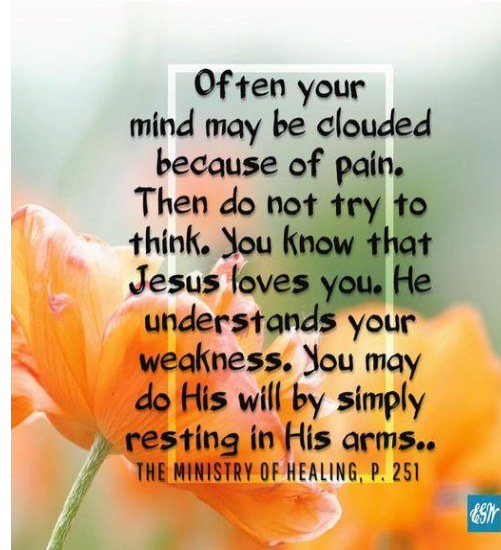
“Often your mind may be clouded because of pain. Then do not try to think. You know that Jesus loves you. He understands your weakness. You may do His will by simply resting in His arms.” {*The Ministry of Healing* 251.3}

“It is a law of nature that our thoughts and feelings are encouraged and strengthened as we give them utterance. While words express thoughts, it is also true that thoughts follow words. **If we would give more expression to our faith, rejoice more in the blessings that we know we have, —the great mercy and love of God, —we should have more faith and greater joy.** No

tongue can express, no finite mind can conceive, the blessing that results from appreciating the goodness and love of God. Even on earth we may have joy as a wellspring, never failing, because fed by the streams that flow from the throne of God. {*The Ministry of Healing* 251.4}

“Then let us educate our hearts and lips to speak the praise of God for His matchless love. Let us educate our souls to be hopeful and to abide in the light shining from the cross of Calvary. Never should we forget that we are children of the heavenly King, sons and daughters of the Lord of hosts. It is our privilege to maintain a calm repose in God. {*The Ministry of Healing* 253.1}

“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts; . . . and be ye thankful.” [Col 3:15](#). ***Forgetting our own difficulties and troubles, let us praise God for an opportunity to live for the glory of His name.”*** {*The Ministry of Healing* 253.2}



Through faith, His Life become ours.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.’ Through the beloved John, who listened to these words, the Holy Spirit declared to the churches, ‘This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life.’ [1John 5:11, 12](#). And Jesus said, ‘I will raise him up at the last day.’ ***Christ became one flesh with us, in order that we might become one spirit with Him.*** It is by virtue of this union that we are to come forth from the grave, —not merely as a manifestation of the power of Christ, but because, through faith, His life has become ours. ***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.”*** {*The Desire of Ages*, 388.1}

Eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ.

“Christ did not soften down His symbolical representation. He reiterated the truth in yet stronger language: ‘[Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the](#)

Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.’ John 6:53-56.

“To eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ is to receive Him as a personal Saviour, believing that He forgives our sins, and that we are complete in Him. It is by beholding His love, by dwelling upon it, by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature. What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. Food cannot benefit us unless we eat it, unless it becomes a part of our being. So Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal Saviour. A theoretical knowledge will do us no good. We must feed upon Him, receive Him into the heart, so that His life becomes our life. His love, His grace, must be assimilated.” {The Desire of Ages, 389.2, 3}

The Closer, the Safer.

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

James 4:8 {OHC 96.1}

“‘Draw nigh to God.’ How? By secret, earnest examination of your own heart, by childlike, heartfelt, humble dependence upon God, making known all your weakness to Jesus, and by confessing your sins. {OHC 96.2}

“We cannot draw nigh to God and behold His loveliness and compassion without realizing our defects and being filled with a desire to rise higher. “And he will draw nigh to you.” The Lord will draw nigh to him who confesses to his brethren the wrongs he has done them, and then comes to God in humility and contrition. {OHC 96.3}

“He who feels his own danger is on the watch lest he shall grieve the Holy Spirit and then draw away from God because he knows that He is not pleased with his course of action. ***How much better and safer it is to draw nigh to God***, that the pure light shining from His Word may heal the wounds that sin has made in the soul. ***The closer we are to God, the safer we are, for Satan hates and fears the presence of God.*** {OHC 96.4}

“Draw nigh to Him by prayer, by contemplation, by reading His Word. When He draws nigh to you, He lifts up for you a standard against the enemy. Let us take courage; for the enemy cannot pass this standard. {OHC 96.5}

“If we draw nigh to God, individually, then don’t you see what the result will be? Can’t you see that we will draw nigh to one another? We cannot draw nigh to God, and come to the same cross, without our hearts being blended together in perfect unity, answering the prayer of Christ that they may be one as He is one with the Father. ***And therefore we should seek in spirit, in understanding, in faith, that we may be one, that God may be glorified in us as He is glorified in the Son; and that God shall love us as He loves the Son.*** {OHC 96.6}

“The soul that loves God, loves to draw strength from Him by constant communion with Him. When it becomes the habit of the soul to converse with God, the

power of the evil one is broken; for Satan cannot abide near the soul that draws nigh unto God.” {OHC 96.7} Our High Calling, pg. 96.
