Quotes from Ellen G. White Speaking of the Holy Spirit

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***Ellen G. White, “The Desire of the Ages”, Chapter 73, “Let not Your Heart be Troubled’****.*

“For your sake I came into the world. I am working in your behalf. When I go away, I shall work earnestly for you. I go to the Father to co-operate with Him in your behalf….While He was building mansions for them, they were to build characters after the divine similitude……He is the way by which alone we can have access to God…He had humbled Himself to humanity, the Godhead was still His own. **Christ alone could represent the Father to humanity, and this representation the disciples had been privileged to behold for over three years….Christ’s work testified to His divinity**. **Through Him the Father had been revealed**.” pgs. 662, 663.

“If the disciples believed this vital connection between the Father and the Son, their faith would not forsake them when they saw Christ’s suffering and death to save a perishing world. Christ was seeking to lead them from their low condition of faith to the experience they might receive if they truly realized what He was----God in human flesh. **He desired them to see that** **their faith must lead up to God, and be anchored there**. How earnestly and perseveringly our

compassionate Savior sought to prepare His disciples for the storm of temptation what was soon to beat upon them. He would have them hid with Him in God…..As they were drawn to Christ in greater love, they were drawn to one another. They felt that heaven was very near, and that the words to which they listened were a message to them from their heavenly Father…….He came to the world to display the glory of God, that man might be uplifted by its

restoring power. God was manifested in Him that He might be in them. **Jesus revealed no** **qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have through faith in Him**. His perfect

humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was.” p. 664.

“After the Lord’s ascension, the disciples realized the fulfillment of His promise…The knew that the divine Teacher was all that He had claimed to be. As they told their experience, and exalted the love of God, men’s hearts were melted and subdued, and multitudes believed on Jesus….**The Saviour’s promise to His disciples is a promise to His church to the end of time**…..

**All who will go to work, trusting not in what they themselves can do, but in what God can do** **for and through them, will certainly realize the fulfillment of His promise**…..He explained that the secret of their success would be in asking for strength and grace in His name. He would be present before the Father to make request for them….Every sincere prayer is heard in heaven……**The path of sincerity and integrity is not a path free from obstruction, but in every** **difficulty we are to see a call to prayer**. There is no one living who has any power that he has not received from God, and the source whence in comes is open to the weakest human being….In Christ’s name His followers are to stand before God. Through the value of the sacrifice made for them, they are of value in the Lord’s sight….He recognizes in them the likeness of His Son, in whom they believe.” pg. 667.

“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**…….

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“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….**Those who love Him will show their love by obedience…..All true obedience comes** **from the heart**….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 it highest delight in doing His service….Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us….As Christ lived the law in humanity, so we may do if we will take hold of the Strong for strength….If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally……**Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength. Power for obedience, for service, will be imparted** **to them, as Christ has promised**.” p.668.

“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth(John 14:16-18)…..**Before this the Spirit had been in the world; from the beginning of the work of redemption He had been moving upon men’s hearts……….**

The Holy Spirit is Christ’s representative, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof…..By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all…..The Lord knows all about His faithful servants who for His sake are lying in prison or who are banished to lonely islands…..Christ stands by his side….The life that is sacrificed for Me is preserved unto eternal glory……the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith….no circumstance, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer……The disciples were to bear witness to the life and work of Christ. Through their word He was to speak to all the people on the face of the earth….Jesus promised that the Comforter should ‘bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.’…..But it was most difficult for them to keep His lessons distinct from the traditions and maxims of the scribes and Pharisees. They had been educated to accept the teachings of the rabbis as the voice of God, and it still held power over their minds……Their minds had become confused. The did not comprehend the value of the scriptures Christ presented……Jesus saw that they did not lay hold of the real meaning of His words. He compassionately promised that the Holy Spirit should recall these sayings to their minds….The Spirit was to quicken their understanding, that they might have an appreciation of heavenly things.” pgs. 669, 670.

“The Comforter is called ‘the Spirit of truth.’ His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus becomes the Comforter……Through the scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus he exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working thru the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself…..The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Holy Spirit was

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to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail…..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**……The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love; so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing His grace to the world. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity.” pg. 671.

“Only when the truth is accompanied to the heart by the Spirit will it quicken the conscience or transform the life. One might be able to present the letter of the word of God, he might be familiar with all its commands and promises; but unless the Holy Spirit sets home the truth, no souls will fall on the Rock and be broken……Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciple. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions……**We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us**. Through the Spirit God works in His people ‘to will and do of His good pleasure.’(Philippians 2:13). But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given.” p. 672.

“When Peter said he would follow his Lord to prison and to death, he meant it, every word of it; but he did not know himself. Hidden in his heart were elements of evil that circumstances would fan into life. Unless he was made conscious of his danger, these would prove his eternal ruin. The Saviour saw in him a self-love and assurance that would overbear even his love for Christ. Much of infirmity, of unmortified sin, carelessness of spirit, unsanctified temper, heedlessness in entering into temptation, had been revealed in his experience. Christ’s solemn warning was a call to heart searching. Peter needed to distrust himself, and to have a deeper faith in Christ. Had he in humility received the warning, he would have appealed to the Shepherd of the flock to keep His sheep…..So now if he had cried to Jesus, Save me from myself, he would have been kept…..Jesus looks with compassion on His disciples. He cannot save them from the trial, but He does not leave them comfortless…..After His death and resurrection, they knew that they were forgiven, and were dear to the heart of Christ……I am the true Vine**….So Christ in His humanity was dependent upon divine power**….I

am the true Vine, and my father is the husbandman…..But the heavenly husbandman never lost sight of His plant…..’I am the Vine, ye are the branches,’ Christ said to His disciples….The

connection of the branch with the vine, He said, represents the relation you are to sustain to Me……The life of the vine becomes the life of the branch. So the soul dead in trespasses and sins receives life through connection with Christ. By faith in Him as a personal Savior the union

is formed. The sinner unites his weakness to Christ’s strength, his emptiness to Christ’s fulness, his frailty to Christ’s enduring might. Then he has the mind of Christ. pgs. 674, 675.

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“This union with Christ, once formed, must be maintained…..This is no casual touch, no off-and on connection. The branch becomes a part of the living vine. The communication of life, strength, and fruitfulness from the root to the branches is unobstructed and constant. Separated from the vine, the branch cannot live. No more, said Jesus, can you live apart from Me. The life you have received from Me can be preserved only by continual communion. Without Me you cannot overcome one sin, or resist one temptation….Christ communicates the current of spiritual strength to every believer. So long as the soul is united to Christ, there is no danger that it will wither or decay….When we live by faith on the Son of God, the fruits of the Spirit will be seen in our life; not one will be missing…**A profession of religion places men in the church, but the character and conduct show whether they are in connection with Christ. If** **they bear no fruit, they are false branches**.” p.676.

“The pruning will cause pain, but it is the Father who applies the knife. He works with no wanton hand or indifferent heart. These are branches trailing upon the ground; these must be cut loose from the earthly supports to which the tendrils are fastening. They are to reach heavenward, and find their support in God……The husbandman prunes away the harmful growth, that the fruit may be richer and more abundant……God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion, of His own character…..It is through the word that Christ abides in His followers…..The words of Christ are spirit and life. Receiving them, you receive the life of the Vine……The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him**. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ**…..In the last meeting with His disciples, the great desire which Christ expressed for them was that they might love one another as He had loved them……To the disciples this commandment was new; for they had not loved one another as Christ had loved them. He saw that new ideas and impulses must control them; that new principles must be practiced by them; through His life and death they were to receive a conception of love. The command to love one another had a new meaning in the light of His self-sacrifice.” p. 677.

“The whole work of grace is one continual service of love, of self-denying, self-sacrificing effort…..All who are imbued with His Spirit will love as He loved. The very principle that actuated Christ will actuate them in all their dealing one with another…..This love is the evidence of their discipleship…… **When men are bound together, not by force or self-interest, but by love, they show the working of an influence that is above every human influence.** When this oneness exists, it is evidence that the image of God is being restored in humanity, that a new principle of life has been implanted. It shows that there is power in the divine nature to withstand the supernatural agencies of evil, and that the grace of God subdues the selfishness inherent in the natural heart…..’If they have persecuted Me, they will

also persecute you……But all these things they will do unto you for My name’s sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.’ The gospel is to be carried forward by aggressive warfare, in the midst of opposition, peril, loss, and suffering. But those who do their work are only

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following in their Master’s steps…..As the world’s Redeemer, Christ was constantly confronted with apparent failure. He, the messenger of mercy to our world, seemed to do little work He longed to do in uplifting and saving. Satanic influences were constantly working to oppose His way. But He would not be discouraged.” p.678.

“With prophetic eye Christ traced the scenes to take place in His last great conflict. He knew that when He should proclaim, ‘It is finished,’ all heaven would triumph……He knew that the knell of Satan’s empire would then be sounded, and the name of Christ would be heralded from world to world throughout the universe…..Christ rejoiced that He could do more for His followers than they could ask or think. He spoke with assurance, knowing that an almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that truth, armed with omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the contest with evil…..Christ did not fail, neither was He discouraged, and His followers are to manifest a faith of the same enduring nature. **They are to live as He lived, and work as He worked, because they depend on Him as the great Master Worker. Courage, energy, and perseverance they must possess. Though apparent impossibilities obstruct their way, they are called to surmount them. They are to despair of nothing, and to hope for everything.” p. 679.**

“They are to have power to resist evil, power that neither earth, nor death, nor hell can master, power that will enable them to overcome as Christ overcomes…..Christ designs that

heaven’s order, heaven’s plan of government, heaven’s divine harmony, shall be represented in His church on earth. Thus in His people He is glorified…..The church, endowed with the righteousness of Christ, is His depository, in which the riches of His mercy, His grace, and His love, are to appear in full and final display….. gathered **Christ had finished the work that was given to Him to do. He had glorified God on the earth. He had manifested the Father’s name. He had out those who were to continue His work among men….Thus in the language of one who has divine authority, Christ gives His elect church into the Father’s arms**. As a consecrated high priest He intercedes for His people. As a faithful shepherd He gathers His flock under the shadow of the Almighty, in the strong and sure refuge. For Him there waits the last battle with Satan, and He goes forth to meet it.” p.680.

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***Ellen G. White, “Acts of the Apostles, Ellen G. White, Chapter 5, “The Gift of the Spirit.”***

“When Christ gave His disciples the promise of the Spirit, He was nearing the close of His earthly ministry. He was standing in the shadow of the cross, with full realization of the load of guilt that was to rest upon Him as the Sin Bearer. Before offering Himself as the sacrificial victim, He instructed His disciples regarding a most essential and complete gift which He was to bestow upon His followers----the gift that would bring within their reach the boundless resources of His grace….The Saviour was pointing forward to the time when the Holy Spirit should come to do a mighty work as His representative….**What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were** **carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world**. As the disciples proclaimed the message of redeeming grace, hearts yielded to the power of this message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders were reconverted…..Some who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions…..The ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ’s character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom……Under their labors were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the word of truth, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that filled their hearts with peace and joy…….The Lord spoke through them, and as they went from place to place, the poor had the gospel preached to them, and miracles of divine grace were wrought.” pgs. 47,48.

“So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit…..**The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or any race. Christ declared that the divine** **influence of His Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end**……To all who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness….The men and women who through the long centuries of persecution and trial enjoyed a large measure of the Spirit in their lives, have stood as signs and wonders in the world. Before angels and men they have revealed the transforming power of redeeming love…….Those who at Pentecost were endued with power from on high, were not thereby freed from further temptation and trial. As they witnessed for truth and righteousness they were repeatedly assailed by the enemy of truth, who sought to rob them of their Christian experience. They were compelled to strive with all their God-given powers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. Daily they prayed for fresh supplies of grace that they might reach higher and still higher toward perfection. Under the Holy Spirit’s working even the weakest, by exercising faith in God, learned to improve their entrusted powers and to become sanctified, refined, and ennobled…..The promise is not appreciated as it should be. **If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit……offered in infinite plenitude……Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children**.” pgs. 49, 50.

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“With the consecrated worker for God, in whatever place he may be, the Holy Spirit abides…..

The Spirit furnishes the strength that sustains striving, wrestling souls in every emergency, amidst hatred of the world, and the realization of their own failures and mistakes. In sorrow and affliction, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone,------these are the times when, in answer to the prayer of faith, the Holy Spirit brings comfort to the heart…..**Holiness is not rapture: it is an entire surrender of the will to God; it is by living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; it is doing the will of our heavenly Father; it is trusting God in trial, in darkness as well as in light; it is walking by faith and not by sight; it is relying on God with unquestioning confidence and resting in His love**.

pg. 51.

“The nature of the Holy Spirit is a mystery. Men cannot explain it, because the Lord has not revealed it to them…..Regarding such mysteries, which are too deep for human understanding,

silence is golden…..**It is the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin. If the sinner responds to the quickening influence of the Spirit, he will be brought to repentance and aroused to the importance of obeying the divine requirements**…….To the repentant sinner, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, the Holy Spirit reveals the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world……**The Spirit is given as a regenerating agency, to make effectual the salvation** **wrought by the death of our Redeemer**. The Spirit is constantly seeking to draw the attention of men to the great offering that was made on the cross of Calvary, to unfold to the world the love of God, and to open to the convicted soul the precious things of the scriptures……Having brought conviction of sin…..the Holy Spirit withdraws the affections from the things of this earth and fills the soul with a desire for holiness….If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about the sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul. By His power the way of life will be made so plain that none need err therein……From the beginning, God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose in behalf of the fallen race…….

God gave His ‘good Spirit to instruct them.’ Nehemiah 9:20……The same power that sustained the patriarchs…has upheld God’s faithful children in every succeeding age……And today God is still using His church to make known His purpose in the earth.” pgs. 52, 53.

“The standard of God’s law is being exalted. The Spirit of the Almighty is moving upon men’s hearts, and those who respond to its influence become witnesses for God and His truth. In

many places consecrated men and women may be seen communicating to others the light that has made plain to them the way of salvation through Christ. As they continue to let their light shine, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they receive still more of the Spirit’s power. Thus the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God…….It is true that in the time of the end, when God’s work in the earth is closing, the earnest efforts put forth by consecrated believers under the guidance of the Holy Spirit are to be accompanied by special tokens of divine favor…..The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the beginning of the early, or former rain, and glorious was the result.” p.54.

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“But near the close of earth’s harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man……**But unless the members of God’s church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be** **ready for the time of reaping. Unless they keep their lamps trimmed and burning, they will fail of receiving added grace in times of special need…..Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability** to use that power…..Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. Daily they are witnessing for the Master wherever they may be, whether in some humble sphere of labor in the home, or in a public field of usefulness.” p.55.

“**To the consecrated worker there is a wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even Christ during His life on earth sought His Father daily for fresh supplies of needed grace**; **and from this communion with God He went forth to strengthen and bless others**. Though He is the Son of God, He strengthens His faith by prayer, and by communion with heaven gathers to Himself power to resist evil and minister to the needs of men…..He knows that the messengers whom He sees fit to send are weak, erring men; but to all who give themselves wholly to His service He promises divine aid. His own example is an assurance that earnest, persevering supplication to God in faith---faith that leads to entire dependence upon God, and unreserved consecration to His work----will avail to bring to men the Holy Spirit’s aid in the battle against sin…..Every worker who follows the example of Christ will be prepared to receive and use the power that God has promised to His church for ripening of earth’s harvest. Morning by morning, as the heralds of the gospel kneel before the Lord and renew their vows of consecration to Him, He will grant them the presence of His Spirit, with its reviving, sanctifying power. As they go forth to the days duties, they have the assurance that the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit enables them to be ‘laborers together with God.’ “ p. 56.

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***Ellen G. White, “Christ’s Object Lessons,” Chapter 12, “Asking to Give.”***

**“Christ was continually receiving from the Father that He might communicate to us……Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed. From hours spent with God he came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men**. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others…..Christ’s disciples were much impressed by His prayers and by His habit of communion with God…..’Lord, teach us to pray.’….In answer, Christ repeated the Lord’s prayer, as He had given it in the sermon on the mount…..In like manner the disciples were to seek blessings from God. In the feeding of the multitude and in the sermon on the bread from heaven, Christ had opened to them their work as His representatives. They were to give the bread of life to the people….” p. 139,140.

“Souls that were hungering for the bread of life would come to them, and they would feel themselves to be destitute and helpless. They must receive spiritual food, or they would have nothing to impart. But they were not to turn one soul away unfed. Christ directs them to the source of supply…..And would not God, who had sent His servants to feed the hungry, supply their need for His own work?.....God delights to give. He is full of compassion, and He longs to grant the requests of those who come unto Him in faith. He gives to us that we may minister to others and thus become like Himself…….In order to strengthen our confidence in God, Christ teaches us to address Him by a new name, a name entwined with the dearest associations of the human heart. **He gives us the privilege of calling the infinite God our Father. This name, spoken to Him and of Him, is a sign of our love and trust toward Him, and a pledge of His regard and relationship to us. Spoken when asking His favor or blessing, it is as** **music in His ears**….” p.141, 142.

“**God regards us as His children**. He has redeemed us out of the careless world and has chosen us to become members of the royal family, sons and daughters of the heavenly King. He invites us to trust Him with a trust deeper and stronger than that of a child in his earthly father. **Parents love their children, but the love of God is larger, broader, deeper, than human** **love can possibly be. It is immeasurable**…..Christ’s lessons in regard to prayer should be carefully considered. **There is a divine science in prayer…..He shows what is the true spirit of prayer, He teaches the necessity of perseverance in presenting our requests to God, and** **assures us of His willingness to hear and answer prayer**…..Our prayers are not to be a selfish asking, merely for our benefit. **We are to ask that we may give**…..The same devotion, the same self-sacrifice, the same subjection to the claims of the word of God, that were manifest in Christ, must be seen in His servants.” p. 142.

“We are to glorify God by co-operating with Him to save sinners…..The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting. We cannot continue to receive heavenly treasure without communicating to those around us……our prayers do not always seem to receive an

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immediate answer; **but Christ teaches that we should not cease to pray. Prayer is not to** work any change in God; it is to bring us into harmony with God….Therefore He takes us through test and trial, He brings us through humiliation, that we may see what hinders the **working of His Holy Spirit through us**…..There are conditions to the fulfillment of God’s promises, and prayer can never take the place of duty…..Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah. They bring the name of Christ as their authority for the fulfillment of the promise, but they do not those things that would show faith in Christ and love for Him…..Many are forfeiting the condition of acceptance with the Father. We need to examine closely the deed of trust wherewith we approach God. If we are disobedient, we bring to the Lord a note to be cashed when we have not fulfilled the conditions that would make it payable to us. We present to God His promises, and ask Him to fulfill them, when by so doing He would dishonor His own name.” p. 143.

“One of the last commands to His disciples was ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’(John 13:34) Do we obey this command, or are we indulging sharp, un-Christlike traits of character?

**If we have in any way grieved or wounded others, it is our duty to confess our fault and seek for reconciliation. This is an essential preparation that we may come before God in faith, to** **ask His blessing…..**As a Giver of every blessing, God claims a certain portion of all we possess.

This is His provision to sustain the preaching of the gospel. And by making this return to God, we show our appreciation of His gifts. But if we withhold from Him that which is His own, how can we claim His blessing? If we are unfaithful stewards of earthly things, how can we expect Him to entrust us with the things of heaven? It may be that here is the secret of unanswered prayer…..But the Lord in His great mercy is ready to forgive…..” p. 144.

“**So it is with every other one of God’s requirements. All His gifts are promised on condition of obedience. God has all heaven full of blessings for those who will co-operate with Him. All who obey Him may with confidence claim the fulfillment of His promises**….But we must show a firm, undeviating trust in God. Often He delays to answer us in order to try our faith or test the genuineness of our desire. Having asked according to His word, we should believe His promise and press our petitions with determination that will not be denied….Unwearyingly

persist in prayer….But many have not a living faith. This is why they do not see more of the power of God. Their weakness is the result of their unbelief……They plan and devise, but pray little, and have little real trust in God. They think they have faith, but it is only the impulse of the moment.” p. 145.

“Our prayers are to be as earnest and persistent as was the petition of the needy friend who asked for the loaves at midnight. The more earnestly and steadfastly we ask, the closer will be our spiritual union with Christ. **We shall have increased blessings because we have increased faith…..Our part is to pray and believe. Watch unto prayer**. Watch, and co-operate with the prayer-hearing God……Speak and act in harmony with your prayers. It will make an infinite

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difference with you whether trial proves your faith to be genuine, or show that your prayers are only a form….When perplexities arise, and difficulties confront you, look not for help to humanity. Trust all with God. The practice of telling our difficulties to others only makes us weak, and brings no strength to them…..You need not go to the ends of the earth for wisdom, for God is near. It is not the capabilities you now possess or ever will have that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you**. We need to have far less confidence in what a man can do and far more confidence in what God can do for every believing soul. He longs to have you reach after Him by faith. He longs to have you expect great things from Him.**

**He longs to give you understanding in temporal as well as in spiritual matters. He can give tact and skill. Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom, and it will be given you…..Take the word of Christ as your assurance.” p. 146.**

“Never allow yourself to talk in a hopeless, discouraged way. If you do you will lose much. By looking at appearances and complaining when difficulties and pressure come, you give evidence of a sickly, enfeebled faith. Talk and act as if your faith was invincible. The Lord is rich in resources; He owns the world. Look heavenward in faith. Look to Him who has light and power and efficiency…..There is in genuine faith a buoyancy, a steadfastness of principle and a fixedness of purpose that neither time nor toil can weaken…..There are many who long to help others, but they feel that they have no spiritual strength or light to impart. Let them present their petitions at the throne of grace. Plead for the Holy Spirit. **God stands back of** **every promise He has made**. With your Bible in your hands say, ‘I have done as Thou hast said. I present Thy promise, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”……..We must not only pray in Christ’s name, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit…..such prayer God delights to answer. When with earnestness and intensity we breathe a prayer in the name of Christ, there is in that very intensity a pledge from God that He is about to answer our prayer “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think(Ephesians 3:20).” p. 147.

“ ‘Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.’(John 14:13)…..Then press your petition to the Father in the name of Jesus. God will honor that name…..The rainbow round about the throne is an assurance that God is true, that in Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. We have sinned against Him, and are underserving of His favor……**When we come to Him confessing our unworthiness and sin, He has pledged Himself to give heed to our cry……Like Aaron, who symbolized Christ, our Saviour bears the names of all His people on His heart in the holy place. Our great High Priest** **remembers all the words by which He has encouraged us to trust. He is ever mindful of** **His covenant**……All who seek of Him shall find. All who knock will have the door opened to them.The excuse will not be made, Trouble me not; the door is closed; I do not wish to open it…..In the parable, he who asks bread for the stranger, receives ‘as many as he needeth.’ And in what measure will God impart to us that we may impart to others?” p. 148. “**Angels are watching with intense interest to see how man is dealing with his fellow men. When they**

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**see one manifest Christlike sympathy for the erring, they press to his side and bring to his remembrance words to speak that will be the bread of life to the soul. Your testimony in its genuineness and reality He will make powerful in the power of the** **life to** **come.** The word of the Lord will be in your mouth as truth and righteousness…….Personal effort for others should be preceded by much secret prayer; for it requires great wisdom to understand the science of saving souls. **Before communicating with men, commune with** **Christ.** At the throne of heavenly grace obtain a preparation for ministering to the people….Let your heart break for the longing it has for God, for the living God. The life of Christ has shown what humanity can do by being partaker of the divine nature. All that Christ received from God we too may have. Then ask and receive. With the persevering faith of Jacob, with the unyielding persistence of Elijah, claim for yourself all that God has promised…...Let the glorious conceptions of God possess your mind. Let your life be knit by hidden links to the life of Jesus. **He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness is** **willing to shine in your heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face** **of Jesus Christ.** The Holy Spirit will take the things of God and show them unto you, conveying them as a living power into the obedient heart. Christ will lead you to the threshold of the Infinite. You may behold the glory beyond the veil, and reveal to men the sufficiency of Him who ever liveth to make intercession for us.” p. 149.

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***E.G. White, “Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, pgs. 19-23, The Promise of the Spirit”, also Testimony Treasures, The Power Promised”, Volume 3, pgs. 209-215.***

“ **God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the** **Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our** **minds and purify our hearts**….Christ has made provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God….**What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Day of Pentecost?** The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bounds of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth…..As they proclaimed the truth as it is in Jesus, hearts yielded to the power of the message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. Backsliders we reconverted. Sinners united with Christians in seeking the pearl of great price.” p. 19-20.

“Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions…..The only

ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ’s character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom……Under their labors there were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the word of life, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that had filled their hearts with peace and joy…….They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them; and wherever they went, the sick were healed, and the poor had the gospel preached to them……..So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit……To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will today endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the day of Pentecost heard the word of salvation. At this very hour His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His word…….**Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the** **Spirit had been given is the same.”** p. 20.

“The disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden for souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day…….So it may be now. Let Christians put away all dissension and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostle was the ‘former rain,’ and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant…….

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Christ declared that the divine influence of the Spirit was to be with His followers unto the end. But the promise is not appreciated as it should be; and therefore its fulfillment is not seen as it might be. **The promise of the Spirit is a matter little thought of; and the result is only what might be expected----spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension,** **and death. Minor matters occupy the attention, and the divine power which is** **necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other** **blessings in it train, is lacking, though offered in its infinite plentitude**……It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry powerless. Learning, talent, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but, without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ.” p. 21.

“If they are connected with Christ, if the gifts of the Spirit are theirs, the poorest and the most ignorant of His disciples will have a power that will tell upon hearts. God makes them channels for the outpouring of the highest influence in the universe…..**Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power?**

**Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God**. Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help, for the heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely……..The presence of the Spirit with God’s workers will give the presentation of the truth with a power that not all the honor or glory of the world can give. The Spirit furnishes the strength that sustains striving, wrestling souls in every emergency, amidst the unfriendliness of relatives, the hatred of the world, and the realization of their own imperfections and mistakes…..Zeal for God moved the disciples to bear witness to the truth with mighty power. Should not this zeal fire our hearts with a determination to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified?......It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.” p. 22.

“My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made…..The rainbow about the throne is an assurance that God is true; that in Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. We have sinned against Him and are undeserving of His favor……He has pledged Himself to give heed to our cry when we come to Him confessing our unworthiness and sin. The honor of His throne is staked for the fulfillment of His word to us…..**Christ dispatches His messengers to every part of His dominion to communicate His will to His servants……He desires to sanctify, elevate, and ennoble His followers. The influence of those who believe in Him will be in the world a savor of life unto life......He has given us a**

**great** **work to do. Let us do it faithfully. Let us show forth in our lives what divine grace can do** **for humanity.”**