

Ellen White the Entrusted Messenger of the Lord

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by many of the citizens of Battle Creek. They paid the best of attention. **At this meeting I had opportunity to state decidedly that my views have not changed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon many of those who heard the words spoken.** I said: You may be anxious to know what Mrs. White believes. You have heard her speak many times. She has spoken to you in the park close to the Tabernacle more than once. She has spoken in the large tent and at the camp-meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. The message that she bears today is the same that she bore then. She has the same service to do for the Master that she had when she addressed the people of Battle Creek years ago. **She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are, "Write the messages that I give you, that the people may have them."** These messages have been written as God has given them to me. {Ms140-1905.3} {3SM 73.1} {8MR 36.1} {Lt39-1905.2}

I have written many books, all of which will stand the test of investigation. Of myself, I could not have brought out these books, but the Lord has given me the help of His Holy Spirit. These books contain the instruction which for nearly half a century God has been giving me. They contain light from heaven and will bear the test of investigation. {Ms140-1905.4} {Lt39-1905.3}

The message that my pen traced, when explanations regarding the truth for this time were first given me, has in no respect been changed. The question is sometimes raised, "What if Mrs. White should die?" I answer: The books that she has written will not die. They are a living witness to what saith the Scriptures. They contain the instruction that for nearly half a century my pen has been tracing. Some of these books have been translated into many languages. {Ms140-1905.5} {PM 358.5} {1MR 141.1} {4MR 412.3} {Lt55-1905.6}

The truth that we proclaim today is the same truth that we have proclaimed for the last fifty years. We can say, as John says in his first epistle: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us, and **truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, **that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.**" [1 John 1:1-5.] {Ms140-1905.6} {Lt39-1905.4}

I assured the people that I had the same message to bear to them that I had borne when speaking in the park opposite the Tabernacle, in the large tent, and at the camp-meetings. I have had no reason to change my faith. {Ms140-1905.7}

During this discourse, I said that I did not claim to be a prophetess. Much is being said in regard to this, and I desire to make an explanation. **God has given me a work that comprises more than is embraced by the name of prophetess. My work includes much more than this name signifies. I regard myself as a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages for His people.** {Ms140-1905.8} {1SM 36.1} {3SM 74.3} {1MR 141.3} {Lt55-1905.9} {Ms16-1905.1}

The Lord has given me great light on health reform. In connection with my husband, I was to be a medical missionary worker. I was to take the sick to my home and care for them. This I have done, myself giving

the women and children most vigorous treatment. **I was also to speak on the subject of temperance, as the Lord's appointed messenger.** I have been called to many places to speak on **temperance** before large assemblies. **For many years I was known as a speaker on temperance.** {Ms140-1905.9} {Ms16-1905.2}

I was instructed that I must ever urge upon those who claim to believe the truth the necessity of practicing this truth. This means sanctification, and sanctification means the culture and training of every capability for the Lord's service. {Ms140-1905.10} {1SM 33.3} {ML 261.3} {RH July 26, 1906, par. 11} {1MR 141.5} {SpM 482.1} {Lt55-1905.13} {Ms63-1906.11}

The Work of a Prophet and More

I am now instructed that I am not to be hindered in my work by those who engage in suppositions regarding its nature, whose minds are struggling with so many intricate problems connected with the supposed work of a prophet. **My commission embraces the work of a prophet, but it does not end there. It embraces much more than the minds of those who have been sowing the seeds of unbelief can comprehend.**—Letter 244, 1906 (Addressed to elders of the Battle Creek church; See Selected Messages 1:34-36.) {3SM 74.4}

E.G. White Books Live On

My time is fully employed in the preparation of *Ministry of Healing* and some matter pertaining to the Southern field that is to be published in the next volume of the *Testimonies*. **I hope that when these books come out, some of the burden I now feel can be laid aside, because of the knowledge that the light that God has given me is placed where the people can receive it.** Oh, if the truths that are taught in the *Ministry of Healing* shall be effective, a genuine religious interest will be manifested in the sick and suffering in our sanitariums. **Though my life may be ended, these books will live and teach the truth.** [Close beside her chair, on a table, were kept several of the books she had written. These she would often handle and look over, seeming to delight in having them near. Like an affectionate mother with her children, so was she with these books during her last sickness. Several times, when visited, she was found holding two or three of them in her lap. **"I appreciate these books as I never did before,"** she at one time remarked. **"They are truth, and they are righteousness, and they are an everlasting testimony that God is true."** She rejoiced in the thought that when she could no longer speak to the people, her books would **speak for her.**—Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, 445, 446.]—Letter 85, 1905. {PM 358.6}

Truth Immortalized in Spirit of Prophecy Books

I am "only waiting till the shadows are a little longer grown." **But my books will testify when my voice shall no longer be heard. The truths committed to me, as the Lord's messenger, stand immortalized, either to convict and to convert souls, or to condemn those who have departed from the faith and have given heed to seducing spirits.** {Lt350-1906.10} {PM 359.1}

Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy Have Same Author

The Holy Ghost is the Author of the Scriptures and of the spirit of prophecy. These are not to be twisted and turned to mean what man may want them to mean, to carry out man's ideas and sentiments, to carry forward man's schemes at all hazards. "Many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, and through covetousness shall they with unfeigned words make merchandise of you." [2 Peter 2:2, 3.] We must stand as vigilant soldiers, guarding against the entrance of one wrong principle. Not one thread of selfishness is to be drawn into the web, for this would spoil the pattern. {Lt92-1900.12} {2MR 189.2} {3SM 30.3}

Ellen White Enabled to Clearly Define Truth and Error

At that time [after the 1844 disappointment] one error after another pressed in upon us; ministers and doctors brought in new doctrines. **We would search the Scriptures with much prayer, and the Holy Spirit would bring the truth to our minds.** Sometimes whole nights would be devoted to searching the Scriptures and earnestly asking God for guidance. Companies of devoted men and women assembled for this purpose. **The power of God would come upon me, and I was enabled clearly to define what is truth and what is error.** {3SM 31.4}

As the points of our faith were thus established, our feet were placed upon a solid foundation. We accepted the truth point by point, under the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. I would be taken off in vision, and explanations would be given me. I was given illustrations of heavenly things, and of the sanctuary, so that we were placed where light was shining on us in clear, distinct rays.—Gospel Workers, 302. {3SM 32.1}

Testimonies to Bring Plain Lessons from the Word

As long as Satan has power to work upon human minds that are not barricaded with the Holy Spirit, there will be stern and earnest conflict between good and evil, and evil will be manifested even among those who claim to be the children of God. The characters of God's people are to be developed by the relation that exists between man and God, between man and his fellow-man. In the Scriptures God has set forth practical lessons to govern the life and conduct of all; but though he has given minute particulars in regard to our character, conversation, and conduct, in a large measure, his lessons are disregarded and ignored. **Besides the instruction in his word, the Lord has given special testimonies to his people, not as a new revelation, but that he may set before us the plain lessons of his word, that errors may be corrected, that the right way may be pointed out, that every soul may be without excuse.** There is no reason for us to fix our eyes upon error, to grieve and complain, and lose precious time and opportunities in lamenting the faults of others. We are to turn our eyes away from this, and store the mind with truth, that we may have pure and holy practices. Right practices are set forth in contradistinction to the error, and every one who loves God, who will learn in the school of Christ to be meek and lowly in heart, will find rest from all turmoil, confusion, and strife of tongues. But if any do not take upon them the yoke of Christ, if they do not cast away the yokes and burdens of their own manufacturing which gall so, they will be filled with dissatisfaction, complaints, faultfinding, and evil speaking. They will be so engaged in looking upon the

imperfections of others that they will fail to see and appreciate that which is desirable and precious. They will fail to fill memory's hall with the pictures of that which is pure and lovely and of good report. {RH August 8, 1893, par. 1} {Lt63-1893.7} {3SM 31.3}

Testimonies Never Contradict the Bible

The Bible must be your counselor. Study it and the testimonies God has given; for they never contradict his Word. {3SM 32.3} {Lt106-1907.1} {8MR 36.2}

Danger in Criticizing the "Testimonies"

In a recent dream I was brought before an assembly of people, some of whom were making efforts to remove the impression of a most solemn testimony of warning that I had given them. They said: "We believe Sister White's testimonies; but when she tells us things that she has not directly seen in vision in the particular case under consideration, her words are of no more account to us than the words of any other person." The Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and I arose and rebuked them in the name of the Lord. {CCh 95.6} {5T 687.2} {2TT 298.1} {T33 215.2}

Now if those to whom these solemn warnings are addressed say, "It is only Sister White's individual opinion, I shall still follow my own judgment," and if they continue to do the very things they were warned not to do, they show that they despise the counsel of God, and the result is just what the Spirit of God has shown me it would be—injury to the cause of God and ruin to themselves. Some who wish to strengthen their own position will bring forward from the *Testimonies* statements which they think will support their views, and will put the strongest possible construction upon them; but that which questions their course of action, or which does not coincide with their views, they pronounce Sister White's opinion, denying its heavenly origin and placing it on a level with their own judgment. {CCh 95.7} {5T 687.3} {2TT 298.2} {T33 215.3}

God has given me a marked, solemn experience in connection with His work; and you may be assured that so long as my life is spared, I shall not cease to lift a warning voice as I am impressed by the Spirit of God, whether men will hear or whether they will forbear. I have no special wisdom in myself; I am only an instrument in the Lord's hands to do the work He has set for me to do. The instructions that I have given by pen or voice have been an expression of the light that God has given me. I have tried to place before you the principles that the Spirit of God has for years been impressing upon my mind and writing on my heart. {5T 691.1} {2TT 301.2} {T33 219.1}

And now, brethren, I entreat you not to interpose between me and the people, and turn away the light which God would have come to them. Do not by your criticisms take out all the force, all the point and power, from the *Testimonies*. Do not feel that you can dissect them to suit your own ideas, claiming that God has given you ability to discern what is light from heaven and what is the expression of mere human wisdom. If the Testimonies speak not according to the word of God, reject them. Christ and Belial cannot be united. For Christ's sake do not confuse the minds of the people with human sophistry and skepticism, and make of none effect the work that the Lord would do. Do not, by your lack of

spiritual discernment, make of this agency of God a rock of offense whereby many shall be caused to stumble and fall, “and be snared, and be taken.” {CCh 96.1} {5T 691.2} {2TT 302.1} {T33 219.2}

Object of the “Testimonies”

In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs them now concerning His will and the course that He would have them pursue. But will they profit by His teachings? will they receive His reproofs and heed His warnings? God will accept of no partial obedience; He will sanction no compromise with self. {4T 147.4} {5T 661.1} {CCh 91.2} {Ev 255.3} {3SM 30.2} {1TT 488.1} {2TT 276.1} {FLB 296.2} {ML 40.6} {RH June 9, 1885, par. 10} {T27 8.2} {T33 189.1} {Lt224-1906.5}

“The Lord has seen fit to give me a view of the needs and errors of His people. Painful though it has been to me, I have faithfully set before the offenders their faults and the means of remedying them.... Thus has the Spirit of God pronounced warnings and judgments, withholding not, however, the sweet promise of mercy.... {5T 661.2} {4T 14.3}

“Repentant sinners have no cause to despair because they are reminded of their transgressions and warned of their danger. These very efforts in their behalf show how much God loves them and desires to save them. **They have only to follow His counsel and do His will, to inherit eternal life.** God sets the sins of His erring people before them, that they may behold them in all their enormity under the light of divine truth. **It is then their duty to renounce them forever.**” “If God’s people would recognize His dealings with them and accept His teachings, they would find a straight path for their feet and a light to guide them through darkness and discouragement.” [Testimonies for the Church 4:14, 15 (1876).] {5T 661.3}

“Warnings and reproofs are not given to the erring among Seventh-day Adventists because their lives are more blameworthy than are the lives of professed Christians of the nominal churches, nor because their example of their acts are worse than those of the Adventists who will not yield obedience to the claims of God’s law, but because they have great light, and have by their profession taken their position as God’s special, chosen people, having the law of God written in their hearts. **They signify their loyalty to the God of heaven by yielding obedience to the laws of His government.** They are God’s representatives upon the earth. Any sin in them separates them from God and, in a special manner, dishonors His name by giving the enemies of His holy law occasion to reproach His cause and His people, whom He has called ‘a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people,’ that they should show forth the praises of Him that hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light.... {5T 661.4}

“The Lord reproveth and corrects the people who profess to keep His law. He points out their sins and lays open their iniquity because He wishes to separate all sin and wickedness from them, that they may perfect holiness in His fear.... God rebukes, reproveth, and corrects them, that they may be refined, sanctified, elevated, and finally exalted to His own throne.” [Testimonies for the Church 2:452, 453 (1870).] {5T 662.1}

“I have been looking over the *Testimonies* given for Sabbathkeepers and I am astonished at the mercy of God and His care for His people in giving them so many warnings, pointing out their dangers, and presenting before them the exalted position which He would have them occupy. If they would keep

themselves in His love and separate from the world, He would cause His special blessings to rest upon them and His light to shine round about them. Their influence for good might be felt in every branch of the work and in every part of the gospel field. But if they fail to meet the mind of God, if they continue to have so little sense of the exalted character of the work as they have had in the past, their influence and example will prove a terrible curse. They will do harm and only harm. The blood of precious souls will be found upon their garments. {5T 662.2}

“Testimonies of warning have been repeated. I inquire: **Who have heeded them? Who have been zealous in repenting of their sins and idolatry, and have been earnestly pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus?** ... I have waited anxiously, hoping that God would put His Spirit upon some and use them as instruments of righteousness to awaken and set in order His church. I have almost despaired as I have seen, year after year, a greater departure from that simplicity which God has shown me should characterize the life of His followers. There has been less and less interest in, and devotion to, the cause of God. I ask: **Wherein have those who profess confidence in the *Testimonies* sought to live according to the light given in them? Wherein have they regarded the warnings given? Wherein have they heeded the instructions they have received?**” [Testimonies for the Church 2:483, 484 (1870).] {5T 662.3}

Not to Take the Place of the Bible

That the *Testimonies* were not given to take the place of the Bible, the following extract from a testimony published in 1876 will show: {5T 663.1}

“Brother J would confuse the mind by seeking to make it appear that the light God has given through the *Testimonies* is an addition to the word of God, but in this he presents the matter in a false light. God has seen fit in this manner to bring the minds of His people to His word, to give them a clearer understanding of it.” [Testimonies for the Church 4:246 (1876).] The word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, **some who profess to make the word of God their study are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse, God gives plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the word that they have neglected to follow.**” [Testimonies for the Church 2:455 (1870).] **The word of God abounds in general principles for the formation of correct habits of living, and the testimonies, general and personal, have been calculated to call their attention more especially to these principles.**” [Testimonies for the Church 4:323 (1879).] {5T 663.2}

April 30, 1871, this matter was presented to me in a dream. I seemed to be attending an important meeting, at which a large company were assembled. “Many were bowed before God in earnest prayer, and they seemed to be burdened. They were importuning the Lord for special light. A few seemed to be in agony of spirit; their feelings were intense; with tears they were crying aloud for help and light. Our most prominent brethren were engaged in this most impressive scene. Brother A was prostrated upon the floor, apparently in deep distress. His wife was sitting among a company of indifferent scorers. She looked as though she desired all to understand that she scorned those who were thus humiliating themselves. {5T 664.1}

“I dreamed that the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and I arose amid cries and prayers, and said: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me. I feel urged to say to you that you must commence to work individually for yourselves. You are looking to God and desiring Him to do the work for you which He has left for you to do. If you will do the work for yourselves which you know that you ought to do, then God will help you when you need help. You have left undone the very things which God has left for you to do. You have been calling upon God to do your work. Had you followed the light which He has given you, then He would cause more light to shine upon you; but while you neglect the counsels, warnings, and reproofs that have been given, how can you expect God to give you more light and blessings to neglect and despise? God is not as man; He will not be trifled with. {5T 664.2}

I took the precious Bible and surrounded it with the several *Testimonies for the Church*, given for the people of God. Here, said I, the cases of nearly all are met. The sins they are to shun are pointed out. The counsel that they desire can be found here, given for other cases situated similarly to themselves. God has been pleased to give you line upon line and precept upon precept. But there are not many of you that really know what is contained in the *Testimonies*. You are not familiar with the Scriptures. If you had made God’s word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the *Testimonies*. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God’s inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings. {2T 605.1} {5T 664.3}

The Lord designs to warn you, to reprove, to counsel, through the testimonies given, and to impress your minds with the importance of the truth of His word. The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man’s duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God’s word; yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the *Testimonies* simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse. {2T 605.2} {5T 665.1} {CCh 92.1}

“Pride, self-love, selfishness, hatred, envy, and jealousy have beclouded the perceptive powers, and the truth, which would make you wise unto salvation, has lost its power to charm and control the mind. The very essential principles of godliness are not understood, because there is not a hungering and thirsting for Bible knowledge, purity of heart, and holiness of life. The *Testimonies* are not to belittle the word of God, but to exalt it and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all.” {LS 199.1} {5T 665.2} {BHP 170.1}

“I said further: As the word of God is walled in with these books and pamphlets, so has God walled you in with reproofs, counsel, warnings, and encouragements. Here you are crying before God, in the anguish of your souls, for more light. I am authorized from God to tell you that not another ray of light through the *Testimonies* will shine upon your pathway until you make a practical use of the light already given. The Lord has walled you about with light; but you have not appreciated the light; you have trampled upon it. While some have despised the light, others have neglected it or followed it but indifferently. A few have set their hearts to obey the light which God has been pleased to give them. {5T 666.1}

“Some that have received special warnings through testimony have forgotten in a few weeks the reproof given. The testimonies to some have been several times repeated, but they have not thought

them of sufficient importance to be carefully heeded. They have been to them like idle tales. Had they regarded the light given they would have avoided losses and trials which they think are hard and severe. They have only themselves to censure. They have placed upon their own necks a yoke which they find grievous to be borne. It is not the yoke which Christ has bound upon them. God's care and love were exercised in their behalf; but their selfish, evil, unbelieving souls could not discern His goodness and mercy. They rush on in their own wisdom, until, overwhelmed with trials and confused with perplexity, they are ensnared by Satan. When you gather up the rays of light which God has given in the past, then will He give an increase of light. {5T 666.2}

"I referred them to ancient Israel. God gave them His law, but they would not obey it. He then gave them ceremonies and ordinances, that, in the performance of these, God might be kept in remembrance. They were so prone to forget Him and His claims upon them that it was necessary to keep their minds stirred up to realize their obligations to obey and honor their Creator. Had they been obedient and loved to keep God's commandments, the multitude of ceremonies and ordinances would not have been required. {5T 666.3}

"If the people who now profess to be God's peculiar treasure would obey His requirements, as specified in His word, special testimonies would not be given to awaken them to their duty and impress upon them their sinfulness and their fearful danger in neglecting to obey the word of God. Consciences have been blunted because light has been set aside, neglected, and despised.... {5T 667.1}

"One stood by my side and said: 'God has raised you up and has given you words to speak to the people and to reach hearts as He has given to no other one. He has shaped your testimonies to meet cases that are in need of help. You must be unmoved by scorn, derision, reproach, and censure. In order to be God's special instrument you should lean to no one, but hang upon Him alone and, like the clinging vine, let your tendrils entwine about Him. He will make you a means through which to communicate His light to the people. You must daily gather strength from God in order to be fortified, that your surroundings may not dim or eclipse the light that He has permitted to shine upon His people through you. It is Satan's special object to prevent this light from coming to the people of God, who so greatly need it amid the perils of these last days. {5T 667.2}

"Your success is in your simplicity. As soon as you depart from this and fashion your testimony to meet the minds of any, your power is gone. Almost everything in this age is glossed and unreal. The world abounds in testimonies given to please and charm for the moment and to exalt self. Your testimony is of a different character. It is to come down to the minutiae of life, keeping the feeble faith from dying and pressing home upon believers the necessity of shining as lights in the world. {5T 667.3}

"God has given you your testimony, to set before the backslider and the sinner his true condition and the immense loss he is sustaining by continuing a life of sin. God has impressed this upon you by opening it before your vision as He has to no other one now living, and according to the light He has given you will He hold you responsible. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sin." [Testimonies for the Church 2:604-608 (1871).] {5T 667.4}

Rejection of the Testimonies Results in Apostasy.

One thing is certain: Those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit.—Selected Messages 3:84 (1903). LDE 177.4

The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony.—Selected Messages 1:48 (1890). LDE 177.5

The enemy has made his masterly efforts to unsettle the faith of our own people in the Testimonies.... This is just as Satan designed it should be, and those who have been preparing the way for the people to pay no heed to the warnings and reproofs of the Testimonies of the Spirit of God will see that a tide of errors of all kinds will spring into life.—Selected Messages 3:83 (1890). LDE 178.1

It is Satan's plan to weaken the faith of God's people in the Testimonies. Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. When the Testimonies, which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable and ends in destruction. — Testimonies for the Church 4:211. LDE 178.2

First Step Toward Apostasy.

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If you lose confidence in the *Testimonies* you will drift away from Bible truth.—Testimonies for the Church 5:674. {PM 360.2}

Some who are not willing to receive the light, but who prefer to walk in ways of their own choosing, will search the testimonies to find something in them to encourage the spirit of unbelief and disobedience. Thus a spirit of disunion will be brought in; for **the spirit which leads them to criticize the testimonies will also lead them to watch their brethren to find in them something to condemn....** {PM 360.3}

Satan is ... constantly pressing in the spurious—to lead away from the truth. The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony.... {PM 360.4}

There will be a hatred kindled against the testimonies which is satanic. The workings of Satan will be to unsettle the faith of the churches in them, for this reason: Satan cannot have so clear a track to bring in his deceptions and bind up souls in his delusions if the warnings and reproofs and counsels of the Spirit of God are heeded.—Selected Messages 1:48. (See Testimonies for the Church 5:675, 676.) {PM 361.1}

There are some who think they are able to measure the character and to estimate the importance of the work the Lord has given me to do. **Their own mind and judgment is the standard by which they would weigh the testimonies.** {PM 361.2}

My Instructor said to me, Tell these men that God has not committed to them the work of measuring, classifying, and defining the character of the testimonies. Those who attempt this are sure to err in their conclusions. The Lord would have men adhere to their appointed work. If they will keep the way of the Lord, they will be able to discern clearly that the work which He has appointed me to do is not a work of human devising. {PM 361.3}

Those who carefully read the testimonies as they have appeared from the early days, need not be perplexed as to their origin. The many books, written by the help of the Spirit of God, bear a living witness to the character of the testimonies.—Selected Messages 1:49, 50. {PM 361.4}

Doubting the “Testimonies”

“It is Satan’s plan to weaken the faith of God’s people in the Testimonies.” “Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. The gifts are next questioned; then, of course, they have but little weight, and instruction given through vision is disregarded.” “Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition. **When the Testimonies, which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this; and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into open rebellion, which becomes incurable and ends in destruction.**” [Testimonies for the Church 4:211; Testimonies for the Church 1:236] “By giving place to doubts and unbelief in regard to the work of God, and by cherishing feelings of distrust and cruel jealousies, they are preparing themselves for complete deception. They rise up with bitter feelings against the ones who dare to speak of their errors and reprove their sins.” [Testimonies for the Church 3:328.] {5T 672.1}

A testimony for certain young men, first published in 1880, speaks of this point as follows: **“A prevailing skepticism is continually increasing in reference to the Testimonies of the Spirit of God; and these youth encourage questionings and doubts instead of removing them, because they are ignorant of the spirit and power and force of the Testimonies.”** {4T 437.2} {T29 75.2} {5T 672.2}

I was shown that many had so little spirituality that they did not understand the value of the Testimonies or their real object. They talked flippantly of the Testimonies given by God for the benefit of His people, and passed judgment upon them, giving their opinion and criticizing this and that, when they would better have placed their hands upon their lips, and prostrated themselves in the dust; for they could not appreciate the spirit of the Testimonies, because they knew so little of the Spirit of God. [Testimonies for the Church 4:443.] {5T 672.3}

“There are some in ----- who have never fully submitted to reproof. They have taken a course of their own choosing. They have ever, to a greater or less degree, exerted an influence against those who have stood up to defend the right and reprove the wrong. The influence of these persons upon individuals who come here and who are brought in contact with them ... is very bad. **They fill the minds of these newcomers with questionings and doubts in regard to the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. They put**

false constructions upon the *Testimonies*; and instead of leading persons to become consecrated to God and to listen to the voice of the church, they teach them to be independent and not to mind the opinions and judgment of others. The influence of this class has been secretly at work. Some are unconscious of the harm they are doing; but, unconsecrated, proud, and rebellious themselves, they lead others in the wrong track. A poisonous atmosphere is inhaled from these unconsecrated ones. **The blood of souls is in the garments of such, and Christ will say to them in the day of final settlement: ‘Depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.’ Astonished they will be, but their professedly Christian lives were a deception, a fraud.**” {4T 513.3} {T29 180.2} {5T 673.1}

“Some express their views that the testimony of Sister White cannot be reliable. This is all that many unconsecrated ones want. The testimonies of reproof have checked their vanity and pride; but if they dared, they would go to almost any length in fashion and pride. God will give all such an opportunity to prove themselves and to develop their true characters.” [Testimonies for the Church 3:313 (1873).] {5T 673.2}

“I saw that the reason why visions had not been more frequent of late is, they have not been appreciated by the church. The church have nearly lost their spirituality and faith, and the reproofs and warnings have had but little effect upon them. Many of those who have professed faith in them have not heeded them.” [Testimonies for the Church 1:119 (1855).] {5T 674.1}

“If you lose confidence in the *Testimonies* you will drift away from Bible truth. I have been fearful that many would take a questioning, doubting position, and in my distress for your souls I would warn you. How many will heed the warning? As you now hold the *Testimonies*, should one be given crossing your track, correcting your errors, would you feel at perfect liberty to accept or reject any part or the whole? That which you will be least inclined to receive is the very part most needed.” [Testimonies for the Church 5:98 (1882).] {5T 674.2}

“My brethren, beware of the evil heart of unbelief. The word of God is plain and close in its restrictions; it interferes with your selfish indulgence; therefore you do not obey it. The *Testimonies* of His Spirit call your attention to the Scriptures, point out your defects of character, and rebuke your sins; therefore you do not heed them. And to justify your carnal, ease-loving course you begin to doubt whether the *Testimonies* are from God. If you would obey their teachings you would be assured of their divine origin. Remember, your unbelief does not affect their truthfulness. If they are from God they will stand.” Those who seek to lessen the faith of God’s people in these testimonies, which have been in the church for the last thirty-six years, are fighting against God. It is not the instrument whom you slight and insult, but God, who has spoken to you in these warnings and reproofs. {5T 234.3} {5T 674.3} {2TT 288.4} {PH001 18.4} {T31 230.3} {T33 202.3}

“I have been shown that unbelief in the testimonies of warning, encouragement, and reproof is shutting away the light from God’s people. Unbelief is closing their eyes so that they are ignorant of their true condition.” **“They think the testimony of the Spirit of God in reproof is uncalled for or that it does not mean them. Such are in the greatest need of the grace of God and spiritual discernment, that they may discover their deficiency in spiritual knowledge.”** [Testimonies for the Church 3:255, 253, 254 (1873).] {5T 674.4}

“Many who have backslidden from the truth assign as a reason for their course that they do not have faith in the *Testimonies*.... The question now is: Will they yield their idol which God condemns, or will

they continue in their wrong course of indulgence and reject the light God has given them reproving the very things in which they delight? **The question to be settled with them is: Shall I deny myself and receive as of God the *Testimonies* which reprove my sins, or shall I reject the *Testimonies* because they reprove my sins?** {5T 675.1}

“In many cases the *Testimonies* are fully received, the sin and indulgence broken off, and reformation at once commences in harmony with the light God has given. In other instances sinful indulgences are cherished, the *Testimonies* are rejected, and many excuses which are untrue are offered to others as the reason for refusing to receive them. The *true* reason is not given. It is a lack of moral courage—a will, strengthened and controlled by the Spirit of God, to renounce hurtful habits.” [Testimonies for the Church 4:32 (1876).] {5T 675.2}

“Satan has ability to suggest doubts and to devise objections to the pointed testimony that God sends, and many think it a virtue, a mark of intelligence in them, to be unbelieving and to question and quibble. Those who desire to doubt will have plenty of room. God does not propose to remove all occasion for unbelief. He gives evidence, which must be carefully investigated with a humble mind and a teachable spirit, and all should decide from the weight of evidence.” [Testimonies for the Church 3:255 (1873).] **“God gives sufficient evidence for the candid mind to believe; but he who turns from the weight of evidence because there are a few things which he cannot make plain to his finite understanding will be left in the cold, chilling atmosphere of unbelief and questioning doubts, and will make shipwreck of faith.”** [Testimonies for the Church 4:232, 233 (1876).] {5T 675.3} {CCh 93.4}

Neglect of the “Testimonies”

It is not alone those who openly reject the *Testimonies*, or who cherish doubt concerning them, that are on dangerous ground. To disregard light is to reject it. {5T 680.2} {CCh 94.2}

“Some of you in words acknowledge reproof, but you do not in heart accept it. You go on the same as before, only being less susceptible to the influence of the Spirit of God, becoming more and more blinded, having less wisdom, less self-control, less moral power, and less zeal and relish for religious exercises; and, unless converted, you will finally yield your hold upon God entirely. You have not made decided changes in your life when reproof has come, because you have not seen and realized your defects of character and the great contrast between your life and the life of Christ.” **“What do your prayers amount to while you regard iniquity in your hearts? Unless you make a thorough change, you will, not far hence, become weary of reproof, as did the children of Israel; and, like them, you will apostatize from God.”** [Testimonies for the Church 4:332 (1879).] {5T 680.3}

“Many are going directly contrary to the light which God has given to His people, because they do not read the books which contain the light and knowledge in cautions, reproofs, and warnings. The cares of the world, the love of fashion, and the lack of religion have turned the attention from the light God has so graciously given, while books and periodicals containing error are traveling all over the country. Skepticism and infidelity are increasing everywhere. Light so precious, coming from the throne of God, is hid under a bushel. God will make His people responsible for this neglect. An account must be rendered to Him for every ray of light He has let shine upon our pathway, whether it has been improved to our

advancement in divine things or rejected because it was more agreeable to follow inclination.” [Testimonies for the Church 4:391 (1880).] {5T 681.1}

“The volumes of *Spirit of Prophecy*, [*The Great Controversy*] and also the *Testimonies*, should be introduced into every Sabbathkeeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure and have only one set in a church. They should be in the library of every family and be read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many.” [Testimonies for the Church 4:390 (1880).] {5T 681.2}

Let ministers and people remember that gospel truth hardens when it does not save. The rejection of light leaves men captives, bound about by chains of darkness and unbelief. “The soul that refuses to listen to the invitations of mercy from day to day can soon listen to the most urgent appeals without an emotion stirring his soul. As laborers with God we need more fervent piety and less self-exaltation. **The more self is exalted, the more will faith in the *Testimonies* of the Spirit of God be lessened.... Those who trust wholly in themselves will see less and less of God in the *Testimonies* of His Spirit.”** [Testimonies for the Church 5:134 (1882).] {5T 681.3}. {2TT 291.2} {T33 209.3}

This study is put together to show the importance of the Testimonies given by God to His people. "Testimonies of the Spirit" came up 159 times, many were repeats, got 77 originals complete, listed and numbered below. Searched through egwwritings.org. All compiled to give context and understanding. May it be a blessing to you.

77 “Testimonies of the Spirit of God”

1. Do not be unreliable in your Christian course. **Sin must not be cherished.** This is a time when the love of many is waxing cold, and any defection on your part may encourage others in a wrong course, and lead to many and grievous transgressions. Do not set an example of lukewarmness; **do not turn away from testimonies of the Spirit of God.** We are intrusted with a solemn message to give to the world, and there is much at stake. We cannot be safe amid the temptations that surround us in these times of peril, without **constantly watching unto prayer. We must guard against accepting a low standard of our own instead of the high Bible standard of character.** Satan works through faults of character to gain control of the whole mind, and he knows that if these **faults are cherished, he will succeed.** Often he gains the advantage, and betrays into sin those who should represent Christ to the world; and our Saviour is more deeply afflicted by this ingratitude and disobedience than is a tender, loving mother by the misconduct of a wayward child. {GW92 462.2} {RH July 8, 1884, par. 15}

2. **“What reserve power has the Lord with which to reach those who have cast aside His warnings and reproofs, and have accredited the Testimonies of the Spirit of God to no higher source than human wisdom?** In the judgment, what can you who have done this, offer to God as an excuse for turning from the evidences He has given you that God was in the work? **‘By their fruits ye shall know them.’ [Matthew 7:20.]** I would not now rehearse before you the evidences given in the past two years of the dealings of God by His chosen servants; but **the present evidence of His working is revealed to you, and you are now under obligation to believe. You cannot neglect God’s messages of warning, you cannot reject them or treat them lightly, but at the peril of infinite loss.** {LS 324.3} {TM 465.3} {3SM 70.5} {Ms40a-1890.91}

Caviling, ridicule, and misrepresentation can be indulged in only at the expense of the debasement of your own souls. The use of such weapons does not gain precious victories for you, but rather cheapens the mind, and separates the soul from God. Sacred things are brought down to the level of the common, and a condition of things is created that pleases the prince of darkness, and grieves away the Spirit of God. Caviling and criticism leave the soul as devoid of the dew of grace as the hills of Gilboa were destitute of rain. **Confidence cannot be placed in the judgment of those who indulge in ridicule and misrepresentation. No weight can be attached to their advice or resolutions.** You must bear the divine credentials before you make decided movements to shape the working of God's cause. . {SpTA02b 116.2} {PH133 8.2} {1888 954.2} {Ms61-1890.28}

3. When once men have admitted doubt and unbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, they are strongly tempted to adhere to the opinions which they have avowed before others. Their theories and notions fix themselves like a gloomy cloud over the mind, shutting out every ray of evidence in favor of the truth. The doubts indulged through ignorance, pride, or love of sinful practices, rivet upon the soul fetters that are seldom broken. Christ, and He alone, can give the needed power to break them. {1SM 46.2} {1NL 67.5} {Ms1-1883.6}

The testimonies of the Spirit of God are given to direct men to His Word, which has been neglected. Now if their messages are not heeded, the Holy Spirit is shut away from the soul. What further means has God in reserve to reach the erring ones, and show them their true condition? {1SM 46.3} {1NL 67.6} {Ms1-1883.7}

The churches that have cherished influences which lessen faith in the testimonies, are weak and tottering. Some ministers are working to attract the people to themselves. When an effort is made to correct any wrong in these ministers, they stand back in independence and say, "My church accepts my labors." {1SM 46.4} {1NL 68.1} {Ms1-1883.8}

Jesus said, "Every one that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd." [John 3:20.] There are many today pursuing a similar course. In the Testimonies are specified the very sins of which they are guilty; hence they have no desire to read them. There are those who from their youth up have received warning and reproofs through the Testimonies; but have they walked in the light and reformed? —Not at all. They still indulge the same sins; they have the same defects of character. These evils mar the work of God, and make their impress upon the churches. **The work the Lord would do to set the churches in order is not done, because the individual members—and especially the leaders of the flock—would not be corrected.** {1NL 68.2} {Ms1-1883.9}

4. You have taken the history of the disobedient prophet, as given in the Old Testament, and applied it to Sister White. You say she is perfectly honest, but the deceived prophet. For this reason the testimonies of the Spirit of God can have no effect on you. Has the Lord opened to you or your daughter, your wife or your children, the disobedience of Sister White? If she has walked contrary to God, will you show in what? **My duty is to make plain statements of my position; for you misinterpret my testimony, wrench it from its true meaning, and ring in my name whenever you think it will enforce whatever you have to say. But when the testimonies do not harmonize with your theories, I am excused, because I am the false prophet! There are many ways of evading the truth.** {2SM 81.2} {15MR 15.4} {1888 701.2} {Lt11-1890.13}

5. You, Brother A B, have been puffed up with vain conceit and have felt yourself competent for any task. **You have renounced the Testimonies of the Spirit of God; and if you had your own way, would cast everything in a new mold.** How hard it is for you to see things in a just light when duty leads in one direction and inclination in another. Your ideas of the character of Christ, and of the necessary preparation for the life to come, are narrow and perverted. {4T 334.2} {T28 111.2}

6. If God's people were all connected with Him, they would discern the limited capacities of these men, their prejudices, envy, jealousy, and self-confidence. **The objections which their wicked hearts may raise against the Testimonies of the Spirit of God, will not, in the providence of God, be removed.** They may stumble and fall upon questions of their own originating. But God's people should see that their proud hearts have never been humbled, and their high looks have never been brought low. The Bible is clear upon all points which relate to Christian duty. All who do the will of God shall know of the doctrine. But these persons are seeking light from their own tapers and not from the Sun of Righteousness. {4T 335.2}

7. Brother A F needs a thorough drill in our college. His language is defective. There is a coarseness and want of refinement in his deportment; yet notwithstanding this, he is self-sufficient and entirely deceived in regard to his ability. **He has had no real faith in the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. He has not carefully studied them and practiced the truths brought out. While he has so little spirituality, he will not understand the value of the Testimonies nor their real object.** These young men read the Bible, but they have very little experience in prayerful, earnest, humble searching of the Scriptures, that they may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. {4T 440.2} {T29 79.2}

8. **As laborers with God we need more fervent piety and less self-exaltation. The more self is exalted, the more will faith in the testimonies of the Spirit of God be lessened.** Those who are the most closely connected with God are the ones who know His voice when He speaks to them. **Those who are spiritual discern spiritual things. Such will feel grateful that the Lord has pointed out their errors, while those who trust wholly in themselves will see less and less of God in the testimonies of His Spirit.** {5T 134.2} {2TT 28.5} {T31 130.2}

9. The church has turned back from following Christ her Leader and is steadily retreating toward Egypt. Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power. **Doubt, and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God, is leavening our churches everywhere.** Satan would have it thus. Ministers who preach self instead of Christ would have it thus. **The testimonies are unread and unappreciated. God has spoken to you. Light has been shining from His word and from the testimonies, and both have been slighted and disregarded. The result is apparent in the lack of purity and devotion and earnest faith among us.** {5T 217.2} {PH001 1.2} {T31 213.2}

10. Presidents of conferences should be men who can be fully trusted with God's work. They should be men of integrity, unselfish, devoted, working Christians. If they are deficient in these respects, the churches under their care will not prosper. They, even more than other ministers of Christ, should set an example of holy living and of unselfish devotion to the interests of God's cause, that those looking to them for an example may not be misled. But in some instances, they are trying to serve both God and mammon. They are not self-denying; they do not carry a burden for souls. Their consciences are not sensitive; when the cause of God is wounded, they are not bruised in spirit. **In their hearts they question and doubt the Testimonies of the Spirit of God.** They do not themselves bear the cross of Christ; they know not the fervent love of Jesus. And they are not faithful shepherds of the flock over which they have been made overseers; their record is not one that they will rejoice to meet in the day of God. {5T 379.3} {T32 135.3}

11. Brother P's success in the ministry, and also in his position of trust in the office, depended upon the character he should maintain. Painstaking, persevering effort was needed that in going out and coming in before his fellow laborers no wrong example should be set. The plan he should have adopted, the course of action he should have pursued, is plainly marked out in the word of God. Had he taken heed to that word, it would have been a light to his path, guiding his inexperienced feet into a safe way. **Testimonies of the Spirit of God have been sent to him again and again, showing him where he was diverging from the highway cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in and warning and entreating him to change his course of action. But his own ways have seemed right in his eyes; and he has followed inclination, not heeding the light given him.** He was not a safe counselor. He was not a safe man in the office; neither was he a safe shepherd, for he would lead the sheep astray. He has preached excellent discourses; but out of the desk he has not carried out the principles he has preached. This kind of work is an offense to God. {5T 412.1} {T32 168.1}

12. **Brother and Sister P, had you heeded the Testimonies of the Spirit of God, you would now be walking in the light, in harmony with the people of God; but your unbelief has shut you away from great good. Sister P has not risen up against the Testimonies, neither has she shown confidence in them as from the Lord by obeying them.** She loves to have her husband praised and honored by the world; it gratifies her pride, which is by no means small. You may each appropriately inquire: "Why am I so slow to come out from the world and take Christ for my portion? Why should I love and honor those whom I know do not love God nor respect His claims? Why should I wish to retain the friendship of my Lord's enemies? Why should I follow their customs or be influenced by their opinions?" You cannot, my dear friends, serve both God and mammon. You must make an unreserved surrender, or in the near future the light that shines upon your pathway will go out in the darkness of despair. **You are on the enemy's ground. You have voluntarily placed yourselves there, and the Lord will not protect you against his assaults.** {5T 436.1} {T32 192.1}

13. **There are those among us who claim to believe the truth, yet who refuse to be sanctified through the truth. When reprov'd for a wrong course, self immediately rises up, and they stubbornly follow the devisings of the enemy. Through their long opposition to the testimonies of the Spirit of God, they are working out a species of the rebellion that has hindered the advancement of the kingdom of God in the earth throughout the ages.** There are those who are ever seeking to have their own way, and to follow the leadings of their own disposition. The result of all this is weakness and confusion, evil surmisings and evil devisings. Those who continually work on Satan's side of the question will carry out the plans of the deceiver until they find themselves wholly departed from the faith. {EducationalMessenger September 11, 1908, par. 4} {Ms81-1908.18}

14. The Lord has established among us institutions of great importance, and they are to be managed, not as worldly institutions are managed, but after God's order. They are to be managed with an eye single to his glory, that by all means perishing souls may be saved. **To the people of God the testimonies of the Spirit have come, and yet many have not taken heed to reproofs, warnings, and counsels.** {RH August 1, 1893, par. 7}

15. **Those who have been seeking to undermine the confidence of our people in the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and in the leadings of Providence in our work, will one day be revealed as having acted a part similar to that of Judas.** Judas was tempted and tried, but not rising above these temptations, he lost ground, and finally went so far as to betray his Lord. Christ permitted Judas to go with the other disciples

on their evangelistic tours, but on these occasions, Judas often manifested a spirit of superiority. He sought to exercise authority over his brethren. This spirit, unchecked, opened the way for the enemy to work upon his heart and mind, until at length he went so far as to betray his Saviour with a treacherous kiss. There are today, among the professed people of God, some who are walking in the same path; and unless they are converted, they will one day be numbered with the open enemies of God's work for this time. {RH September 9, 1909, par. 8}

My brethren, withhold not the testing truths that should come to every soul at this time, and which must be practised by those who would find acceptance with God. We are to let the word of God come to every appointed agency, for there is a crisis before the people of God. Labor that souls may receive that word of truth that refines and sanctifies the soul, **finding delight in the truth because Christ is identified with truth.** {RH September 9, 1909, par. 9}

Study the Master's methods of labor and teaching. All his illustrations were so simple that even the lowliest could understand the truths they symbolized. It is said of his instruction, "The common people heard him gladly." So today he would have ministers and teachers use words that all, even the most ignorant, can understand. The Lord rejoices when simplicity marks the words and works of his ministers. Let his followers copy his example, and thus magnify his name. {RH September 9, 1909, par. 10}

16. **Men who are under the training of the Great Teacher, will understand the testimonies that he sends them. Those who will not hear and obey the words of Christ, will not hear and obey the message of Christ to them personally.** Men will rise up against anything that rebukes their unChristlike course. **Shall the testimonies of the Spirit of God be accounted as a thing of naught?** Shall a man be put in the position of teacher whose course has been such as to make him an unsafe guide, both because he **has not the Spirit of Christ, and because he says in his character, "I know not the man,"** [Matthew 26:74], **just as he willfully says, "I know not the testimonies"?** Will you in Fresno accept of a man as your teacher who cannot understand these things, which **you all now have an opportunity to read for yourselves? Spiritual things are spiritually discerned; and if he cannot discern the testimony of the spirit of himself, how can he discern the testimony of God's word, and be able to give to every man his portion of meat in due season?** He may present clear and cutting things to the people, and yet not understand that it is to be brought into his own life, and interwoven with his character. He keeps the truth outside of his inner life, in the outer court. {PH028 7.3} {Ms1a-1890.16}

17. We are both in the decline of life. Our time to work is limited at the longest, and we have not a day to waste in justifying ourselves in acts which are not in **harmony with the spirit of Christ.** Our influence should be felt in Battle Creek so long as we can remain without gathering burdens upon us and leaving others to go lightly loaded. If we would take the responsibilities of the work, there are too many who would be willing that we should bear them; and when we leave them, others would not know where to take hold. It is not our work to serve tables. God did not raise up my husband and give him a new lease of life for any such work. **He would have us bear the testimony he gives us, not in self, but in the spirit of Christ; and with the softening influence of his grace upon our hearts we have a molding influence upon the cause of God at the great heart of the work. The testimonies of the Spirit of God are greatly needed here.** {PH043 40.1}

True godliness includes kindness and the filling in of all the graces of the Spirit in the character like the fine pencilings in a picture. We should labor continually to advance the glory of God, and to bless and save our fellow-men. Our work should not wind up as it began. There must be less hurry and fatigue, and

more thoughtfulness and repose, less nervous action, and **more prayer. The day of God will test the spirit that has governed the life.** There has been too much self and too little Jesus in the labor that has been performed. **The Christian life must exemplify the life of Christ. The great mystery of godliness must be developed in the life and character; then the influence upon the church will be to bring it up to a higher and purer life.** {PH043 40.2}

18. "The influence of our young people in the office is not what it should be. **The young who heed not the warnings of the Word of God, and slight the testimonies of the Spirit of God, can only be a living curse to the office, and should be separated from it.** {PH150 35.1}

"God abhors the sins that are fostered and concealed by the church, cherished in the office, and sheltered under the paternal roof. Let parents, and those in authority, earnestly take hold of the work and purge this evil from their midst."—Pages 99, 100. {PH150 35.2}

19. "Rend the heart and not the garment," saith God. Commence the work with your own individual selves, and then, when imbued with the Spirit of God, go to work for your poor children. Work for time; work for eternity. Leave nothing at loose ends to ravel out. **In my dream, which seemed a reality, I was listening to these men, and that which the Lord had shown me they would do was enacted in the meeting. Wm. Gage would, with his cunning speeches, take off the edge of the Testimonies; and then, with a smile of satisfaction, look around as though he had done a smart thing for which he should be congratulated.** {PH155 9.1}

It was the spirit of Satan expressed in looks and words to make of none effect the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. "This," said the guide with me, "is the way any message of Heaven will be treated." God and angels are at work to open before the people their wrongs which have brought the frown of God upon the people. Men professing to be teachers, step in between them and the light God has given, that it shall have no weight or effect upon the hearts of the people. **God calls them to repentance,** while unconsecrated, unconverted men, as bodies of darkness, call their attention from the necessity of repentance to self-justification. **These cunning speeches serve the purpose of Satan. Self-inflated, self-deceived souls are deceiving others.** Eld. Smith has had poor companions and supporters. He sat in silence. God pity these men who are blinded and deceived. Meetings that should have been meetings of confession and humiliation, have been meetings of self-justification. **A spirit of coldness, of irreverence, of lightness was with many.** And while it is called today, if you hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation in the wilderness. {PH155 9.2} {Lt21-1882.29}

20. **When the truth is preached in its simplicity and power, as it is in Jesus, it will condemn the world, and then it will be evidenced that between Christ and Belial there is no concord.** Then will Christ's followers realize his words: "Because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you;" "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;" **"If they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."** Those who live godly in Christ Jesus, shine as lights in the world. The prince and powers of darkness have not become converted. They will never suffer an assault from the faithful servants of Prince Immanuel without raising a defense. **As his followers contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints (not merely in doctrine, but in the spirit and power of godliness), the spirit and power of resistance quickly arise, as in the days of the martyrs. Truth and holiness Satan hates.** Profession and pretense he is in perfect harmony with. The form of godliness he assumes to deceive the children of men. This is his most successful armor. **Truth and holiness were never more odious to the unregenerated heart than today.** It was practical purity, it was the earnest life of holiness manifested in the life and conduct of

Christ, that awakened the enmity of the Jews against him. Christ prayed, "O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee." Even so it is now. **The world refuses to receive the truth in the love of it. The carnal mind is at enmity with God. I entreat the church at Battle Creek to heed the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. Do not say, "I believe them," and then contradict them in your daily life, refusing to walk in accordance with them.** {PH155 11.1} {Lt21-1882.39}

21. **Every time you have fallen under temptation in disregarding the words of his chosen servants, you have become weaker to resist wrong, and have less clearness of discernment to distinguish right and truth from error and darkness.** All through Michigan are testimonies borne of your work to condemn you. You have strengthened evils which God condemns. You have encouraged by your practice conformity to the world, which God condemns, and pronounces enmity against God. However admired you may be of the unconsecrated and of worldly men, it is nothing in your favor. Even those who profess to love the truth may flatter you and exalt you; this is still nothing in your favor. You may deceive men, but God reads the heart. You have provoked the displeasure of a just and holy God because of your unchristian spirit toward those of like faith. You have shown no respect for the men whom God is using in his cause, because they could not but condemn your course of harshness and want of brotherly love. **The Testimonies of the Spirit of God were unheeded; you knew not the voice that was calling you to repentance. You have shown you were not in harmony with the Spirit of God.** You were so far carried away with your assumptions and imaginings that God's words to you have found no response in your hearts. God's holy will, his honor, and his fear have been of slight consideration with you. The Lord has been treated with dissimulation and disrespect. You will urge you have an unblemished character, but God's eye discerns impurities and condemns you as transgressors of his law. {PH155 16.1}

22. Your mind is not well-balanced. You are moved by impulse. You make statements in the pulpit, and then go away and contradict them in your conversation. You preach, but do not practice; you have good qualities, but you abuse them, because you do not train your powers to serve God only. You serve yourself, and attract the people to yourself. Your brethren and sisters are certainly deceived in you. {PH096 74.1}

The worst of the matter is that you become impatient if any effort is made to correct these evils. Your pride is touched, and when your brethren seek to counsel and help you, you regard them as personal enemies, and count their reproofs and corrections as designed to work evil against you. You are not right with God. It is only when one unduly esteems himself that he imagines evil of those who would help and save him. God has borne long with your perversity. For years he has sent you messages of warning; he has called to you, and held to you as a mother to her erring son; and yet his goodness and mercy have been abused. **In the place of heeding the testimonies of the Spirit of God, you have treated them according to the frame of mind you were in when you received them; and your heart is hardened by the very goodness and mercy of God.** {PH096 74.2} {Lt8-1889.16}

You make statements wholly untrue in regard to the testimonies. You belittle them. You represent things in a distorted light. You do this in order to break down everything that would prevent you from carrying out your own plans for self-advantage. Well-balanced, judicious minds cannot long be abused in this manner; but after one class has been thus deceived, you take another class; you begin your operations where your mistakes are less known. Your brethren have borne long with you, until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. I would not write to you as I do if it was not enjoined upon me to do this. {PH096 75.1} {Lt8-1889.17}

23. Brother and Sister Daniels, must I conclude that the word of the living God has no special weight with you? **Must I decide by your course of action that the testimonies of warning, reproof, and entreaty, calling you to God's word, to listen to his voice, are set aside by you as unworthy your notice, as an idle tale? I have not spoken to you my own words, but the words given me of God. You speak your own words, and with such intensity and assurance that you make those whom you address believe error to be truth, and that the testimonies which God has set in the church are of but little weight.** Tell me, if you can, what will have weight with you? Tell me what reserve force the Lord has to meet your case? **You ride over all counsel, you pay not the least heed to advice unless it pleases you and accords with your mind. When you happen to be so disposed, you will make of none effect the testimonies of the Spirit of God, if they reprove and correct your course.** {PH096 76.1} {Lt8-1889.19}

24. **Bro. Stone has not at all times acted in accordance with his faith. He has not heeded the testimonies of the Spirit of God, but has opened to the school a door whereby they could connect with the world.** He might be a useful man if he would overcome his self-indulgent disposition. He has some excellent qualities. His talent for music might be a power for good, if held as God's gift and consecrated to his service. But it has been the means of leading him and others into friendship with the world, and has done more harm than good. The Lord has spoken to Bro. Stone in reproof and encouragement. Will he obey this voice from Heaven, or will his associates and habits prove too strong for him. He must give an account for his talents, whether they have been used to glorify God or to please himself and others who had not the fear of God before them. {PH117 76.2}

25. The influence of our young people in the Office is not what it should be. W— and B— have virtually worked against the cause. The influence of their conversation and deportment has been such as to disgust unbelievers and turn them from our faith and from Christ. **The young who heed not the warnings of the Word of God, and slight the testimonies of the Spirit of God can only be a living curse to the Office, and should be separated from it.** {T27 99.3}

26. Monday, Elder Smith came to me and we had an earnest, faithful talk. I could see that he had a very different spirit from that he had months ago. He was not hard and unimpressible; he felt the words I spoke to him, laying before him faithfully the course he had taken and the harm he had done through this position. **He said he wanted to come into harmony with the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** I had written to him thirteen pages and sent it to him—very plain words. Tuesday he called again to see me and asked if I would meet with a select few, that he had something to say. I told him I would. {2MR 6.1} {1888 851.3} {Lt32-1891.7} {3BIO 472.4}

27. I say, through the word given me of God, "Those who have stood so firmly to defend their ideas and positions on the law in Galatians have need to search their hearts as with a lighted candle, to see what manner of spirit has actuated them." With Paul I would say, "Who hath bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth?" (Galatians 3:1). **What satanic persistency and obstinacy has been evidenced! I have had no anxiety about the law in Galatians, but I have had anxiety that our leading brethren should not go over the same ground of resistance to light and the manifest testimonies of the Spirit of God, and reject everything to idolize their own supposed ideas and pet theories.** {9MR 183.3} {1888 841.2}

28. **The Danger of Undermining Confidence in the Testimonies—The enemy has made his masterly efforts to unsettle the faith of our own people in the testimonies, and when these errors come in, they claim to prove all the positions by the Bible, but they misinterpret the Scriptures. They make bold assertions, as did Elder Canright, and misapply the prophecies and the Scriptures to prove falsehood.**

And, after men have done their work in weakening the confidence of our churches in the testimonies, they have torn away the barrier, that unbelief in the truth shall become widespread, and there is no voice to be lifted up to stay the force of error. This is just as Satan designed it should be, and those who have been preparing the way for the people to pay no heed to the warnings and reproofs of the testimonies of the Spirit of God will see that a tide of errors of all kinds will spring into life. They will claim Scripture as their evidence, and deceptions of Satan in every form will prevail. {Lt109-1890.13} {9MR 198.3} {3SM 83.4} {16MR 80.3} {1888 739.3}

29. "Why," I asked, "is your interpretation of the law in Galatians more dear to you, and you more zealous to maintain your ideas on this point, than to acknowledge the workings of the Spirit of God? **You have been weighing every precious heaven-sent testimony by your own scales as you interpreted the law in Galatians.** Nothing could come to you in regard to the truth and the power of God unless it should bear your imprint, the precious ideas you had idolized on the law of Galatians. {9MR 225.1} {9MR 330.1} {13MR 53.3}

"These testimonies of the Spirit of God, the fruits of the Spirit of God, have no weight unless they are stamped with your ideas of the law in Galatians. I am afraid of you and I am afraid of your interpretation of any Scripture which has revealed itself in such an unChristlike spirit as you have manifested and has cost me so much unnecessary labor. If you are such very cautious men and so very critical lest you shall receive something not in accordance with the Scriptures, I want your minds to look on these things in the true light. Let your caution be exercised in the line of fear lest you are committing the sin against the Holy Ghost. [See Matthew 12:32.] Have your critical minds taken this view of the subject? I say if your views on the law in Galatians, and the fruits, are of the character I have seen in Minneapolis and ever since up to this time, my prayer is that I may be as far from your understanding and interpretation of the Scriptures as it is possible for me to be. I am afraid of any application of Scripture that needs such a spirit and bears such fruit as you have manifested. One thing is certain, I shall never come into harmony with such a spirit as long as God gives me my reason. {9MR 225.2} {9MR 330.2} {13MR 54.1} {1888 631.3} {Lt83-1890.15}

30. I must embrace you all [Edson, Emma, and Willie White] in this communication. There are new things developing in religious, as well as in temporal matters. By the letters enclosed you will learn that Brethren [C.F.] Hawkins and [S.] McCullagh, who were laboring in Adelaide, have given up their position on the truth, and are going in for holiness altogether. **They have come out against the testimonies of the Spirit of the Lord.** {9MR 357.2} {Lt152-1897.1} {4BIO 283.3}

31. Several others were in the same house and stated the same things. They thought they would never mention the matter to anyone, but now they felt that they must speak. **They acknowledged [that] every word Sister White had spoken was true, that her name, her work, her testimonies of the Spirit of God were freely commented upon;** and the statement was made that Sister White was under the influence of Willie White, A. T. Jones, and E. J. Waggoner, and that they were not reliable. These brethren named were treated in words and charged with many things, that there was, I had stated, a wrong spirit. They deeply regretted they were in that company where for a long time not a vocal prayer was offered, but [there was] enough talk to confuse the minds of those who had not a long experience in the work of Sister White. {12MR 21.1} {1888 316.2} {Lt14-1889.31}

32. It was evident that a spirit had been at work for years to bring about this state of things. It was no sudden work. Our brethren never did have and never will have any greater evidence that God was with me, working with me and by me for the benefit of His people, than they had at that conference. It was

evident that a delusion was upon our brethren. They had lost confidence in Sister White, not because Sister White had changed but because another spirit had taken possession and control of them. **Satan's purpose is, through his devices, to make of none effect the testimonies of the Spirit of God. If he can lead the minds of the people of God to see things in a perverted light, they will lose confidence in the messages God sends through His servants; then he can the more readily deceive, and not be detected.** {12MR 201.1} {1888 225.1} {Ms24-1888.64}

33. The result of the last General Conference has been the greatest, the most terrible sorrow of my life. No change was made. **The spirit that should have been brought into the whole work as the result of that meeting was not brought in because men did not receive the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** As they went to their several fields of labor, they did not walk in the light that the Lord had flashed upon their pathway, but carried into their work the wrong principles that had been prevailing in the work at Battle Creek. {Lt17-1903.10} {13MR 122.3}

34. Other testimonies acknowledged the blessing of God which the people had received. Surely we could say with Jacob, **"The Lord is in this place."** [Genesis 28:16.] Many with tears say this is the best meeting that they ever experienced. Our American brethren seemed to be blessed and bore testimonies with brokenness of heart. They were excellent, humble testimonies. **The testimonies of the Spirit of God are received.** I really think the testimonies for some reason have greater power upon our American brethren who are over here in Europe than when I addressed them in America. {15MR 348.1} {Lt23-1885.9}

35. His skill as a physician, the knowledge that God has given him, has so exalted him, that he has felt that he was supreme. He has said many things, and then contradicted and denied them. His own mind is so strained that he is utterly confused as to what is genuine truth and what is fable. For him to be accepted as an educator to prepare students for the doing of the sacred work that is termed medical missionary work, would be a great mistake. He would fail to leave upon minds the reformatory missionary impress. **He has not done the work properly for many years, although followed by the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** {21MR 417.4} {Lt280a-1904.5}

36. When the Lord teaches her and reveals to her how **she has unsettled and undermined the faith of many in the testimonies of the Spirit of God,** as she has unsettled and undermined the faith of Brother Bartholf in the work the Lord has given me to do, by making the statement that she was directed to write a testimony to A. R. Henry, she will see where she is standing. The statement in regard to the testimony for A. R. Henry is an absolute falsehood. {MR926 94.4} {Lt61a-1900.21}

37. If she were converted, and used by the Lord, she would have a clear understanding of the influence of her past misrepresentations of the work she has done for me, and would confess some of her misstatements regarding it, which have been **used by the enemy to unsettle and undermine the faith of many, in the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** {MR926 95.3} {Lt61-1900.4}

38. Do we believe that we are coming to the crisis, that we are living in the very last scenes of the earth's history? Will we now awaken and do the work which this time calls for, or will we wait till the things which I have presented come upon us? God will make Brother Smith strong in His strength if he will walk not in the counsel of men but in the counsel of the Holy One of Israel. My husband, myself, and Brother Smith have been united in the work for many years. From his youth, Brother Smith has been engaged in the work, and it has become a part of his being. He knows our labor, and is acquainted with the work that God has given me to do, and, like John, he can speak of the things which he has seen, and the things that

he has heard, and the experience he has had in relation to the work God has given me to do. **And this witness Satan will strive most earnestly to silence, that he may better obtain access to minds by making of none effect the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** {1SAT 91.1} {1888 514.1} {Ms18-1888.39}

39. We are to hold fast every jot and tittle of the truth revealed to us in the living oracles; but we are not to think that we now have a knowledge of all the truth that there is for us. We may well ask whither we are drifting. **Even the inspiration of the Scriptures has been under the judgment of finite man, and they have dealt with the oracles of God in the same manner as they have with the testimonies of the Spirit of God, cutting and carving them at will, as it pleased them, and in so doing, making them of none effect. Those who do this, know not what they are doing.** {1888 173.2} {Ms15-1888.44}

40. May the Lord give you wisdom in this matter; but I cannot feel that you are moving wisely in calling Brother Loughborough to Nebraska. **Something in line of decided testimony must be heard in vindication of the testimonies of the Spirit of God in our churches. Shall the people have it? Think of these things. May the Lord help you in your decisions, is my prayer.** {1888 718.3} {Lt20-1890.15}

41. **The truths presented in Volume Four are needed by the people, and have been needed for years.** The Lord bade me make no delay in bringing out these warnings, and I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. I have done all that I could do. **Other agencies must act their part in giving the book the circulation it should have.** {1888 803.2}

But since the General Conference of 1888, Satan has been working with special power through unconsecrated elements to weaken the confidence of God's people in the voice that has been appealing to them for these many years. If he can succeed in this, then **through misapplication of scripture** he will lead many to cast away their confidence in the past work under the messages. Thus he would set them adrift, with no solid foundation for their faith, hoping to bring them fully under his power. Let the attention of our people be called to the special work of the Spirit of God as it has been connected with the rise and progress of the three messages, and a blessing will result to the whole body. **A revival of faith and interest in the testimonies of the Spirit of God will lead to the obtaining of a healthful experience in the things of God.** {1888 803.3} {Ms31-1890.6}

Some of those who are newly come to the faith claim to have special light from God in regard to these messages; but their new light leads them to set aside the established truths that are the pillars of our faith. They misinterpret and misapply the Scriptures. They misplace the messages of Revelation 14, and set aside the work which these messages have accomplished. Thus they reject the great waymarks which God Himself has established. Since their new light leads them to tear down the structure which the Lord has built up, we may know that He is not guiding them. {1888 804.1}

42. Dear Bro. Smith, please to make a surrender to God this time. Make no reserve, and then you will receive the blessing of God. Then peace will come to your soul. **You are standing, and have been standing, in opposition to the work of God for the past two years, you have done more than any man living to cast doubt and unbelief of the testimonies of the spirit of God.** Now I beseech of you, break and lift the stumbling block. I was shown at Minneapolis that the Lord would come in to their families and would visit for the things that there transpired, with affliction and death unless they stood firm between God and his people. You remember I said in the tabernacle before Elder Butler, yourself, and those present. I had things to say to Elder Butler, but ye cannot bear them now. It was this; his stubbornness and unbelief was sinful and God would bring his afflicting hand heavily upon him if he did not repent and have another

spirit, and if he still held his perversity and stubbornness, he would come nearer still to him in affliction. And this he would do to the ones to whom he had given light and they had closed their eyes and ears, and confederated together to make of none effect the warnings and messages of light and truth for his people. {1888 848.1}

43. I plead with you, Elder Reaser, to take your stand wholly on the right side. We cannot change the presidency without feeling a deep regret. **If you will take your position firmly to counterwork the influence you have exerted against the Testimonies of the Spirit of God, then the Lord can accept you.** But while you remain in an unsettled condition, having more confidence in your own judgment than you have in **the counsel of the Lord**, you are doing a work to undermine the confidence of the people in the work of the Lord. I must say to you, Elder Reaser, that there is need for much searching of self, for you have much prejudice to overcome. One seed of unbelief sown in the heart, will change the atmosphere of the soul. There is a far-reaching work to be done in counterworking the work of unbelief that has been done. If you will place yourself under the control of the Spirit of God, the Lord will help you to do this. **Angels of God are by the side of those who choose to be taught of the Lord and who seek His counsel. Our workers need to counsel often together, that they may know what spirit is controlling them.** {LLM 334.1} {Lt46-1908.2}

44. I have come out decidedly and plainly. I told Dr. Kellogg just as I have written you. There will be some change, some way, I am assured. **I told them I had been in continual fear that my husband's mistakes and errors would be classed with the testimonies of the Spirit of God and my influence greatly injured.** If I bore a plain testimony against existing wrongs they would say, "She is moulded by her husband's views and feelings." If I reproved my husband, he would feel I was severe and others had prejudiced me against him. {Lt8a-1881.11}

45. **These brethren have received and depended upon what Dr. Kellogg has said and the statements he has made, many of which will not bear the test of facts, more than upon the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** God has given my husband a position and a work in the cause of God in connection with his brethren. The Lord would have him a counselor, but his brethren have gone on entirely independent of his counsel, and they have made mistakes. {Ms4a-1881.34}

46. **How careful should you be and Elder Smith and Elder Stone, and everyone of you who have had the light, to search the testimonies of the Spirit of God in your families, and let them see you regard them as the voice of God to them and to you. Then be sure to follow the light God has given you, lest you be left to blindness of mind and hardness of heart.** {Lt3-1882.14}

You know scarcely nothing of what it is to represent Christ in your life and in your character. You lead others away from their integrity. I cannot be very hopeful that anything I may say shall have any special weight with you or with Elder Stone or with Henry Hearn and with quite a number of others, because the words that I have spoken to you, **the testimonies of the Spirit of God, you have not regarded, because they cut directly across your own inclinations. You have a light and trifling spirit.** {Lt3-1882.15}

47. **There are many who profess the truth in Battle Creek who know nothing of the import or design of the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** They see things, which as they may hastily read, cut across or condemn some of their sinful indulgences, and they lay it down and make no further effort to search and see what they can do to set their own hearts right with God. **There is nothing in the testimonies interesting to the self-indulgent, to the carnal mind blinded by sin.** They cannot discern spiritual things.

When the eyesalve is applied, then they can discern all things clearly. There are those in your midst who do not stop at neglecting to heed the words of counsel from God to them in testimony, but they despise and hate the testimonies of the Spirit of God and do not care to know them. {Lt29-1882.8}

48. You have provoked the displeasure of a just and holy God because of your unchristian spirit toward those of like faith. You have shown no respect for the men whom God is using in His cause, because they could not but condemn your course of harshness and want of brotherly love. **The testimonies of the Spirit of God were unheeded. You knew not the voice that was calling you to repentance.** You have shown you were not in harmony with the Spirit of God. So far were you carried away with your assumptions and imaginings that God's words to you have found no response in your hearts. God's holy will, His honor, and His fear have been of slight consideration with you. The Lord has been treated with dissimulation and disrespect. {Ms7-1882.12}

49. **Our work is made exceedingly hard. We meet with those whose will is strong and untameable, those who know nothing of submission. They will argue their way and plead for their way in the face of the testimonies of the Spirit of God; and if at last they yield, it is not with a good grace.** They have received their will as an inheritance, and it has grown with their growth and strengthened with their strength; and when their way is crossed, they rise up like a lion. {Ms20-1885.21} {Ms24-1885.22}

50. We had a social meeting after the discourse. Testimonies were borne, intelligent and interesting, that made my heart rejoice. **These testimonies evidenced that the testimonies of the Spirit of God that had been translated from English into Danish were doing the very work the Lord designed they should do—making the Word of God more plain to their understanding, presenting before them the high standard they must reach, leading them to heart searching, to repentance, to putting away of sin, and to pray more, to read their Bibles more, and to love Jesus with the whole heart.** {Ms25-1885.11}

51. **Monday I spoke upon health reform. Pure air, pure water, pure houses, pure premises. It is something new to the people here, but they all seem to have the fullest confidence in my mission and in the testimonies of the Spirit of God. And the way is prepared to make advanced moves upon health reform. I shall bring in testimonies as often as I can consistently upon this subject.** We desire to lead them step by step, cautiously but thoroughly, until there shall be a decided change in the habits and customs of the people. We see a decided change for the better in many respects since our last conference. There is an increase in numbers and improvement in every way. There is a coming up on a higher plain, elevated, ennobled through the truth. {Lt4-1887.7} {Lt10-1887.15}

In much love. {Lt4-1887.} {Lt10-1887.}

52. **There has been a great deal of gossiping over certain things that have happened among you, but you all know that scandal and gossip are condemned in the Scriptures, and by the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** Brother Rice has been blind and has needed the heavenly anointing, but he is not alone in error. His brethren have also failed to do the will of God. If they had come to him in **the spirit of meekness, in the spirit of Christ,** and had patiently labored with him, striving to recover him from the snare of the enemy; if they had done their whole duty in the fear of God, according to His Word, telling him his fault in the private way that the Lord has directed, they would have been clear in the sight of heaven. **But as they have departed from the plain injunction of the Lord, condemnation rests upon them.** {Lt19-1887.1}

53. You know as well as I do how Brother Eldridge would regard this matter. **He has no real knowledge of me, my connection with [the] cause and work of God, the place and influence of the testimonies for the last forty years.** While I respect Brother Eldridge, I say he is not the man to be a judge in these matters of me or my work, because he has no real experience in the part I have been called of God to fill in this work; **because he has not this experience is the reason that he does not place value upon the testimonies, of the Spirit and the light which God has sent to His people and to the world.** {Lt71-1890.2}

54. **Now what will keep you in the family of God? You must place yourself in the holy atmosphere. You have all manifested very little faith in the testimonies of the Spirit of God and have shown little respect for them.** By the neglect of the means which God has ordained to impart spiritual strength and grace, you have brought blindness upon your souls and hardness into your hearts, and Satan has led you to look at things in a perverted light. **If you have no respect for the messages which God sends by testimony and by His servants, what power has He in reserve that will reach your case and correct your errors so that you shall not be led into false paths?** We are not to have a negative religion; the garden of the heart must be cultivated. This work is essential for every church member and is especially essential for those who are in responsible places. {Ms16-1890.37}

55. Lovesick sentimentalism prevails. Married men receive attention from married or unmarried women; women also appear to be charmed, and lose reason and spiritual discernment and good common sense. **They do the very things that the Word of God condemns, the very things that the Testimonies of the Spirit of God condemn. Warnings and reproofs are before them in clear lines, yet they go over the same path that others have traveled before them.** It is like an infatuating game at which they are playing. Satan leads them on to ruin themselves, to imperil the cause of God, to crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame. {Ms19a-1890.5}

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58. If you have time and patience to read enough of the matter sent in the last mail in regard to the letters I have written to Dr. Maxson, I think you will be able to determine some things as to whether we can put confidence in him as one working with an eye single to the glory of God. **How much has he manifested an interest to work in harmony with the testimonies of the Spirit of God in regard to the Health Retreat? He has exerted all his influence in an opposite direction, with an eye single to his own interest.** {Lt48-1892.1}

59. Sister Miller, you have been doing a work that is according to the suggestions of the enemy, although you do not see that it is contrary to Christ. Imperceptibly, step by step, you have been led into false paths. **In harmony with your son, you have insinuated your unbelief in the testimonies of the Spirit of God, whenever they have crossed your ideas. Those who link up in sympathy with you, discard the light that for the last fifty years, God has been giving to His people. Would you feel safe in continuing to follow the path you have been travelling? You are educating your children to regard lightly the Holy Spirit's teaching.** Your sons are also in danger of doing the same work. In time, in a short time only, the seeds of doubt and unbelief you are now sowing will produce a harvest that you will not care to reap. Into minds that have had temptation and trouble, you have insinuated doubt. **You have used, not the sacred fire, but the sparks of the fire of your own kindling.** {Lt129-1896.20}

60. The Lord Jesus asked the disciples, "What went ye out for to see? A reed shaken by the wind?" [Luke 7:24.] We have opportunity to see this class in abundance. What was it that imperilled the life of John? It was the straight and proving testimony that was given to Herod because of his sins. Herod's unlawful wife was so exceedingly mad that she could not rest until the head of the greatest prophet that ever lived was brought to her in a charger. **Those who reprove in the gate are hated. The plain testimonies of the Spirit of God will cut the fleshly heart, piercing even to the joints and the marrow. The God-given testimony will work, even as a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death. And these testimonies will be given when required, whether men will hear, or refuse to hear, and to heed. The work of God will go forward without them, but they are the losers. The third angel's message will triumph, and all who will voice, with heart and soul, the third angel's message will triumph with that message.** {Lt107-1897.4}

61. When these see the error they have made, they realize that they have not had a right spirit, that they have tried to kill that which the Lord would have live, let them honestly and frankly acknowledge their error. A review of the past will be highly beneficial to such men. When they humble their hearts before God as did David, confessing that they have erred, they have the sure Word of God that they will find pardon. But if they refuse to acknowledge their mistakes, if they refuse to seek pardon, their sins stand registered against them, to come up against them in the day of judgment. In that day these men will not stand in a favorable light before the great Intercessor. {Ms23-1899.22}

Those who have laid stumbling blocks before the inexperienced who have clouded the minds of those who have not had a personal knowledge of the Lord's dealings with His people in the past, who have opened the door of temptation through which doubts and questions have come in, and have left the impression upon minds that the testimonies of the Spirit of God are not reliable, can only help to undo their work by making their confession as full, decided, and broad as their influence has been by reaching those upon whom they have brought confusion and uncertainty by resistance of the Spirit of God. {Ms23-1899.23}

At the present time, God's Spirit is being grieved. **Satan has been encouraged in his special work for this time.** Those who have erred in the past, and have not humbled themselves to fully confess their wrongs and make them right, will continue to move in their own spirit. They will call truth error and error truth. These men will eventually be found on Satan's side of the controversy. The Lord has declared to me that thus it will be. Our God is a jealous God; He will not be trifled with. {Ms23-1899.24}

62. **That which grieves me to the heart [is that] the testimonies of the Spirit of the Lord have been misinterpreted and misapplied to sustain the work that God never meant it should strengthen.** This is the work of the wily foe, to turn away means from the cause of God where it should go, to sustain the

work where God's servants were trying to make headway under pressure for that very means. The Lord's money should have been entrusted with those whom God has led in America and whom God has guided to establish the work in California. Never has God directed such a work for Seventh-day Adventists to do as has been done to erect memorials of Dr. Kellogg's ample means. This presentation was similar to that of Hezekiah, after God had raised him up from sickness and added fifteen years to his life. [See] 2 Kings 20; Isaiah 39. {Ms199-1899.3}

63. Christ said to Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." [John 3:3.] This is the experience you need to gain. **You have had warnings; you have had the counsel of God; but you have put your own construction upon these testimonies, and of late you have made the testimonies of the Spirit of God of none effect by your traditions.** Notwithstanding the view given you by the Lord concerning yourself, you have refused to be instructed by His word. To you the counsel of God has been as an idle tale. {Ms15-1901.4}

64. He has acted like a man walking in his sleep. Before I went to Los Angeles, I was moved by the Spirit of the Lord to bear him a straightforward testimony regarding his true position and what would be the end if he did not change. I told him that he had before him the example of Dr. Burke and Dr. Maxson. **Neither would heed the testimonies of the Spirit of God. They thought they knew better than the Lord.** I said, Dr. Sanderson, you are going over the same ground. **Unless you see your true position, you will walk in the light of the sparks of your own kindling, and will lie down in sorrow.** {Ms116-1901.3}

65. I have been having a marked experience in light given that what our people need is the Holy Spirit of God to **cleanse away the defilement of unkind rubbish of talk and passing judgment.** Until this is done, all the counsels that we may have will prove a detriment. **Unless they are a savor of life unto life, they will be a savor of death unto death.** The lips need to have the living coal placed upon them to cleanse away the self-assured conversation which hurts souls and is spoiling the work of God. **It is the strange fire that many are handling, and Christ's words to them in the 13th chapter of John, and in the 14th and 15th and 17th chapters, are not heeded.** {Lt264-1902.11}

I was instructed to say that our people are losing in spirituality, for they do not believe many of the messages of truth for this time and the testimonies of the Spirit of God. There is more confidence in their own tongues' wisdom than in earnest, intercessory prayer. If we pray in faith, if we wrestle with God as did Daniel in behalf of himself and the Israel of God, we shall be kept by the power of God from our own foolish conversation. We need now to have the Holy Spirit's power, which will clothe us with Christ's righteousness and give us heavenly wisdom that we shall sit with Christ in heavenly places. If ever we are as a people to become elevated, cleansed, and purified, to reach the highest standard, we must now seek Him with heart and soul and voice, with fasting and prayer. {Lt264-1902.12}

In love. {Lt264-1902.}

66. My brethren, I beg of you to humble your hearts before God, and make thorough work of repentance yourselves. Thus you can set an example that will help others to understand how to humble themselves before God in repentance and turn away His wrath from being visited upon His people. {Lt10-1903.13}

If the Review and Herald office had been thoroughly cleansed, the present showing before the world would not have been. **The brethren connected with this institution have not heeded the Testimonies of the Spirit of God. They have braced themselves against them.** {Lt10-1903.14}

67. I wish to speak about the light given me after the General Conference. It was at the time of this Conference that those connected with the publishing work should have been thoroughly converted. **Special heed should have been given to the Testimonies of the Spirit of God.** Had there been a break at the time of the Conference, everything would have been changed. The Spirit of God would have worked upon hearts. But since the Conference, the evils that existed before have continued to exist, because in the changes made, men were placed in positions of influence who needed to be converted. Sins have been left unconfessed. The spirit manifested since the Conference has, in many respects, been as objectionable as the spirit manifested before the Conference. {Lt46-1903.8}

68. **The condition of things among us has called for the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and these have been given, and yet many who claim to believe the truth persistently disregard light and evidence.** It is very hard to reach such ones. They will not heed the light, and as a result they are in darkness. They choose darkness rather than light. How long will the Lord bear with them? Let them remember that light rejected becomes to the rejecter darkness that grows more and more dense. {Lt200-1903.7}

69. If things were as they should be in the households that make up our churches, we might do double service for the Lord. The light given me is that a most decided message must be borne in regard to health reform. **Those who use flesh meat strengthen the lower propensities and prepare the way for disease to fasten upon them.** There are those among Seventh-day Adventists who will not heed the light given them in regard to this matter. They make flesh meat a part of their diet. Disease comes upon them. Sick and suffering as a result of their own wrong course, they ask for the prayers of the servants of God. **But how can the Lord work in their behalf when they are not willing to do His will, when they refuse to heed His instruction in regard to health reform?** {Lt200-1903.5}

For thirty years the light on **health reform** has been coming to the people of God, but many have made it a matter of jest. They have continued to use **tea, coffee, spices, and flesh meat.** Their bodies are full of disease. How can we, I ask, present such ones to the Lord for healing? {Lt200-1903.6}

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70. I have not seen A. T. Jones since. He may be at the Sanitarium. I did not go anywhere to speak on Sabbath. I felt like shutting myself away, where I would not become distracted with the confused working and counterworking at Battle Creek. I am thinking I do not know what it is best to do. I wish I had seen him. I told him Sabbath morning some plain, straightforward things, but what course he will now pursue I know not. I told him that J. H. Kellogg was acting a part in connection with the cause of God that would unsettle many souls. **He has gone directly against the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and how long his brethren were to sustain him in his deceptive course I could not determine; that A. T. Jones was acting like a man with his eyes put out.** That piece in the paper he would have to explain to make a consistency in his own case, and then he would put a wrong construction on the matter, and thus the matter stands. He did not come to see me again; left this morning. {Lt293-1903.9}

71. **The work that Judas did will be done in our day. There are those who for their own good have been reproved by the Lord, but who have not believed the messages sent them, and have interpreted them**

as it suited their inclinations, putting their own construction on the testimonies of the Spirit of God. So many times have they done this that they have reached the place where they misapply and misappropriate every message of mercy and grace sent them. The Lord understands. He bears long with them, even as He bore with Judas. But unless they change, the time will come when for effect they will say anything that comes into their minds, making false statements. {Ms106-1903.58}

72. **Those who are connected with the Sanitarium at Battle Creek have the evidence that the testimonies of the Spirit of God that were borne by me during the General Conference of 1901 were of God.** In giving the message that came to you, I in no way sought to exalt myself. I have no evidence that any time I have done this; but, as I am not at liberty to write to Dr. Kellogg, I address these words of instruction to you. {Ms159-1903.2}

73. I have cautions to give you. Do not speak words that will disparage Brethren Prescott and Daniells. Let your words be well chosen. Nothing will hurt your influence more than for you to speak as if the present administration were to blame for diverting means into the wrong channel. This will react on you and will be displeasing to God. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. The light given me is that by accusing those bearing responsibilities, you will in the end hedge up your own way. Be a man of sound judgment. Make no breach between you and your brethren. **By criticizing and condemning, you will make of no effect the testimonies of the Spirit of God given to your mother.** {Lt77-1905.2}

74. **Already many have their purity stained. Already many have formed the rebellious purpose to refuse the testimonies of the Spirit of God. If this kind of work is not just what the Holy Spirit warned the church against, where is the application to be made?** I know just such movements have been going forward in Battle Creek for years. Souls are being proved by Satan's sophistries. "Every man," saith the apostle, "is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." James 1:14. **Unsettle the faith of the young men and women in the testimonies, that have borne the test for half a century, and they are then, in mind and soul, left a prey to the seducing power of satanic agencies.** {Lt57-1906.6}

75. Dr. Kellogg's skill as a physician, the knowledge that God has given him, has so highly exalted him, that he has felt himself to be supreme. He has said many things and then contradicted and denied them. His own mind is so strained that he is utterly confused as to what is genuine truth and what are fables. For him to be accepted as an educator, for the doing of the sacred work that is termed medical missionary work, would be a great mistake. God forbids this. Dr. Kellogg would fail to leave upon minds the reformatory missionary impress. **For years he has done an imperfect work, although much instruction has been sent him through the testimonies of the Spirit of God.** {Lt225b-1906.34}

76. Several times I have passed through experiences similar to this, when it was thought that ministers should be separated from the work. **On one occasion a brother was taking sides with some who were standing out against the testimonies.** I prayed for him and pleaded with him to yield to the Spirit of God. This was at the time of some important meetings, and the following meeting was to be decisive. I begged this brother to throw his influence on the right side; but although he did not repulse me, he would not yield. {Lt34-1908.7}

We went to the place of meeting, and the two parties were present. How would this brother decide? I bore my testimony before those assembled; then I addressed the opposing party, and then the brother with whom I had been conversing. **Suddenly I saw His face grow deathly pale; and after I had finished speaking, he rose to his feet and confessed that all through the camp-meeting he had stood on the**

wrong side, in stubborn and determined resistance to the testimonies of the Spirit of God. He acknowledged that the party to which he had belonged had not offered a prayer in their houses where they slept, during the time that the meetings had been in session, but had spent their time in ridiculing my words and the words of those who were in harmony with me. "But," he said, "the conviction of the Spirit of God has come upon me, and I shall always be ashamed of the course I have taken. I surrender right here my wicked opposition; for I feel that I have been reprov'd by God." {Lt34-1908.8}

That brother has ever since stood true to the testimonies of the Spirit of God. I have no knowledge that he has ever gone back from the stand he took at that meeting. You know that brother well, but I will not mention his name. {Lt34-1908.9}

Case after case of the same kind has come before me. But as the Lord moved upon this brother's heart, so He has moved on the hearts of others, and so He will continue to work through the influence of His Spirit. {Lt34-1908.10}

77. Elder Haskell and his wife carried their responsibilities wisely. **Elder Haskell could speak positively in regard to the testimonies of the Spirit of prophecy and of the work that God had accomplished through them.** It was pleasing to see the spirit of liberality that existed and the willingness to help in many lines of work. We hope that a true report of the work done here will be given in our papers. Many books were sold, and this will mean that light will shine to believers and unbelievers. {Lt142-1908.3} {Lt152-1908.6}

"Testimonies of His Spirit" came up 130 times, 44 originals complete.

44 "The Testimonies of His Spirit"

1. The utter neglect of training children for God has perpetuated evil, and thrown into the ranks of the enemy many who with judicious care might have been co-laborers with Christ. False ideas and a foolish, misdirected affection have nurtured traits which have made the children unlovely and unhappy, have embittered the lives of the parents, and have extended their baleful influence from generation to generation. Any child that is permitted to have his own way will dishonor God and bring his father and mother to shame. **Light has been shining from the Word of God and the testimonies of His Spirit so that none need err in regard to their duty.** God requires parents to bring up their children to know Him and to respect His claims; they are to train their little ones, as the younger members of the Lord's family, to have beautiful characters and lovely tempers, that they may be fitted to shine in the heavenly courts. By neglecting their duty and indulging their children in wrong, parents close to them the gates of the city of God. These facts must be pressed home upon parents; they must arouse and take up their long-neglected work. {5T 325.2} {CG 13.2} {T32 81.2}

2. When there are among God's people those who have departed from the path of humble obedience, those who have exalted self, those who have united with Satan in accusing and condemning the men appointed of God to be ministers of salvation, shall we keep silence for fear of hurting their feelings? When there are men in the church who love riches more than righteousness, and who stand ready to take advantage of their fellow-men by unjust dealings, shall we make no protest? And when men standing in the position of leaders and teachers work under the power of spiritualistic ideas and sophistries, shall we keep silent, for fear of injuring their influence, while souls are being beguiled? **Satan will use every advantage that he can obtain to cause souls to become clouded and perplexed in regard to the work of**

the church, in regard to the word of God, and in regard to the words of warning which He has given through the testimonies of His Spirit, to guard His little flock from the subtleties of the enemy. {Ms72-1904.16} {ChL 62.1} {SpTB02 9.2}

3. There is in this country a great, unworked field. The colored race, numbering thousands upon thousands, appeals to the consideration and sympathy of every true, practical believer in Christ. These people do not live in a foreign country, and they do not bow down to idols of wood and stone. **They live among us, and again and again, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has called our attention to them, telling us that here are human beings neglected. This broad field lies before us unworked, calling for the light that God has given us in trust.** {8T 205.3} {ChS 217.3} {CH 509.4} {PUR December 3, 1903, par. 18} {Lt254-1903.18}

4. The principal objection with physicians and helpers at the Health Retreat to discarding a meat diet is that they want meat, and then plead they must have meat. Therefore, they encourage its use. **But God does not want those who come to the Health Retreat educated to live on a flesh diet.** By parlor talks and by example, educate in the other direction. This will call for great skill in the preparation of wholesome food. More labor will be required, but nevertheless, it must gradually be done. Use less meat. Let those who do the cooking and those who bear the responsibility educate their own tastes and habits of eating in accordance with the laws of health. We have been going back to Egypt rather than on to Canaan. Shall we not reverse the order of things? Shall we not have plain, wholesome food on our tables? Shall we not dispense with hot biscuits, which only cause dyspepsia? **Those who elevate the standard as nearly as they can to the order of God, according to the light God has given them through His word and the testimonies of His Spirit, will not change their course of action to meet the wishes of their friends or relatives, be they one or two or a host, who are living contrary to God's wise arrangement.** If we move from principle in these things, if we observe strict rules of diet, if as Christians we educate our tastes after God's plan, we shall exert an influence which will **meet the mind of God.** The question is, "Are we willing to be true health reformers?" {TSDF 69.4} {CD 408.2} {CD 35.4} {TSDF 196.10} {Lt3-1884.10}

5. God never leaves the world without men who can discern between good and evil, righteousness and unrighteousness. God has men whom He has appointed to stand in the forefront of the battle in times of emergency. In a crisis, He will raise up men as He did in ancient times. **Young men will be bidden to link up with the aged standard-bearers, that they may be strengthened and taught by these faithful ones, who have passed through so many conflicts, and to whom, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has so often spoken, pointing out the right way and condemning the wrong.** When perils arise which try the faith of God's people, these pioneer workers are to **recount the experiences of the past,** when in just such crises the truth was questioned, and strange sentiments, proceeding not from God, were brought in. **Today Satan is seeking opportunities to tear down the waymarks of truth,**—the monuments that have been raised up along the way; and we need the experience of the aged workers who have built their house upon the solid rock, who through evil report as well as good report have been steadfast to the truth. {GW 103.1} {RY 31.2} {RH November 19, 1903, par. 1} {Ms125-1903.15} {Ms99-1909.11}

6. The names of all who profess the truth were mentioned... Upon one page of the ledger, under the head of "Fidelity," was the name of my husband. His life, character, and all the incidents in our experience, seemed to be brought vividly before my mind. A very few items which impressed me, I will mention. **I was shown that God had qualified my husband for a specific work, and in His providence had united us to carry forward this work. Through the Testimonies of His Spirit, He had imparted to him great light.** He

had cautioned, warned, reproved, and encouraged; and it was due to the power of His grace that we had been enabled to bear a part in the work from its very commencement. God had miraculously preserved his mental faculties, notwithstanding his physical powers had given out again and again. {LS 242.3} {PH043 7.1} {3BIO 123.7}

7. When you find men questioning the testimonies, finding fault with them, and seeking to draw away the people from their influence, be assured that God is not at work through them. It is another spirit. Doubt and unbelief are cherished by those who do not walk circumspectly. They have a painful consciousness that their life will not abide the test of the Spirit of God, whether speaking through His Word or through the testimonies of His Spirit that would bring them to His Word. Instead of beginning with their own hearts, and coming into harmony with the pure principles of the gospel, they find fault, and condemn the very means that God has chosen to fit up a people to stand in the day of the Lord. {1SM 45.1} {2MCP 678.1} {1NL 67.1} {Ms1-1883.2}

Let some skeptical one come along, who is not willing to square his life by the Bible rule, who is seeking to gain the favor of all, and how soon the class that are not in harmony with the work of God are called out. Those who are converted, and grounded in the truth, will find nothing pleasing or profitable in the influence or teaching of such a one. But those who are defective in character, whose hands are not pure, whose hearts are not holy, whose habits of life are loose, who are unkind at home, or untrustworthy in deal—all these will be sure to enjoy the new sentiments presented. All may see, if they will, the true measure of the man, the nature of his teaching, from the character of his followers. {1NL 67.2} {Ms1-1883.3}

Those who have most to say against the Testimonies are generally those who have not read them, just as those who boast of their disbelief of the Bible are those who have little knowledge of its teachings. They know that it condemns them, and their rejection of it gives them a feeling of security in their sinful course. {1NL 67.3} {Ms1-1883.4}

8. I have been aroused by the Spirit of the Lord to sound an alarm, that these world-bound souls may be awakened to the peril in which they are placed through their course of backsliding. For Christ's sake, let all those who profess to be Christians depart from all iniquity, all dishonesty. For Christ's sake, for your own soul's sake, I urge you to reform. Let there be a solemn consideration of your privileges and responsibilities. Let there not be found among you a selfish, earthly ambition for place and position or money-getting. This spirit prevails to a large extent, and the religion of Christ is brought down to a low, common level. There is great need that the converting power of God may be felt throughout the office, that all may realize that the words of Christ are to be fulfilled in life and character. Every day Jesus is in that office taking note of every worker in every department and line of work. **The voice of God speaks to all who are there employed, warning and reproving them in His Word, and through the testimonies of His Spirit. But these warnings are first neglected, then despised, then stubbornly resisted and assailed.** SpTPW 158, 159. {PM 69.4} {PH149 53.2} {PH152 29.1} {Lt31-1891.10}

9. At the General Conference, held in Battle Creek in 1901, the Lord gave His people evidence that He was calling for reformation. Minds were convicted, and hearts were touched; but thorough work was not done. If stubborn hearts had then broken in penitence before God, there would have been seen one of the greatest manifestations of the power of God that has ever been seen. **But God was not honored. The testimonies of His Spirit were not heeded.** Men did not separate from the practices that were in decided

opposition to the principles of truth and righteousness, which should ever be maintained in the Lord's work. {PM 172.2} {8T 97.4} {PH151 13.1} {Lt5-1903.4}

10. Notwithstanding the warnings in the Word of God and in the testimonies of His Spirit, many have closed their eyes to danger and have gone on in their own way, infatuated, deluded by Satan until they fall under his temptations. Then they abandon themselves to despair. This was the history of Solomon. But even for him there was help. He truly repented of his course of sin, and found help. Let none venture into sin as he did, in the hope that they too may recover themselves. Sin can be indulged only at the peril of infinite loss. But none who have fallen need give themselves up to despair. Aged men, once honored of God, may have defiled their souls, sacrificing virtue on the altar of lust; but there is still hope for them if they repent, forsake sin, and turn to God. {Lt8b-1891.11} {RY 179.1}

11. In these days of delusion, every one who is established in the truth will have to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Every variety of error will be brought out in the mysterious working of Satan, which would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect, and turn them from the truth.... {7BC 952.1}

There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: **"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20). If they belittle the law of God, if they pay no heed to His will as revealed in the testimonies of His Spirit, they are deceivers.** They are controlled by impulse and impressions, which they believe to be from the Holy Spirit, and consider more reliable than the Inspired Word. They claim that every thought and feeling is an impression of the Spirit; and when they are reasoned with out of the Scriptures, they declare that they have something more reliable. **But while they think that they are led by the Spirit of God, they are in reality following an imagination wrought upon by Satan.**—The Bible Echo, September, 1886. {2SM 98.3} {7BC 952.2} {YRP 119.3}

(Acts 20:30, 31.) I would say to our dear brethren who have been so eager to accept everything that came in the form of visions and dreams, Beware that you be not ensnared. Read the warnings that have been given by the world's Redeemer to His disciples to be given again by them to the world. **The Word of God is solid rock, and we may plant our feet securely upon it. Every soul must needs be tested, every faith and doctrine must needs be tried by the law and the testimony. Take heed that no man deceive you. The warnings of Christ on this matter are needed at this time; for delusions and deceptions will come in among us, and will multiply as we near the end.** {7BC 952.3}

"Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember." Bear in mind that trials of this character are to come upon us, not only from without, but from within our own ranks. **Our individual safety is in entire consecration to God** (Manuscript 27, 1894). {7BC 952.4}

12. For more than half a century God has been giving His people light through the testimonies of His Spirit. After all this time is it left for a few men and their wives to undeceive the whole church of believers, declaring Mrs. White a fraud and a deceiver? **"By their fruits ye shall know them"** (Matthew 7:20). {2SM 394.1} {9MR 361.1} {1NL 58.1} {EA 349.8} {Lt1-1897.7} {Ms185-1897.6}

13. The faith of Jesus has been overlooked and treated in an indifferent, careless manner. It has not occupied the prominent position in which it was revealed to John. Faith in Christ as the sinner's only hope has been largely left out, not only of the discourses given but of the religious experience of very many who claim to believe the third angel's message. **At this meeting I bore testimony that the most precious light had been shining forth from the Scriptures in the presentation of the great subject of the righteousness of Christ connected with the law, which should be constantly kept before the sinner as his only hope of salvation. This was not new light to me, for it had come to me from higher authority for the last forty-four years, and I had presented it to our people by pen and voice in the testimonies of His Spirit. But very few had responded except by assent to the testimonies borne upon this subject. There was altogether too little spoken and written upon this great question. The discourses of some might be correctly represented as like the offering of Cain—Christless.** {12MR 188.1} {3SM 168.3} {1888 212.1} {Ms24-1888.27}

The standard by which to measure character is the royal law. The law is the sin detector. By the law is the knowledge of sin. But the sinner is constantly being drawn to Jesus by the wonderful manifestation of His love in that He humiliated Himself to die a shameful death upon the cross. What a study is this! Angels have striven, earnestly longed, to look into this wonderful mystery. It is a study that can tax the highest human intelligence, that man, fallen, deceived by Satan, taking Satan's side of the question, can be conformed to the image of the Son of the infinite God—that man shall be like Him, that, because of the righteousness of Christ given to man, God will love man, fallen but redeemed, even as He loved His Son. Read it right out of the living oracles. {12MR 188.2} {1888 212.2} {Ms24-1888.28}

14. The influence of our young people in the office is not what it should be. A and B have virtually worked against the cause. The influence of their conversation and deportment has been such as to disgust unbelievers and turn them from our faith and from Christ. **The young who heed not the warnings of the word of God and slight the Testimonies of His Spirit can only be a living curse to the office and should be separated from it.** {4T 209.2}

15. Are not many of our people falling into the sin of sacrificing their religion for the sake of worldly gain; preserving a form of piety, yet giving all the mind to temporal pursuits? **God's law must be considered first of all and obeyed in spirit and in letter. If God's word, spoken in awful solemnity from the holy mountain, is lightly regarded, how will the Testimonies of His Spirit be received? Minds that are so darkened as not to recognize the authority of the Lord's commandments given directly to man can receive little good from a feeble instrument whom He has chosen to instruct His people.** {4T 252.3} {1TT 500.2} {RH September 21, 1876, par. 9} {T27 163.2}

16. **Many of our younger ministers, and some of more mature experience, are neglecting the word of God and also despising the testimonies of His Spirit. They do not know what the testimonies contain and do not wish to know. They do not wish to discover and correct their defects of character. Many parents do not themselves seek instruction from the testimonies, and of course they cannot impart it to their children. They show their contempt for the light which God has given, by going directly contrary to His instructions. Those at the heart of the work have set the example.** {5T 61.3} {PH117 40.1} {T31 57.2}

17. **Many who complacently listen to the truths from God's word are dead spiritually, while they profess to live.** For years they have come and gone in our congregations, but they seem only less and less sensible of the value of revealed truth. They do not hunger and thirst after righteousness. They have no relish for

spiritual or divine things. **They assent to the truth, but are not sanctified through it. Neither the word of God nor the testimonies of His Spirit make any lasting impression upon them. Just according to the light, the privileges, and opportunities which they have slighted will be their condemnation.** Many who preach the truth to others are themselves cherishing iniquity. The entreaties of the Spirit of God, like divine melody, the promises of His word so rich and abundant, its threatenings against idolatry and disobedience—all are powerless to melt the world-hardened heart. {5T 76.2} {PH117 58.4} {T31 72.2}

Many of our people are lukewarm. They occupy the position of Meroz, neither for nor against, neither cold nor hot. They hear the words of Christ, but do them not. If they remain in this state, He will reject them with abhorrence. Many of those who have had great light, great opportunities, and every spiritual advantage praise Christ and the world with the same breath. They bow themselves before God and mammon. They make merry with the children of the world, and yet claim to be blessed with the children of God. They wish to have Christ as their Saviour, but will not bear the cross and wear His yoke. May the Lord have mercy upon you; for if you go on in this way, nothing but evil can be prophesied concerning you. {5T 76.3}

18. There is a work to be done among the churches of Seventh-day Adventists that has not yet been done. Ministering angels are waiting to see who will take up the work in the right spirit.... Let all humble themselves before God, asking for grace and wisdom, that they may see wherein they have violated His holy law. Unless His Spirit enlightens them, they will never know, even though it is set before them by their brethren. **Those who refuse to come into right relation to God, who will not obey the rules of His government, do not bear His mark....** {UL 240.5}

The Lord is merciful. He does not chastise His people because He hates them, but because He hates the sins they are committing. He must chastise them, that they may return to their loyalty. He designs their punishment to be a warning to them and to others. **No one need walk in darkness. No one need say, "Specify to me the precise wrongs of which I am guilty." To those who say this, I give the word of the Lord: "Search prayerfully, and you will know."** {UL 240.6}

If the warnings and reproofs given in the Word of God and in the testimonies of His Spirit are not plain enough, what words would be sufficiently plain to bring about a revival and a reformation? {Ms108-1901.26} {UL 240.7}

19. The Lord has instructed me that the time has come when there should be unity in the ranks of His people. **If there are those who have not faith in the messages that have come to us from God by His Word and by the testimonies of His Spirit, they need to know for themselves what is the faith once delivered unto the saints.** The representations made show that there are some who have lost their bearing. Let us have an understanding in regard to the points on which we must unify. Let us not leave those who have been unsettled to remain still unsettled, to go over the same objectionable matters when a favorable time shall come. {Lt270-1903.24} {UL 369.5}

20. Many are satisfied with business activity in the cause of God, while their hearts are destitute of love and compassion one for another. They know nothing of the tender sympathy that dwelt in the bosom of Jesus, and unless their characters are transformed, unless the heart is made tender, and they become partakers of the divine nature, they will make grave blunders, and fail to become inhabitants of heaven. Those who are holding responsible positions need to drink deep at the fountain of Christ's love, that their hearts may be made kind and their actions considerate. **By his word, by the testimonies of his Spirit, God**

is appealing to his people both early and late, urging them to the attainment of the divine ideal. It was for this end that Christ took human nature upon himself. The elevation of man is the object of the plan of salvation. This elevation of character is to be reached through the merit and grace of Christ. We are continually to behold him, to meditate on the grace of his character, to contemplate his love; and by beholding, we shall become changed. {RH June 30, 1891, par. 10} {PH089 15.1}

21. **The law of God is the great moral standard by which character is to be judged. It is the expression of his will, and must be obeyed from the heart. Its holy principles must underlie our course of action in all our business relations. Those who belittle their profession of faith by conformity to the world, show that they despise the riches of the grace of Christ. They cry. "The grace of Christ! we are not saved by works, but by Christ;" but they continue in sin,—continue to transgress the law of God. They act as though they considered it their privilege to live in sin that grace may abound. But every indulgence in sin weakens the soul; it welcomes Satan to come in and control the mind, making the individual his effectual servant.** {ST March 27, 1884, par. 6}

In these days of delusion, every one who is established in the truth will have to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Every variety of error will be brought out in the mysterious working of Satan, which would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect, and turn them from the truth. There will be human wisdom to meet,—the wisdom of learned men, who, as were the Pharisees, are teachers of the law of God, but do not obey the law themselves. There will be human ignorance and folly to meet in disconnected theories arrayed in new and fantastic dress,—theories that it will be all the more difficult to meet because there is no reason in them. {ST March 27, 1884, par. 7}

There will be false dreams and false visions, which have some truth, but lead away from the original faith. The Lord has given men a rule by which to detect them: "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." **If they belittle the law of God, if they pay no heed to his will as revealed in the testimonies of his Spirit, they are deceivers.** They are controlled by impulse and impressions, which they believe to be from the Holy Spirit, and consider more reliable than the inspired word. They claim that every thought and feeling is an impression of the Spirit; and when they are reasoned with out of the Scriptures, they declare that they have something more reliable. But while they think that they are led by the Spirit of God, they are in reality following an imagination wrought upon by Satan. {ST March 27, 1884, par. 8}

Their character was described and their doom denounced by the ancient prophets. It was ordained of old that those who unsettle faith in the word of God should bear the condemnation of God. {ST March 27, 1884, par. 9}

22. **Those who are carnally minded now, notwithstanding the warnings given of God in his word and through the testimonies of his Spirit, will never unite with the holy family of the redeemed.** They are sensual, debased in thought, and abominable in the sight of God. They have never been sanctified through the truth. They are not partakers of the divine nature, have never overcome self and the world with its affections and lusts. These characters are all through our churches, and as the result the churches are weak and sickly and ready to die. There must be no indifferent testimony borne now, but a decided, pointed testimony, rebuking every impurity, and exalting Jesus. **We must as a people be in the attitude of expectation, working and waiting and watching and praying.** {SpTA01b 39.2} {Ms27-1892.7}

23. **Temptations are increasing. Men are rejecting the light that God has sent in the Testimonies of his Spirit, and they are choosing their own devising and their own plans.** Will men continue to separate themselves from God? Must he reveal his displeasure in a still more marked manner than he has already done? {SpTB06 45.3} {Lt207-1903.7}

24. A clear revelation has been given me in regard to the need of our people assembling together, confessing their sins, repenting before God, and continuing in prayer until the Lord manifests Himself to them with power. If ever a people needed to offer a prayer such as Daniel offered, it is our people. There is among them such self-confidence, such presumption! **The Lord has been sending light to them, but the testimonies of His Spirit have not been heeded.** There has been a departure from His expressed commands, a working contrary to the messages that for many years He has been giving relative to the different features of our work. There has been a selfish gathering of facilities to a few favored places, and a neglect of other parts of the field. Great neglect has been shown to the needs of the people in our large cities and in the Southern field. This need not be, and it will not be when **those who claim to believe the truth practise the truth.** {PH151 70.4} {SpM 346.1}

25. Emma should read her Bible more and storybooks less. In reading fascinating storybooks, she loses all relish for the Scriptures. **God has been speaking to His people in the Testimonies of His spirit, in the Spirit of Prophecy, to lead the minds of His people to the Bible teaching, and these lie on the shelf, neglected, unread, and unheeded.** {4MR 213.1} {Lt23-1879.12}

26. **I believe in Jesus. I know my Saviour loves me, and I love my Jesus. I rest in His love, notwithstanding my imperfections. God has accepted His perfection in my behalf. He is my righteousness and I trust in His merits. I am His repenting, believing child. He has taken away my sin-stained garments and covered me with the robe of His righteousness. Clothed in this garment, I stand before the Father justified. I am of that number who are addressed as the “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit.” And what constitutes them the “elect”? “Obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”**—Letter 24, 1895, p. 3. (To “Dear Sister Ekman,” May 19, 1895.) {4MR 245.3}

I am instructed to say to those who endeavor to tear down the foundation that has made us Seventh-day Adventists: We are God’s commandment keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimonies of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. {4MR 246.1} {10MR 45.1} {Lt95-1905.3} {MR760 7.2} {Ms44-1905.21}

God has placed in our hands a banner on which is inscribed the words “The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” [Verse 12.] “Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ,” he declares. [Revelation 12:17.] 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} {4MR 246.2} {10MR 45.2}

The Lord would have us at this time bring in the testimony written by those who are now dead, to speak in behalf of heavenly things. The Holy Spirit has given instruction for us in these last days. We are to repeat the testimonies that God has given His people, the testimonies that present clear conceptions of the truths of the sanctuary, and that show the relation of Christ to the truths of the sanctuary so clearly brought to view. {4MR 247.1}

If we are the Lord's appointed messengers, we shall not spring up with new ideas and theories to contradict the message that God has given through His servants since 1844. At that time many sought the Lord with heart and soul and voice. The men whom God raised up were diligent searchers of the Scriptures. And those who today claim to have light, and who contradict the teaching of God's ordained messengers, who were working under the Holy Spirit's guidance, those who get up new theories, which remove the pillars of our faith, are not doing the will of God, but are bringing in fallacies of their own invention, which, if received, will cut the church away from the anchorage of truth, and set them drifting, drifting, to where they will receive any sophistries that may arise.—Manuscript 75, 1905, 2, 3. ("Building the Waste Places." May, 1905.) {4MR 247.2}

27. The time has come when whatever I may write in private letters to some of our brethren will do little good; for those who have not held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be liable to interpret my communications in a false way. **To have ministers and physicians who have long known the truth using my writings in a way that gives the impression that these writings uphold the very sentiments that are condemned by the testimonies I have received from God, places a very heavy burden on my soul. These men place such an interpretation on extracts which they take from my writings, that the reproofs given by God are made of no effect.** The Lord God of heaven declares, "If they repent, I will pardon their transgressions; but if they do not repent, I will call them to account for that which they have misinterpreted in order to serve theories that are not true. By their course, souls have been led astray, and when I cease my forbearance, because they will not repent, I will punish them for all the evil they have done by **mingling false sentiments with the true.** They have departed from the faith themselves, and have led others astray." {10MR 44.2}

28. **I, too, must speak the truth, even thou it cuts men to the quick. The Lord has a controversy with those who make of no effect the testimonies of His Spirit.** He is dishonored by those who reject the light given concerning *Living Temple*, telling you that you have been misjudged. <The warnings given in regard to this book should be received and acted upon.> {Lt257-1904.17} {11MR 318.2} {Lt257-1904.17}

29. **How easy and natural for the heart that is not under the constant control of the Spirit of God to see things in a perverted light, as a result of departing from the word of God, and from the testimonies of his spirit, although they have followed them for years in admonitions, and warnings, entreaties and reproof. A voice had been saying, "This is the way, walk in it," [Isaiah 30:21], but self said, "No, I will follow my own judgment. <I want more liberty. I must have my independence.">** {1888 52.1} {Ms2-1888.14}

30. There are those who are officiating in the great work who are not walking in the light; some are fashioned and molded in their experience by these men who ought to guide them and stand as faithful

watchmen to give the trumpet a certain sound, but have been, in place of doing this, confusing minds and quenching the faith of God's people in the messages He has sent to them in reproof and warnings. **The testimonies of His Spirit that would correct the erring are treated by them in such a manner as to leave many minds shrouded in uncertainty in regard to their true origin, and the voice of God is disregarded just as Satan wanted it should be.** {1888 716.1} {Lt20-1890.7}

Now I come to the point. Elder Loughborough has stood firmly for the testimonies, and should not he who dares to be true be especially cared for? Should not he be placed in a position where he can do the most good? Why should he be required to occupy a position in Nebraska? Why should he be called to that hard and trying field? I see no light in it, and I wish to have you reconsider this matter. {1888 716.2}

31. Elder Haskell and his wife have been engaged in the work for years, and their faith in the truth and in the Testimonies given by the Holy Spirit is strong. They have unitedly served according to the Lord's appointment, and we have sought to sustain them in their work. Conditions in the churches have changed decidedly, but the Lord has shown me that some in responsible positions are not yet converted, and without thorough conversion, they cannot conduct the work in right lines. Some who have been reproved and warned are not established and settled, and fully yielded to the guiding power of the Holy Spirit. Satan is not yet fully cast out of the minds of some, and it would take very little to produce again the conditions that existed ten years ago. {LLM 464.5} {PC 299.2}

The cause of God in Oakland, San Francisco, and the surrounding places needs men of solid Christian character, who fear God and take counsel of God, or believers will be misled by those who attach themselves to the work, and who desire to guide and control according to human judgment and plans. **The Lord desires to work through men of clean purposes and decided experiences, men who will learn from the Testimonies of His Spirit where they have not been in harmony with the Lord's will, and who will be converted.** Then decided changes will be made. The perils threatening the work will be seen, conversions will be experienced, and our people will be preparing to stand firmly and unitedly with God to build up His kingdom in the earth. {LLM 465.1} {PC 299.3} {Lt160-1909.7} {Lt178-1909.19}

Men who repudiate the teachings of the Spirit of God are not the proper persons to be placed in offices as leaders in the church. There is danger that the teachings of men who are not soundly converted may lead others into by and forbidden paths. In our efforts to secure consecrated leadership, we may expect to encounter opposition, for the enemy is seeking through unconverted men in positions of trust to mold the work, and he has too much at stake lightly to lose their influence. {LLM 465.2} {PC 299.4}

32. If Dr. Kellogg had heeded the light given him of God through the Testimonies of his Spirit; if he had made God his trust; if he had refused to give any attention to the scientific sophistries that he has been studying more or less for years; if he had followed his Guide, working with an eye single to the glory of God, he would have avoided the many, many crooked paths that he has followed. But in the place of heeding the warning given him, that evil angels were working with him, he has encouraged their presence by continuing to follow a course of transgression. {SpM 365.1} {Lt255-1904.23}

No one need be strengthless who is fighting in the army of the Lord, standing under his blood-stained banner. His true soldiers are partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But those who choose their own way, and keep in correspondence with the great deceiver, are reckoned unworthy of eternal life. {SpM 365.2}

33. **Oh, how Satan has used every agent he could employ to cause disaffection and break up the confidence of our people in the testimonies. If he could strike my husband away from the work, if he could silence his voice, if he could palsy the power of the hand that traced the burning words of truth in the papers, books, and pamphlets, what a triumph he would have!** And some who have been warned and reprov'd would also triumph with the great adversary of souls. {Ms4-1875.8}

Satan has worked through his various channels to accomplish this evil work. God will permit men of limited experience in every way to come in, men who do not know how to walk by faith, men who do not have the spirit of self-denial and sacrifice. **Satan could insinuate himself and a mold be given to the work and workers contrary to that which the Lord has been constantly setting before His people in His Word and through the testimonies of His Spirit.** {Ms4-1875.9}

34. **All the people seem to believe the testimonies. There is no quibbling, no trifling over them, but they believe that God has spoken to them through the testimonies of His Spirit, and they try to practice their teachings. I can but feel that here are new bottles for the new wine.** {Lt21-1891.7}

35. When some one attempts to correct and set right these unsanctified workers, they condescend to sarcasm and criticism. If there is brought into the office a man whose **faith in God and in the testimonies of His Spirit** is strong, a man whose principles are sound and straightforward, the workers whose hearts are filled with selfishness do not have the courage to acknowledge that they are not walking in the counsel of God, but they do far worse than this: they take no account of the man of principle, except to criticize him and make it very hard for him. They call his principles "strait-jacketed" and speak triflingly, jesting and joking over these matters. Their minds filled with foolish thoughts, they speak foolish words, as the humor prompts them, and create an atmosphere that the heavenly angels can not tolerate. The good angels are compelled to leave such men to their corrupt imaginings. {Ms23-1891.38}

36. We need now to review the past, that we may see where the Word of God has been disobeyed in our transactions one with another. **We need to show genuine repentance. Little regard has been shown for the Word of God. Little heed has been given to the testimonies of His Spirit.** Those at the center of the work have been continually warned that **truth and righteousness should always be exercised.** But notwithstanding this, men have been retained in office who were not worthy, who were full of covetousness. Their work did not leave a right impression upon the cause of God. Sacred things were clothed with commonness. **The leaven of covetousness and selfishness pervaded every institution, every church, to a greater or less degree.** {Lt9-1899.10}

37. **False teachers have always abounded, and in the future they will increase in numbers and in power to deceive, apparently working miracles. All should beware of placing themselves in association with such teachers. Their doctrines are attractive and their deceptions so carefully hidden <under a garb of righteousness> that if it were possible they will deceive the very elect.** {Lt155-1901.11}

When those upon whom the light of truth has been shining from God's Word and from the testimonies of His Spirit follow worldly policy for the sake of gain, receiving into the Lord's institution matter containing deceptive and erroneous sentiments and placing this matter in the hands of their apprentices, they are sowing seed which will produce a terrible harvest. They will find that it is easier to introduce these erroneous sentiments into the office than it is to root them out of the minds of the workers, and the end will be the ruin of souls. {Lt155-1901.12}

The love of money, in men who ought to be as true as steel to principle, will prevail among us. {Lt155-1901.13}

38. An understanding of the Word of God and of the testimonies of His Spirit is the only safeguard against the seduction of error. The lack of this understanding is the cause of the perversion of high and holy principles. The Word is not made the Guide and Counsellor. Ignorance of the Scriptures and of the power of God prepares the way for the acceptance of false science. This has left an open door for Satan to enter with his science. {Lt155-1901.15}

39. The soul needs spiritual food and drink. This is supplied in the words of Christ. Those who receive Him as a personal Saviour, and look constantly to Him, receive nourishment sufficient for all the needs of the soul. Those who are united with Christ through the daily, hourly exercise of the faith which works by love and purifies the soul, receive the forgiveness of their sins, and are sanctified unto eternal life. {Ms11-1901.22}

These are the great truths essential for this time. Let us walk in the light which is shining upon our pathway. Christ pronounced a terrible woe upon those cities in which many of His mighty works had been done, because though they had been given every opportunity and advantage, they made no change for the better. Their assent to the wonderful truths they heard wrought no change in them. They received Christ courteously, and listened to His words with apparent interest, but they did not hear with a living faith. **It is possible for us to have the Bible and all the light God sends through the testimonies of His Spirit, and yet fail to reveal Christ in our lives. Today many are ignorant of the knowledge of God and Christ and of the manifestation of the Spirit which molds and fashions the character after the divine similitude.** This is not because they are not warned, because they do not know how to gain eternal life, but because they encourage a combative spirit, and oppose all that does not harmonize with their unsanctified, unholy practices. Their eyes are blinded. The heart has lost its sensitiveness. It is not humble and contrite. They are controlled by self-indulgence and a desire to contend. They fight over the Scriptures when nothing but their own ideas is at stake. **Through debating and cavilling they lose opportunities to receive precious jewels of truth, which would make them rich unto eternal life.** {Ms11-1901.23}{Ms12a-1901.3}

The way to heaven is through Jesus Christ. He is the light which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world. He has given us most precious truths. But there are many who have not a right appreciation of what it is essential for them **to know and practice. Let not the people of God spend precious time on side issues which are of no importance.** Let not the teachers in our schools introduce these side issues to the students. **Let us instead strive to reveal to the world that love for Christ and the truth has knit our hearts together in unity and love, and that this leads us to obey God's commandments.** {Ms11-1901.24}

The only question asked in the judgment will be, "Are they obedient to My commandments?" The petty strife and contention over questions of no importance is an education which our people do not need. Let them seek instead to answer the prayer <of Christ>, "That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." [John 17:21.] {Ms11-1901.25}

40. During the past night many things were presented to me. While I was calling upon the Lord to reveal His grace and His miracle-working power among us as a people, I fell asleep, and I was in conversation with several of our ministering brethren. I addressed my remarks to W. C. White. I told him that we must

begin to work in a way different from the way in which we had been working in regard to the precious light that God has given us in the testimonies of His Spirit. I said, “As a people we do not show sufficient appreciation of this God-given instruction. We do not make the best use of the light given. The matter that has been brought before the people must be brought before them over and over again. The articles that are printed in our papers are soon forgotten by the readers. They must be brought together, reprinted in book form, and placed before believers and unbelievers. {Lt71-1903.9}

“There will be those once united with us in the faith who will search for new, strange doctrines, for something odd and sensational, to present to the people. They will bring in all conceivable fallacies, and will present them as coming from Mrs. White, that they may beguile souls. The light that the Lord has given me should be in the hands of our people, that they may see that the reports made are false, that there is in the testimonies nothing of what these men declare to be in them. {Lt71-1903.10}

“The precious light that the Lord has given in reproof and warning is to be given to His people. Errors will be corrected by the messages given to the erring. The Spirit of the Lord will be in the message, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the message given. Many will read with eagerness the messages reproofing wrong, that they may learn what they must do to be saved. From all directions will come the cry, ‘What must I do to be saved?’ [Acts 16:30.] Light will dawn upon the understanding, and the Spirit of God will make an impression on minds as Bible truth is clearly and simply presented in the messages that since 1846 God has been sending His people. These messages are to find their place in hearts, and then transformation will take place. {Lt71-1903.11}

41. If in the providence of God we can secure places away from the cities, the Lord would have us do this. There are troublous times before us, when Satan will make every effort to call in among us the unconverted, that they may prove stumbling blocks to souls and workers whom Satan can use to deceive. I am instructed to say to our people, Satan holds the minds of not a few of those who pass among us as believers of the truth. There are among us even ministers and physicians who are held in a net of deception. Many there are whom we regard as friends of the truth who are working in direct opposition to the principles of truth that have made us what we are today. Through a spirit of self-sufficiency they have been led to act a part in counterworking the instruction that God has sent through His Word and through the testimonies of His Spirit. {Ms99-1908.10}

42. Six years later in a letter to Ellen G. White written from Fastow, Russia, it is clear that he was still striving nobly to please the Lord. Sister White was then in Australia. In the very first paragraph of his letter to her he writes about how he has found “light” in the Word of God and “the testimonies of His Spirit.” He expresses also his “gratitude to Christ, who has proven a faithful Friend and High Priest to me, when everything looked dark and Satan even urged there was no hope and that I [had] better cast away my only anchor.... My prayer is today, Lord, anoint my eyes, let me see to my own salvation, and guard all my wanderings and strayings from the path of duty and let me know, what Thy will is.... I do not want to mar His work by the past, though He has graciously forgiven. I shall be pleased if you have any light or exhortation or counsel, to receive the same.” He signed his letter, “Your unworthy brother in Christ, L. R. Conradi.”—L. R. Conradi letter to Ellen G. White, October 6, 1897 {EGWE 291.3}

Here is revealed a faith on Conradi’s part in the “testimonies” of Ellen White, also in “any light or exhortation or counsel” that she might have to give to him. {EGWE 291.4}

43. *Resolved*, That we express our thanks for the labors of Brother and Sister White during this conference, and that we renew our expressions of confidence in the Bible doctrine of spiritual gifts, and of our appreciation, in some degree, of **the kindness and mercy of God in favoring this people with the testimonies of His Spirit to the church.**—*Ibid.*, March 25, 1873 {2BIO 376.4}

44. In his letter of resignation McCullagh declared: “I utterly reject Mrs. E. G. White’s claims that ‘in these days God speaks to men by the testimonies of His Spirit’ through Mrs. White.” {4BIO 280.2}

"Testimony of His Spirit" came up 16 times, 8 originals, complete.

8 "Testimony of His Spirit"

1. Landmarks of Truth, Experience, and Duty—Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists, to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study, and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. {SpTB02 59.1} {CW 52.1} {1SM 208.2}

As a people we are to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only true foundation. They have made us what we are. The lapse of time had not lessened their value.—*Special Testimonies*, Series B, No. 2, p. 51 (1904). {CW 52.2}

No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world.—*Testimonies for the Church* 6:17. {CW 52.3}

2. If all of those who come together for meetings of edification and prayer could be regarded as true worshipers, then might we hope, though much would still remain to be done for us. But it is in vain to deceive ourselves. Things are far from being what the appearance would indicate. From a distant view much may appear beautiful which, upon close examination, will be found full of deformities. The prevailing spirit of our time is that of infidelity and apostasy—a spirit of pretended illumination because of a knowledge of the truth, but in reality of the blindest presumption. **There is a spirit of opposition to the plain word of God and to the testimony of His Spirit.** There is a spirit of idolatrous exaltation of mere human reason above the revealed wisdom of God. {5T 79.1} {PH117 61.3} {T31 75.1}

3. This age presents a sad picture to those whose eyes have been opened to discern the evils that prevail on every hand. The fear and love of God have almost left the world. This is the time prophesied of by Isaiah, when “darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.” Multitudes are led away by the delusions of a faithless generation, and are living in the darkness of error. The prevailing spirit of our time is that of infidelity and apostasy,—a spirit of pretended illumination because of a supposed knowledge of truth, but in reality of the blindest presumption. **There is a spirit of opposition to the plain word of God, and to the testimony of his Spirit.** There is a spirit of idolatrous exaltation of mere human reason above the revealed wisdom of God. {RH March 31, 1910, par. 3}

4. Elder Daniels, my heart is sad for you, for your wife, and your children, for I say to you in the fear of God, You are making a record that will be lasting as eternity; “and if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who shall give you that which is your own?” We are placed here as probationers, to prove whether we will, through the grace of Christ, develop all that the Lord exacts of us. **We have been intrusted with great light in regard to the truths of his holy word, and with mental faculties susceptible of the highest cultivation.** You are to love God supremely, and your neighbors as yourself. You are to prove yourself faithful even in the least temporal matters. **If you disregard the plainest directions given by our Lord in his holy word, and by the testimony of his Spirit, and choose to walk in your own way, to follow the impulse of your own heart, you will be pronounced an unfaithful steward.** If you prove yourself unfit to hold the smallest interests which your Master has placed in your hands here, how can God trust you with eternal interests? You may give your money quite freely to our institutions or to individuals, but does God honor you for this? If the money has been obtained unjustly, will he accept this offering at your hands? You may ease your conscience by saying, “I give to the cause what others have given me.” Tell these persons they should be stewards of their own means. {PH096 69.1} {Lt8-1889.6}

5. If Elder Waggoner’s views were wrong, what business has anyone to get up and say what they did here yesterday? **If we have the truth it will stand. These truths that we have been handling for years**—must Elder Butler come and tell us what they are? Now, do let us have common sense. Don’t let us leave such an impression on this people. One brother asked me if I thought there was any new light that we should have or any new truths for us? **Well, shall we stop searching the Scriptures because we have the light on the law of God and the testimony of His Spirit?** No, brethren. I tell you in the fear of God, “Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils.” [Isaiah 2:22.] How can you listen to all that I have been telling you all through these meetings and not know for yourself what is truth? If you will search the Scriptures on your knees, then you will know them and you will be able to give to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is within you. {1888 152.3} {Ms9-1888.10}

6. **The agencies, divine and human, are placed at the disposal of many of those who claim to be children of God who have the Word of God, who have the testimony of His Spirit.** He saith, “I have stretched out my hand all the day long to a gainsaying, disobedient people.” [Romans 10:21.] God is working, all heaven is working, to prepare a people for the day of God’s preparation. The churches are far from Christ, lukewarm, destitute of every grace. And to these who are such, Jesus says, “Knowest not they are full of Pharisaism and spiritual pride, saying I am rich and increased with goods.” And Brother Church, the message to the Laodicean church means you apply it to yourself and **work diligently.** “As many as I love I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and repent. Beloved, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice and open the door I will come in to him and sup with him and he with Me.” [Revelation 3:19, 20.] Write it on your soul. Engrave it on your doorposts. No more flattery. **He must increase, I must decrease.** {Ms60-1890.14}

7. **We are God’s commandment-keeping people. For the last fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to tear down the foundation principles of our faith. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists to take the place of the truth which point by point has been testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. From the great system of truth as it has been presented by God’s messengers, not a pin is to be removed.** {Lt232-1903.42}

8. The Lord is in earnest with you. There will be with you a sense of want, of utter helplessness in yourself. When this time comes, I have decided things to say. Until then, you would misunderstand the truth and call it misjudging you, and say, "It is not true." **When you are emptied of self and do not place J. H. Kellogg first and the Lord second, then you will give credit to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the testimony of His Spirit. Be not afraid to trust yourself in the hands of God, and humble your heart before Him. Then you can be "accepted in the beloved."** [Ephesians 1:6.] {Lt384-1904.3}

"Testimonies of God's Spirit" came up 25 times, 11 originals, complete.

11 "Testimonies of God's Spirit"

1. **Soon every possible effort will be made to discount and pervert the truth of the testimonies of God's Spirit. We must have in readiness the clear, straight messages that since 1846 have been coming to God's people. There will be those once united with us in the faith who will search for new, strange doctrines, for something odd and sensational to present to the people.** They will bring in all conceivable fallacies, and will present them as coming from Mrs. White, that they may beguile souls. The light that the Lord has given should be in the hands of our people, so that they may see that the reports made are false, that there is in **the testimonies** nothing of what these men declare to be in them.—Letter 73, 1903. (Selected Messages 1:41.) {PM 359.2} {1SM 41.2} {YRP 252.2} {Lt73-1903.6}

2. In New York, Detroit, and many other large cities, little has been done. **The cities of the South, though kept before our people in the testimonies of God's Spirit, have been neglected.** While I would not stay the hand that is stretched out to labor in far-off countries, I would have our people understand that there is a work to be done in the home field.—Letter 43, 1903. {Ev 402.1} {Lt43-1903.22}

3. God has set before you an open door; let not man seek to close it. Open your heart and mind, and let the Sun of Righteousness shine into your soul. How long will it be before the word of truth will have weight with you? **How long will it be before you will believe the testimonies of God's Spirit?** When is the truth for this time to find access to your hearts? Will you wait till Christ comes? How long will God permit the way to be hedged up? Clear the King's highway, I beseech you, and make his paths straight. {RH March 18, 1890, par. 6} {1888 545.6}

4. All the good will have a tendency to press together, and all doubting, unbelieving ones will keep each other in countenance, and **strengthen the very elements of character that the testimonies of God's spirit have reproved, and urged men to overcome. We would ask every man and woman, On which side is your influence? Are you working where God is working, or are you working with the enemy?** Says Christ, "He that is not with me, is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." {1888 424.1}

5. The Saviour bids us pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Our heavenly Father will lead us not into temptation. Our heavenly Father will lead His people in the paths of righteousness. The word of the Lord to the churches in this conference is: "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. **Be on your guard against the efforts of the powers of darkness to resist the testimonies of God's Spirit, that are to be understood.**" Actions spring from desires and purposes. God alone can discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. He weighs with unerring accuracy the very motives of the mind. {LLM 311.3} {Ms127-1907.7}

6. **I was instructed that there was danger of Dr. Kellogg becoming unsettled in regard to the truth, that he was not standing firm upon the true foundation.** He has labored so hard to make the medical missionary work the whole body that he has lost sight of the spirit of the message. **I was instructed that he was allowing his mind to depart from the faith, and was giving heed to seducing spirits, and that, unless he righted himself, all associated with him would be in danger of being led away by theories that greatly dishonored God. I was instructed that unless a change came, Dr. Kellogg would discard the testimonies of God's Spirit in order to establish theories of his own, and would bring upon himself the condemnation of the Lord.** {SpM 328.7} {Lt214-1903.7}

7. **All the good will have a tendency to press together, and all doubting, unbelieving ones will keep each other in countenance and strengthen the very elements of character that the testimonies of God's Spirit have reproved and urged men to overcome.** We would ask every man and woman, On which side is your influence? Are you working where God is working, or are you working with the enemy? Says Christ, "He that is not with me, is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." [Matthew 12:30.] {Lt4-1889.77}

8. **I was pained when I heard that you stated what strong faith you had in the testimonies and how you had advocated them, when I knew how inconsistent were your actions with this profession.** Several times I have stated both by pen and voice that the church at Fresno had made too much of Elder Daniels, and had placed him where God should be. Instead of making God their unerring counselor, instead of looking to Him as the One mighty in power, as their helper, they have looked to God through Elder Daniels; and when I have made this assertion, you have risen, declaring that it was not ... [two lines unreadable] ... have agreed with your ideas; you have acknowledged them, but when they have been diverse from your mind, you have cast aside the Word of God and have placed the ideas and words of M. J. Church as more full of wisdom and discrimination. **Which will the church at Fresno accept, the words of the testimonies of God's Spirit or the statements of Brother Church? How much value can I place upon your profession of faith in the testimony? How can I measure your belief in the word of God?** {Lt8-1890.20}

9. Some have exulted in their evil works, but they will one day have opportunity to know that they have dishonored God. In their madness they have betrayed the people of God to His enemies. **They never could have done this work if they had not for long years resisted the testimonies of God's Spirit. But they have betrayed Christ and put Him to an open shame.** The banner of truth has been left to trail in the dust. The glory of Christ has been eclipsed. Men in responsible positions have changed places but their characters have not been transformed. {Lt34-1899.42}

10. **I have a great longing of soul that you should break with the great deceiver.** I would have you do thorough work before it is everlastingly too late. When you and those associated with you show this repentance, you will no longer make misrepresentations of the work God has given me. But I am instructed that if you carry out the program that it is presented to me Satan is preparing for you, I must publish in a book the warnings that have come to you and those associated with you in clear, plain lines during the years that God has been speaking to you through His Spirit. **Said the messenger to me, The Lord forbid that the impression shall go forth that all of Dr. Kellogg's words and deeds are vindicated and sustained by the testimonies of God's Spirit.** {Lt360-1905.11}

11. Some things that you said at Battle Creek since I saw you last were unjust, unreasonable, and left a wrong impression upon the minds of those who heard them. Dr. Kellogg and Frank Belden, A. T. Jones, Elder Tenney, and others, who are out of harmony with the people of God, have exultingly received your

statements and will use them to justify themselves in their course of opposition to the work that the Lord has given me to do. **The greatest burden I have borne for years is the knowledge that you, my own son, have at times united with those who are endeavoring to unsettle confidence in the testimonies of God's Spirit. Thus you have sown seeds that will yield a harvest, with the results of which you will not be pleased.** {Lt33-1906.5}

"testimony of the holy spirit" *came up 7 times, 5 originals complete.*

5 "Testimony of the Holy Spirit"

1. **The Lord may see that it is necessary to subject us to a refining process, that we may be brought into perfect harmony with Christ.** I pray that the hearts of those in attendance at this meeting may be filled with an **intense longing for the sanctification of the Spirit**, that they may be brought into complete **unity with Christ and with one another.** My brethren and sisters, you are soon to go away for the summer's work, some to the ministry, some to teaching, and others to various lines of work. **Before you leave this meeting, you should receive the testimony of the Holy Spirit that you have taken hold of the divine power and have made peace with God. Your hearts should be filled with the peace which passeth all understanding.** {Ms52-1904.16} {2SAT 263.1}

2. The Jews thought that after the death of Christ the disciples would be discouraged and hopeless, but lo, they found them on this day preaching the gospel with fervor and power. **Christ was in them as a well of water springing up unto everlasting life.** The streams of blessing flowing from them could not be stayed. The testimony of the faithful witness rang out clear and distinct; the trumpet gave a certain sound. **Those who had been the accusers of Christ found themselves accused under the testimony of the Holy Spirit of God.** "Ye denied the Holy One and the Just," Peter declared, "and desired a murderer to be granted unto you, and killed the Prince of Life, whom God hath raised from the dead, whereof we are witnesses.... Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus who before was preached unto you, whom the heavens shall receive until the time of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." {EA 45.4} {Lt26-1893.6}

3. We must see afar off, we must take in the great idea we are Christians. **We must cultivate faith and love. We must believe in Jesus.** We as yet only half believe that God would do just as He said He would. God deals with us as free moral agents. **Our consecration and service must be free and voluntary, dependent on our own persevering, diligent, and earnest effort through the grace of Christ Jesus.** "The Comforter, the Spirit of truth, shall testify of me" and "Ye also shall bear witness." [John 15:26, 27.] **What is the office work of the Holy Ghost? The testimony of the Holy Spirit, and the living Christian constitutes the economy of the gospel, the living commentary by which the words of God are reiterated with divine authority to the people.** The Comforter shall convince the world of sin because they "believe not on Me," says Christ. [John 16:9.] Ye are laborers together with God. Ye are to make free declarations of God's goodness, of God's power to hold forth the Word of life. Show [that] His working power is with His obedient children. {Lt36a-1893.18}

4. **How were the disciples to obtain clear and distinct ideas of the teaching of Christ? How were they to distinguish truth from the falsehoods taught by the scribes and Pharisees? Christ promised them the**

Comforter for this purpose. He said, "When the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, shall come, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." [Verse 26.] The Comforter is the "Spirit of Truth" and "He shall testify of me, and ye also shall bear witness of me." [John 15:26, 27.] The testimony of the Holy Spirit and of the prophets and apostles comes to us, and through belief in it, the believers become the agencies through which every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God is repeated with the authoritative power of the Holy Spirit. The words and works of Christ are as real to believers as if witnessed by their own eyes. {Ms9-1895.5}

5. We are glad that we have the Word of God and the testimony of the Holy Spirit brought out in pen pictures of the past and the solemn predictions of the future. These things will continue to be living realities to the people of God. The printed truths that the Lord has given us will hold us on the Rock, firm and steadfast. We shall not let go the things that were so great a help to us while the work was being established. {Lt191-1905.14}

"testimonies of the holy spirit" *came up 3 times, 1 original complete.*

1 "Testimonies of the Holy Spirit"

1. There are men among us in responsible positions who hold that the opinions of a few conceited philosophers, so called, are more to be trusted than **the truth of the Bible, or the testimonies of the Holy Spirit**. Such a faith as that of Paul, Peter, or John is considered old-fashioned and insufferable at the present day. It is pronounced absurd, mystical, and unworthy of an intelligent mind. {5T 79.2} {PH117 61.4} {T31 75.2}

Purpose of the Visions

Every Seventh-day Adventist should understand the purpose of the visions given to God's servant and the testimonies that she wrote. Ellen White indicated that they were given: "To bring the minds of His people to His word."—Ibid., 5:663. "God has through the *Testimonies* simplified the great truths already given."—Ibid., 5:665. To call attention to Bible "principles for the formation of correct habits of living."—Ibid., 5:663, 664. {EGWE 242.4}

They were not given "for a new rule of faith, but for the comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth."—Early Writings, 78. {EGWE 243.1}

They were provided to specify "man's duty to God and to his fellow man."—Testimonies for the Church 5:665. Also, "to encourage the desponding."—The Review and Herald, January 10, 1856. (Read carefully Testimonies for the Church 5:654-696; also Testimony Treasures, vol. 2, pp. 270-293.) {EGWE 243.2}

If we disregard them [the warnings in the *Testimonies*], what excuse can we offer? {FLB 295.6}

The Word of God - Believe the Prophets

Exodus 14:31 - And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and **believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.**

Exodus 19:9 - And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

Deuteronomy 18:18 - I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

2 Chronicles 20:20 - And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; **Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**

Psalms 106:12 - Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

Proverbs 29:18 - Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Isaiah 53:1 - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Amos 3:7 - Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Matthew 21:32 - For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Luke 24:25 - Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

John 2:22 - When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

John 5:46 - For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 - But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

John 12:38 - That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Acts 8:12 - But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 24:14 - But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, **believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:**

Acts 26:27 - King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Revelation 12:17 - 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 19:10 - And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Giving Up Faith in the Testimonies

One thing is certain: those Seventh-day Adventists who take their stand under Satan's banner will first give up their faith in the warnings and reproofs contained in the Testimonies of God's Spirit. Letter 156, 1903, p. 2. (To Brother Magan, July 27, 1903.) {1MR 102.4} {3SM 84.3} {3MR 259.2} {SpM 305.4}

The call to greater consecration and holier service is being made, and will continue to be made. Some who are now voicing Satan's suggestions will come to their senses. There are those in important positions of trust who do not understand the truth for this time. To them the message must be given. If they receive it, Christ will accept them, and will make them workers together with him. But if they refuse to hear the message, they will take their stand under the black banner of the Prince of Darkness. {SpM 305.5} Letter 156, 1903, p. 2. (To P. T. Magan, July 27, 1903.) {3MR 259.3}

Some who in times past have been honored of God, have become ensnared by the deceptions of the enemy. They have been warned of their danger, but in refusing to hear the warnings sent them, they have become more and more deceived, until finally they are found fighting against the Lord and against His workers. Letter 289, 1905, p. 1. (To My Brethren in the Ministry, September 13, 1905.) {1MR 103.1}

The Word of God on the Testimonies

Deuteronomy 4:45 - These [are] **the testimonies**, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt,

Deuteronomy 6:17 - Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and **his testimonies**, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

Deuteronomy - 6:20 [And] when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What [mean] **the testimonies**, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

1 Kings 2:3 - And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and **his testimonies**, as it is written in the law of Moses, **that thou mayest prosper** in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

2 Kings 17:15 - And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and **his testimonies** which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that [were] round about them, [concerning] whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

2 Kings 23:3 - And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and **his testimonies** and his statutes with all [their] heart and all [their] soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

1 Chronicles 29:19 - And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, **thy testimonies**, and thy statutes, and to do all [these things], and to build the palace, [for] the which I have made provision.

2 Chronicles 34:31 - And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and **his testimonies**, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

Nehemiah 9:34 - Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and **thy testimonies**, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

Psalms 25:10 - All the paths of the LORD [are] mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and **his testimonies**.

Psalms 78:56 - Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and **kept not his testimonies**:

Psalms 93:5 - **Thy testimonies** are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

Psalms 99:7 - He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: **they kept his testimonies**, and the ordinance [that] he gave them.

Psalms 119:2 - **Blessed [are] they that keep his testimonies**, [and that] seek him with the whole heart.

Psalms 119:14 - **I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies**, as [much as] in all riches.

Psalms 119:22 - Remove from me reproach and contempt; for **I have kept thy testimonies**.

Psalms 119:24 - **Thy testimonies also [are] my delight [and] my counsellors**.

Psalms 119:31 - **I have stuck unto thy testimonies**: O LORD, put me not to shame.

Psalms 119:36 - **Incline my heart unto thy testimonies**, and not to covetousness.

Psalms 119:46 - **I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed**.

Psalms 119:59 - I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto **thy testimonies**.

Psalms 119:79 - Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known **thy testimonies**.

Psalms 119:95 - The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: [but] **I will consider thy testimonies**.

Psalms 119:99 - I have more understanding than all my teachers: for **thy testimonies [are] my meditation**.

Psalms 119:111 - **Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they [are] the rejoicing of my heart**.

Psalms 119:119 - Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth [like] dross: therefore **I love thy testimonies**.

Psalms 119:125 - **I [am] thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies**.

Psalms 119:129 - **Thy testimonies [are] wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them**.

Psalms 119:138 - **Thy testimonies [that] thou hast commanded [are] righteous and very faithful**.

Psalms 119:144 - The righteousness of thy testimonies [is] everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

Psalms 119:146 - I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Psalms 119:152 - Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

Psalms 119:157 - Many [are] my persecutors and mine enemies; [yet] do I not decline from thy testimonies.

Psalms 119:167 - My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

Psalms 119:168 - I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways [are] before thee.

Jeremiah 44:23 - Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

The Truths That the Lord Has Been Giving for “The Last Fifty Years”

1. In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building. Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith. Where shall we find safety unless it be in the truths that the Lord has been giving for the last fifty years? {RH May 25, 1905, par. 28} {CW 53.2}

2. Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid. {8T 297.1} {Lt232-1903.45}

3. Now, just now, God calls upon all who have had testimonies borne to them to consider that it is not the instrument that the Lord has chosen to communicate His words to the erring that you are resisting and refusing, but the Lord Jesus Christ, who has for the last fifty years been speaking the fundamental truths to His people. Passages of Scripture will be as pure as crystal, polished by no human hand, but reflecting the light of God. And any man who has changed his convictions for sophistries has departed from the faith and given heed to seducing spirits. He has taken a position to falsify and is destroying his power as a leader in the great work before us. It is not the office to which God has appointed A. T. Jones, or any other man, to give the trumpet an uncertain sound. {Ms34-1906.20}

4. I thank the Lord that there are many who can discern now, if not before, the spirit that hast taken possession of those who resist the warnings of the Spirit of God. I am bidden to say to the believers in Battle Creek, Press together. Let no words be spoken to irritate or provoke. Stand firmly in the faith in which God has led us for the last fifty years. {Lt152-1907.5} {PC 77.5}

5. We are full of gratitude to our God, and we are trying to do all we possibly can to be light-bearers to the world. We thank the Lord that the light God has given me in regard to present truth is just as clear

and firm as the Word of God. The rich experience given us during the last fifty years has never been denied, but year after year evidence has been multiplied to confirm, and not to entangle and confuse. The Lord God never contradicts Himself. {Lt156-1906.4}

6. I am grateful to my heavenly Father for the preservation of my health for the close application to prepare a repetition of the experiences we have had in the past, as we have prepared testimonies in regard to our first labors and the matter is in print. We have a large amount of matter which the Lord has given me, which light and instruction should not be hid under a bushel or under a bed. The warnings and the messages that the Lord has graciously given me to correct the errors that would come in, and to set things in order, the people should have, for the enemy will continue to work to bring in false theories and to mingle with the truth strange suppositions. These appear as light to those who receive them, but they are deceptive theories that will be brought in as tares sown among the wheat. The Lord has for the last fifty years been instructing me when the seducing theories would arise that they were not to be received, and I must do as did Moses and Joshua: Repeat the errors of the past and the gracious working out of the Lord's will. I praise His holy name. {PC 6.1}

7. I have done only the work God has given me to do, the very work I have been doing for the last fifty years. What means this spirit of denunciation because I have not shunned to declare the counsel of God? And I have other things to say at the right time. When God says speak, I shall do this. But I feel great pity for Dr. Burke, because he is departing from the living God, and for what? O, let him answer, For what? Dr. Burke, For what? A mess of pottage. Selling your eternal interest for a cheap price. Will he yet see? I ask myself, Will he repent? Will he be converted? Will he renew his covenant at the cross of Calvary? "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." [Joshua 24:15.] Will he now cleanse the soul-temple of its moral defilement, and let the Spirit of God supply the vacuum? {Lt17a-1891.25}{18MR 245.3}

8. In the fear of God, in love for souls whom He has purchased with His own blood, I have striven to do my duty, as I have done it for the last fifty years. I felt sorrow of heart as I read your letters, both for you and those whom your spirit will leaven; but I am not intimidated by your threatening. The words of Paul to the Ephesians come to me with comfort. "Finally, my brethren, 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. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of <the> darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. {Lt35-1891.5}

9. I feel much burdened over matters, for those in responsible places are not working out the principles the Lord has shown me the last fifty years, and which He required to be brought in to the upbuilding of His cause in our world. But I have written some things I pray you to consider carefully, and not pass by and neglect to make any change; for you will have cause to regret this if you do. {Lt177-1896.5}

10. There have been one and another who in studying their Bibles thought they discovered great light, and new theories, but these theories have not been correct. The Scripture is all true, but by misapplying Scripture men arrive at wrong conclusions. We are engaged in a mighty conflict, and it will become more close and determined as we near the final struggle. We have a sleepless adversary, and he is constantly at work upon human minds [that] have not had a personal experience in the teachings of the people of God for the last fifty years. Some will take the truth applicable for that time, and place it

in the future. Events in the chain of prophecy that had their fulfillment away in the past are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined. {Ms31-1896.6} {1MR 195.1}

11. The Lord was constantly instructing me that we should carefully and strictly avoid harmonizing with their ideas and course of action. A straightforward course must be pursued. Special efforts must not be made to remove the cause of their temptations and disaffection, for the very object in locating the school on these grounds was not to concede to the varied experiences that have been brought in and composed the religious life and character of these individuals. These must be cut away from them, or they had far better choose some other place than these grounds for their home. And God will work with our efforts in giving correct principles, line upon line, and precept upon precept, as revealed in His Word, in correcting the wrong through the light given in the testimonies during the last fifty years; in making manifest that which God would approve and that which He would condemn. {Lt16-1897.5}

12. For the last fifty years the Lord has given me instruction as to how His work should be carried forward. Camp meetings and tent meetings are to be held, and meetinghouses are to be erected. Special efforts are to be made to reach the higher classes. {Lt177-1900.13} {1MR 233.3}

13. The Lord has given much light in regard to the necessity of His people's practicing temperance in all things. The light regarding health reform has been kept before us for the last fifty years. Those who realize all that medical missionary work includes will be laborers together with God in advancing this work. Whether engaged as canvassers, evangelists, or ministers, they will strive to act as God's helping hand in relieving the sufferings of mind and body. Our church members are not to hold themselves aloof from medical missionary work. {Ms33-1901.12}

14. There seems to be in this meeting an endeavor to press together. This is the word which for the last fifty years I have heard from the angelic hosts—Press together, press together. Let us try to do this. When in the Spirit of Jesus we try to press together, putting ourselves out of sight, we shall find that the Holy Spirit will come in, and the blessing of God will rest upon us. Enough dissension will come in from outside. That which Christ declared would arise in the last day will come. The people of God are to walk in the light of heaven, not in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, nor in the light of the sparks which the enemy will kindle for them. He will make fires enough to lead us astray if we will be led. We must place ourselves in that position where we reach the highest standard of truth and righteousness, equity and judgment. {Ms148-1901.2}

15. I am now authorized to say that the time has come to take decided action. The development seen in the cause of God is similar to the development seen when Balaam caused Israel to sin just before they entered the promised land. How dangerous it is so to exalt any man that he becomes confused and confuses the minds of others in regard to the truths that for the last fifty years the Lord has been giving His people. {Lt242-1903.4} {SpTB07 36.4}

16. But just as surely as we fail to heed the messages that for the last fifty years the Lord has been giving, just as surely as we turn from these messages to human impulses and human science, framing laws that are directly opposed to God's Word, so surely will we reap the consequence. {Ms10-1903.19}

17. Satan has sought to bring in the supposition that a reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the pillars of our faith for a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles that God in

His wisdom has given would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be shown to be error. A new organization would be established. A system of intellectual philosophy would be formed. Books of a new order would be written. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would go with the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and the storm and tempest would sweep away the building. {Ms117a-1903.15} {Lt242-1903.13} {SpTB07 39.3}

18. In view of these Scriptures, who will dare to interpret God and place in the minds of others the sentiments regarding Him that are contained in *Living Temple*? These theories are the theories of the great deceiver, and in the lives of those who receive them there will be sad chapters. This is Satan's device to unsettle the foundation of our faith, to shake our confidence in the Lord's guidance and in the experience that He has given us. Many things of like character will in the future arise. I entreat our medical missionary workers to be afraid to trust the suppositions and devising of any human being who entertains the thought that the path over which the people of God have been led for the last fifty years is a wrong path. Beware of those who, not having had any decided experience in the leading of the Lord's Spirit, would suppose that this leading is all a fallacy; that we have not the truth; that we are not the people of the Lord, gathered by Him from all countries and nations. Beware of those who would tear down the foundation, upon which we have been building for the last fifty years, to establish a new doctrine. I know that these new theories are from the enemy. {Ms137-1903.10}

19. I am grateful to my heavenly Father for the preservation of my health, for the close application to prepare a repetition of the experiences we have had in the past, as we have prepared testimonies in regard to our first labors and the matter is in print. We have a large amount of matter which the Lord has given me, which light and instruction should not be hid under a bushel or under a bed. The warnings and the messages that the Lord has graciously given me to correct the errors that would come in, and to set things in order, the people should have, for the enemy will continue to work to bring in false theories and to mingle with the truth strange suppositions. These appear as light to those who receive them, but they are deceptive theories that will be brought in as tares sown among the wheat. The Lord has for the last fifty years been instructing me that when the seducing theories would arise, they were not to be received, and I must do as did Moses and Joshua: Repeat the errors of the past and the gracious working out of the Lord's will. I praise His holy name. {Lt322-1905.2}

20. The time has come when our people will be called to come over on the side of the Lord. We have no more time to be uncertain. If the Lord be God, serve Him; if Baal, then serve him. I am just full of important writing, and [am] making selections from things I have testified to and immortalized in the published testimonies over the last fifty years. Does anyone suppose I could go back on this matter that has been established by the Holy Spirit's power in healing the sick and restoring life to the dying? I send this to you that you may know that I am on the Lord's side. {Lt361-1905.3}

21. Those who present such theories are lost in the woods. They know not the danger of the theories that they are handling. I know how dangerous these theories are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear my testimony against them before large companies, and all through my experience for the last fifty years, I have had to meet and oppose these delusive theories. {Lt214-1903.4}

22. I appreciate the truth, every jot of it, just as it has been given to me by the Holy Spirit for the last fifty years. I desire every one to know that I stand on the same platform of truth that we have maintained for more than half a century. That is the testimony I desire to bear on the day that I am seventy-eight years of age. {Ms142-1905.6} {4MR 44.5}

23. Those who present such theories are lost in the woods. They know not the nature of the theories that they are handling. I know how dangerous these theories are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear my testimony against them before large companies, and all through my experience for the last fifty years I have had to meet and oppose these delusive theories. {SpM 328.4}

24. During the last fifty years of my life, I have had precious opportunities to obtain an experience. I have had an experience in the first, second, and third angel's messages. The angels are represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming to the world a message of warning, and having a direct bearing upon the people living in the last days of this earth's history. No one hears the voice of these angels, for they are a symbol to represent the people of God who are working in harmony with the universe of heaven. Men and women, enlightened by the Spirit of God, and sanctified through the truth, proclaim the three messages in their order. {Ms28-1890.2}

25. One part of the work is not to be made all-absorbing, to the detriment and hindrance of other parts. This has recently been so distinctly presented to me that I am compelled to speak. You feel that Sister White has turned away from you, but it is exactly the opposite. Sister White has no different testimony to bear from the testimony she has borne for the last fifty years. It is you who have changed, and changed decidedly. You have refused to accept the light which the Lord has been pleased to give you — that you were to work in harmony with your brethren. {Lt85-1900.5} {12MR 1.2}

26. The printed testimonies show the extent of the work that has been covered for the last fifty years. {Lt225d-1906.19}

Revelation 14:13 - And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**

Testimonies Sent To Help

How true are the words of Paul, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits." [1 Timothy 4:1.] Oh that the people of God would arouse to see themselves as they are in their backslidden condition! But they will not receive the testimonies sent to help them, and in this they have encouragement from some ministers. But God is not with them. {Lt121-1903.14}

I know your danger. If you lose confidence in the testimonies you will drift away from Bible truth. I have been fearful that many would take a questioning, doubting position, and in my distress for your souls I would warn you. How many will heed the warning? As you now hold the testimonies, should one be given crossing your track, correcting your errors, would you feel at perfect liberty to accept or reject any part or the whole? That which you will be least inclined to receive is the very part most needed. God and Satan never work in copartnership. The testimonies either bear the signet of God or that of Satan. A good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. By

their fruit ye shall know them. God has spoken. Who has trembled at His word? {5T 98.2} {5T 674.2}
{CCh 94.3} {PH117 84.3} {T31 94.2}

I Have Not Changed

I should be an unfaithful watchman, were I to hold my peace, when I see the very foundations of our faith being torn away by those who have departed from the faith, and who are now adrift, without an anchor. In this time, when false doctrines are being taught, we are to teach the same truth that we have taught for the past half century. I have not changed my faith one jot or one tittle, and I am pleading with God that both of you shall be able to discern clearly the difference between loyalty and disloyalty. This God calls upon every physician and every minister to do. {Lt150-1906.9}

Early Workers to Speak

God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced. And in *The Signs of the Times* let not the articles be long or the print fine. Do not try to crowd everything into one number of the paper. Let the print be good, and let earnest, living experiences be put into the paper. {RH May 25, 1905, par. 21} {CW 28.1}

Not long ago I took up a copy of the *Bible Echo*. As I looked it through, I saw an article by Elder Haskell and one by Elder Corliss. As I laid the paper down, I said, These articles must be reproduced. There is truth and power in them. Men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. {RH May 25, 1905, par. 22} {CW 28.2}

Let the truths that are the foundation of our faith be kept before the people. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. They talk science, and the enemy comes in and gives them an abundance of science; but it is not the science of salvation. It is not the science of humility, of consecration, or of the sanctification of the Spirit. We are now to understand what the pillars of our faith are,—the truths that have made us as a people what we are, leading us on step by step. {RH May 25, 1905, par. 23} {CW 29.1}

Let Pioneers Identify Truth

When the power of God testifies as to what is truth, that truth is to stand forever as the truth. No after suppositions, contrary to the light God has given are to be entertained. Men will arise with interpretations of Scripture which are to them truth, but which are not truth. The truth for this time, God has given us as a foundation for our faith. He Himself has taught us what is truth. One will arise,

and still another, with new light which contradicts the light that God has given under the demonstration of His Holy Spirit. {CW 31.2}

A few are still alive who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life. And the standard-bearers who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time. {CW 32.1}{1SM 161.1}{Lt329-1905.18}{Ms99-1909.49}

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake. He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.—Preach the Word, p. 5 (1905). {CW 32.2}

When men come in who would move one pin or pillar from the foundation which God has established by His Holy Spirit, let the aged men who were pioneers in our work speak plainly, and let those who are dead speak also by reprinting of their articles in our periodicals. Gather up the rays of divine light that God has given as He has led His people on step by step in the way of truth. This truth will stand the test of time and trial. {Ms62-1905.20}

The Testimony of Pioneer Workers

I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions. This instruction has been repeated recently. I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth, and repeat the decided messages given years ago. I desire that my sermons given at camp meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work. {Lt99-1905.7}{CW 26.1}{PM 31.2}

There will be constant warfare with seducing spirits that will bring in theories to counteract the truth of God. All who turn from the warnings that God sends them will be linked up with these seducing agencies. Every soul must be wide awake. The science of the Lord Jesus Christ will teach us to awake. The science of the Lord Jesus Christ will teach us to abhor all dishonesty and prevarication and every form of iniquity. {Lt99-1905.8}

The word that comes to me is that we must revive the testimony of the dead among the living. There will be species of error brought in, but where are they when they are established? There is no more truth to that then. We must not be moved by any sophistry that man can bring in. We need the truth once delivered to the saints—the testimony of the dead to be revived. We know the Holy Ghost spoke

these things. I know wherein I believe and what is the foundation of my hope. I stand where I have for the past 50 years. I have not changed. We want to be where we can speak the truth to those in need. We want all to have the truth in the inward parts. {Ms186-1905.14}

The Very Last Deception of Satan

The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." [Proverbs 29:18.] Satan will work ingeniously, in different ways and through different agencies, to unsettle the confidence of God's remnant people in the true testimony. He will bring in spurious visions to mislead and mingle the false with the true, and so disgust people that they will regard everything that bears the name of visions, as a species of fanaticism; but honest souls, by contrasting false and true, will be enabled to distinguish between them. {Lt12-1890.45} {10MR 311.1} {Mar 158.4} {FLB 296.6} {2SM 78.2} {1SM 48.3} {PM 360.4} {LDE 177.5}

Likewise, he works through persons who have been reproved for some inconsistency in their religious life, for some course of action which was dangerous to themselves and others; and instead of receiving the testimony as a blessing from God, they refuse the means God uses to set them right. Such may be apparently very zealous for God, but they put their own interpretation upon the Word, and make it contradict what the Lord has revealed in the testimonies. They think they are doing God's service, but such work God has not given them to do. {Lt12-1890.46} {10MR 311.2}

The laying bare of hidden sins is not pleasant and agreeable to the natural heart, and many give a bare assent to truth when they are not sanctified through the truth. They do not in spirit represent Christ. They are surface workers, and delude themselves with the idea that they are Christians. So effectually does this delusion take possession of heart and mind that the sharp arrows of the Lord fail to penetrate the armor of self-righteousness in which they are encased. The spell is so strong [that] they will listen to the truth the most earnest and powerful, even to the very portraying of the delusions which are upon them, without any thought of self-examination to see if it means them. This is the class our Saviour found most difficult to arouse. The most authoritative teachings were heard and listened to as if they heard not. Thus it is with many, many in this generation. There will be a hatred kindled against the testimonies which is satanic. The workings of Satan will be to unsettle the faith of the churches in them for this reason. Satan cannot have so clear a track to bring in his deceptions and bind up souls in his delusions if the warnings and reproofs and counsels of the Spirit of God are heeded. {Lt40-1890.11}

I hope this study is a blessing and your faith is established on the true foundation, Christ Jesus the Son of the Only True God. Please feel free to share with all.