

Christ Our Model:
Playing Follow the Leader
(Summary of quotes from the Desire of Ages)

*It is by beholding His love, by dwelling upon it, by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature. What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal Savior...His love, His grace, must be assimilated.
–DA 389

Place one quote on the board each day, ask students to keep a journal of their responses and use the first 5 minutes of every period to journal, share responses and dialogue. One of the most important things teenagers need is to have an adult who will listen to their thoughts.

1. As a child, Jesus manifested a peculiar loveliness of disposition. His willing hands were ever ready to serve others. He manifested a patience that nothing could disturb; and a truthfulness that would never sacrifice integrity. –DA 69
2. He was possessed of one purpose; He lived to bless others. For this He found resources in nature; new ideas of ways and means flashed into His mind as He studied plant life and animal life. –DA 70
3. Heavenly beings were His attendants.... As we try to become acquainted with our heavenly Father through His word, angels will draw near, our minds will be strengthened, and our characters will be elevated and refined. –DA 70
4. From His earliest years Jesus was guarded by heavenly angels, yet His life was one long struggle against the powers of darkness. –DA 71
5. He had been the commander of heaven, and angels had delighted to fulfill His words; now He was a willing servant, a loving, and obedient son. –DA 72
6. He did not employ His divine power to lessen His burdens or to lighten His toil. –DA 72
7. He was not willing to be defective, even in the handling of tools. He was perfect as a workman, as He was perfect in character. –DA 72
8. He was an earnest and constant worker. He expected much, therefore He attempted much. –DA 73
9. He was never so full of worldly care as to have no time or thought for heavenly things. –DA 73
10. Often He expressed the gladness of His heart by singing psalms and heavenly songs.... He held communion with heaven in song...His companions were cheered by the sweet melody from His lips. –DA 73

11. His life flowed out in currents of sympathy and tenderness. –DA 73
12. ALL were happier from His presence. –DA 74
13. There was nothing beneath His notice; nothing to which He distained to minister. –DA 74
14. The atmosphere of hope and courage that surrounded Him made Him a blessing in every home. –DA 74
15. Jesus shunned display.... He sought no high position and assumed no titles. –DA 74
16. He lived to please, honor, and glorify His Father in the common things of life. –DA 74
17. He was doing God’s service just as much when laboring at the carpenter’s bench as when working miracles for the multitude. –DA 74
18. The Father through the Holy Spirit said, “Behold My Servant, Whom I uphold; Mine Elect, in whom My soul delighteth.” Isa 42:1. –DA 74
19. Jesus in the temple (age 12) had been taught by God. That which He had received, He began at once to impart. –DA 78
20. “How is it that ye sought Me?” answered Jesus. “Whist ye not that I must be about My Father’s business?”...On His face was a light at which they wondered. Divinity was flashing through humanity. –DA 81
21. In the answer to His mother (Whist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?), Jesus showed for the first time that He understood His relationship to God. –DA 81
NOTE: “I’m His boy!”
22. He hid in His heart the mystery of His mission, waiting submissively for the appointed time for Him to enter upon His work. –DA 81 (NOTE: Christ did not initiate His agenda. He simply carried out the agenda of His Father.)
23. For 18 years after He had recognized that He was the Son of God...He performed the duties of a son, a brother, a friend, and a citizen. –DA 82
24. The scriptures of the Old Testament were His constant study, and the words, “Thus saith the Lord,” were ever upon His lips. –DA 84
25. In every gentle and submissive way, Jesus tried to please those with whom He came in contact. –DA 84
26. The influence of the rabbis made His life a bitter one. Even in His youth He had to learn the hard lesson of silence and patient endurance. –DA 86

27. At all times and in all places He manifested a loving interest in men, and shed about Him the light of a cheerful piety. –DA 84
28. Jesus (as a child) worked to relieve every case of suffering that He saw. He had little money to give, but often denied Himself of food in order to relive those who appeared more needy than He. –DA 87
29. When His brothers spoke harshly to poor, degraded beings, Jesus sought out those very ones, and spoke to them words of encouragement. –DA 87
30. As He relieved their suffering, the truths He taught were associated with His acts of mercy, and were thus riveted in their memory. –DA 87
31. He did not strive for worldly greatness, and in even the lowest position He was content. –DA 88
32. He could not witness a wrong act without pain, which it was impossible to disguise. –DA 88
33. Of the bitterness that falls to the fall of humanity, there was no part that Christ did not taste. –DA 89
34. Jesus did not contend for His rights. Often His work was made unnecessarily severe because He was willing and uncomplaining. Yet He did not fail or become discouraged. He lived above the difficulties, as if in the light of God's countenance. He did not retaliate when roughly treated, but bore insult patiently. –DA 89
35. His hours of happiness were found when alone with nature and with God. Whenever it was His privilege, He turned aside from the scene of His labor... to hold communion with God. –DA 90
36. The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating, searching the scriptures, or in prayer. From these quiet hours He would return to His home to take up His duties again, and to give an example of patient toil. –DA 90
37. He taught all to look upon themselves as endowed with precious talents, which if rightly employed would secure for them eternal riches. –DA 91
38. By His own example Christ taught that every moment is fraught with eternal results; that it is to be cherished as a treasure, and to be employed for holy purpose. –DA 91
39. He sought to inspire with hope the most rough and unpromising. –DA 91
40. In Nazareth in the carpenter shop that had been Joseph's, and One recognized the call. His time had come. –DA 109

41. He had dwelt in eternal light, as one with God, but His life on earth must be spent in solitude. –DA 111
42. Every sin, every discord, every defiling lust that transgression had brought, was torture to His spirit. –DA 111
43. Upon His arm depended the salvation of the fallen race, and He reached out His hand to grasp the hand of Omnipotent Love. –DA 111
44. Christ pleads with the Father for power to overcome their unbelief, to break the fetters with which satan has enthralled them....Never before have angels listened to such a prayer. –DA 112
45. From the open heavens a voice was heard saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” These words of confirmation were given to inspire faith in those who witnessed the scene, and to strengthen the Savior for His mission. –DA 112 (Note: Christ needed affirmation and He turned to His Father alone for it.)
46. The light that fell from the open portals upon the head of our Savior will fall upon us as we pray for help to resist temptation. The voice, which spoke to Jesus, says to every believing soul, “This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.” –DA 113
47. Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost (the key to His life of purpose and purity) returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. –DA 114 (Note: all that Christ did was not of His own choosing. He was led moment by moment by the Holy Spirit.)
48. By fasting and prayer He was to brace Himself for the bloodstained path He must travel. –DA 114
49. Satan well knew the position that Christ had held in heaven as the Beloved of the Father. That the Son of God should come to this earth as a man filled him with amazement and apprehension. –DA 115
50. Satan saw that He must either conquer or be conquered.... He must personally conduct the warfare against Christ....Christ was made the mark of every weapon of hell. –DA 116
51. With the terrible weight of the sins of the world upon Him, Christ withstood the test upon appetite, upon the love of the world, and upon the love of display, which leads to presumption. –DA 116
52. When Christ entered the wilderness, He was shut in by the Father’s glory. Absorbed in communion with God, He was lifted above human weakness. But the glory departed, and He was left to battle with temptation. His human nature shrank from the conflict that awaited Him. –DA 118

53. Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit...Neither here nor at any subsequent time in His earthly life did He work a miracle in His own behalf. –DA 119
54. By conceding to the demands of the rebel, nothing (1) for the sake of man or (2) the glory of God would be gained. –DA 119 (Note: There are only two criteria listed for Christ working miracles)
55. Strengthened with the memory of the voice from heaven, He rested in His Father's love. (Note: This is the first time it is mentioned. From this point on Christ's life was based on this anchor)
56. He awaited God's time to bring relief. He was in the wilderness in obedience to God, and He would not obtain food by following the suggestions of satan. –DA 121
57. Of all the lessons to be learned from the Lord's great temptation none is more important than that bearing upon the control of the appetite and passions....Through intemperance, Satan works to destroy the mental and moral powers that God gave as a priceless endowment. –DA 122 (Note: Endowment: to equip or supply, as with talents or natural gifts)
58. His example declares that our only hope of eternal life is through bringing appetites and passions into subjection to the will of God. –DA 122
59. Jesus rested upon the wisdom and strength of His heavenly Father. –DA 123
60. He was fitted for the conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. –DA 123
61. When satan quoted the promise, "He will give His angels charge over Thee," he omitted the words, "To keep Thee in all Thy ways;" that is, in all the ways of God's choosing. –DA 125
62. He (Christ) would not force Providence to come to His rescue, and thus fail of giving man an example of trust and submission. –DA 125
63. It was the Spirit's leading that brought Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by satan. When God brings us into trial, he has a purpose to accomplish for our good. –DA 126
64. Christ's mission could be fulfilled only through suffering. Before Him was a life of sorrow, hardship, and conflict, and an ignominious death. He must bear the sins of the whole world. He must endure separation from His Father. –DA 129
65. Jesus gained the victory through submission and faith in God, and by the apostle He says to us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:7,8. –DA 131

66. To some the Saviors presence is revealed. Peace and joy animate their hearts. They are comforted, encouraged and blessed. –DA 136
67. (After 40 days in the wilderness & the temptations) The Savior’s appearance had greatly changed. At His baptism they had seen His countenance transfigured in the light of heaven; now, pale, worn, and emaciated, He had been recognized only by the prophet John. –DA 137
68. Every glance of every eye, every feature of the countenance, was marked with humility, and expressive of unutterable love. –DA 137
69. While His manners were gentle and unassuming, He impressed men with a sense of power that was hidden, yet could not be wholly concealed. –DA 138
70. Jesus came in poverty and humiliation, that He might be our example as well as our Redeemer. –DA 138
71. It is through Christ, by the ministering of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us. –DA 143
72. The words, “Mine hour has not yet come,” pointed to the fact that every act of Christ’s life on earth was in fulfillment of the plan that had existed from the days of eternity...As He walked among men, He was guided, step by step, by the Father’s will. –DA 147
73. But though Mary had not a right conception of Christ’s mission, she trusted Him implicitly. To this faith Jesus responded. It was to honor Mary’s trust, and to strengthen the faith of the disciples, that the first miracle was performed. –DA 147
74. His whole life was an example of self-denial. –DA 149
75. The company was for a time too much amazed to think of Him who had performed the wonderful work. When at length they looked for Him, it was found that He had withdrawn so quietly as to be unnoticed even by the disciples. The attention of the company was now turned to the disciples. For the first time they had the opportunity of acknowledging their faith in Jesus. –DA 150
76. Jesus reprov'd self-indulgence in all its forms, yet He was social in His nature. He accepted the hospitality of all classes, visiting the homes of the rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant, and seeking to elevate their thoughts from questions of commonplace life to those things that are spiritual and eternal. –DA 151
77. He gave no license to dissipation, and not shadow of worldly levity marred His conduct; yet He found pleasure in scenes of innocent happiness, and by His presence sanctioned the social gatherings. –DA 151

78. Jesus saw in every soul one to whom must be given the call to His kingdom. He reached the hearts of the people by going among them as one who desired their good. –DA 151
79. He often repaired to the mountains for solitary prayer, but this was a preparation for His labor among men in active life. –DA 151
80. It was by personal contact and association that Jesus trained His disciples. Sometimes He taught them, sitting among them on the mountainside; sometime beside the sea, or walking with them by the way....He did not sermonize as men do today. –DA 152
81. He did not command His disciples to do this or that, but said, “Follow Me.” –DA 152
82. He linked their interests with His, and they united with Him in the work. –DA 152
83. Wherever His Spirit reigns there peace abides. And there will be joy also, for there is a calm, holy trust in God. –DA 153
84. Christ is pleased with His followers when they show that they are partakers of the divine nature...The light that shines upon them they reflect upon others in works that are luminous with the love of Christ. –DA 153
85. With searching glance, Christ takes in the scenes before Him as He stands upon the steps of the temple court... He sees how priests and rulers will turn the needy from their right, and forbid that the gospel shall be preached to the poor... As He beholds the scene, indignation, authority, and power are expressed in His countenance. The attention of the people is attracted to Him. They cannot withdraw their gaze...The confusion is hushed. The silence becomes painful. A sense of awe overpowers the assembly... His eye sweeps over the multitude, taking in every individual. His form seems to rise above them in commanding dignity, and a divine light illuminates His countenance.... Slowly descending the steps, and raising the scourge of cords....With a zeal and severity He has never before manifested, He overthrows the tables of the moneychangers.... Officers of the temple, speculating priests, brokers and cattle traders rush from the place, with one thought of escaping from the condemnation of His presence. –DA 158
86. No man can of himself cast out the evil throng that have taken possession of the heart. Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple. But He will not force an entrance. –DA 161
87. Christ spoke with the authority of a king, and in His appearance, and in the tones of His voice, there was that which they had no power to resist. –DA 162
88. Nicodemus did not acknowledge Jesus to be the Messiah, but only a teacher sent from God...Instead of recognizing this salutation; Jesus bent His eyes upon the speaker, as if reading his very soul. In His infinite wisdom He saw before Him a seeker after truth. – DA 168 (Note: Jesus did not get side tracked by what people said about Him. He remained focused on His mission and not on himself.)

89. He (Nicodemus) was startled at the thought of a kingdom too pure for him to see in his present state...He wondered that Christ should speak to him as He did, not respecting his position as ruler in Israel. –DA 171 (Note: Christ was no respecter of the titles of man. He treated all people the same, and did not give special honor to the “important people.” - DA 171)
90. Christ spoke with such solemn dignity, and both look and tone expressed such earnest love, that Nicodemus was not offended as he realized his humiliating condition. –DA 173
91. *Through faith we receive the grace of God; but faith is not our Savior. It earns nothing. It is the hand by which we lay hold upon Christ, and appropriate His merits, the remedy of sin. And we cannot even repent without the aid of the Spirit of God...Repentance comes from Christ as truly as does pardon. –DA 175
92. John had been called to direct the people to Jesus, and it was his joy to witness the success of the Savior’s work. He said, “This my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease”... Now with joy he accepted silence and obscurity, that the eyes of all might be turned to the Light of life. (Note: JOHN FIGURED OUT . IT WAS NOT ABOUT HIM; BUT RATHER THE LORD)
93. Christ could say, “I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.” John 5:30. –DA 180 (Note: JESUS FIGURED IT OUT TOO.)
94. Wishing to avoid all occasion for misunderstanding or dissension, He quietly ceased His labors, and withdrew to Galilee. –DA 181 (Note: this was at a time when Johns disciples were upset because their followers were turning to Christ and His disciples.)
95. Happy are they who are willing for self to be humbled, saying with John the Baptist, “He must increase, but I must decrease.” –DA 182
96. Jesus was faint from hunger and thirst...He waited for someone to come to the well...A woman of Samaria approached...Jesus asked her for a drink. –DA 183 (Note: Jesus never powered up {used His position to get what He wanted} on anyone. He did power down by asking other people {example: woman at the well} for help.)
97. Patiently Jesus permitted her to lead the conversation whither she would. Meanwhile He watched for the opportunity of again bringing the truth home to her heart. –DA 188 (Note: Jesus did not control the conversation, but allowed her to do so.)
98. Jesus had convinced her that He read the secrets of her life; yet she felt that He was her friend, pitying and loving her. He had spoken no word of denunciation, but had told her of His grace, that could renew the soul. –DA 189 (Note: she was convinced that her new friend loved her and would do nothing to harm her.)
99. As His words to the woman had aroused her conscience, Jesus rejoiced. He saw her drinking of the water of life, and His own hunger and thirst were satisfied. The

accomplishment of the mission which He had left heaven to perform strengthened the Savior for His labor, and lifted Him above the necessities of humanity.... Benevolence (charitableness) was the life of His soul. –DA 191

100. Our Redeemer thirsts for recognition. He hungers for the **sympathy** and love of those whom He has purchased with His own blood. He longs with inexpressible desire that they should come to Him and have life. As a mother watches for the smile of recognition from her little child, which tells of the dawning of intelligence, so does Christ watch for the expression of grateful love, which shows that spiritual life is begun in the soul. –DA 191 (Note: Christ and our Father need us. They crave little evidences that we know who they are and that WE LOVE THEM!!!) (Note: two things that warm the hearts of our Father and Elder Brother: first, when we tell them that we love them, and second, when we live our lives for them blessing others.)
101. Here Christ points out the sacred service owed to God by those who receive the gospel. They are to be His living agencies. –DA 192
102. Though He was a Jew, He mingled freely with the Samaritans, setting at naught the Pharisaic customs of His nation. In face of their prejudices He accepted the hospitality of this despised people. He slept under their roofs, ate with them at their tables, -partaking of the food prepared and served by their hands, -taught in their streets, and treated them with the utmost kindness and respect. –DA 193
103. The Savior did not wait for congregations to assemble. Often He began His lessons with only a few gathered about Him, but one by one the passers-by paused to listen. –DA 194
104. The narrow and worldly-minded judged Christ by His humble birth, His lowly garb, and daily toil. They could not appreciate the purity of that spirit upon which was no stain of sin. –DA 196
105. The Savior cannot withdraw from the soul that clings to Him, pleading its great need. –DA 198
106. The nobleman left the Savior's presence with a peace and joy he had never known before. Not only did he believe that his son would be restored, but with strong confidence he trusted in Christ as the Redeemer. –DA 199
107. The Savior longs to give us a greater blessing than we ask; and He delays the answer to our request that He may show us the evil in our hearts, and our deep need of His grace. He desires us to renounce the selfishness that leads us to seek Him. Confessing our helplessness and bitter need, we are to trust ourselves wholly to His love. –DA 200
108. A wise purpose underlay every act of Christ's life on earth. Everything He did was important in itself and in its teaching. –DA 206
109. The Son of God was surrendered to the Father's will, and depended upon His power. So utterly was Christ emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself. He accepted God's

plans for Him, and day-by-day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will. –DA 208

110. Christ, the true temple for God's indwelling, molded every detail of His earthly life in harmony with God's ideal. He said, "I delight to do thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Ps. 40:8. So our characters are to be builded "for an inhabitation of God through the Spirit." Eph 2:22. –DA 209
111. The words of Christ teach that we should regard ourselves as inseparably bound to our Father in heaven. Whatever our position, we are dependent upon God, who holds all destinies in His hands. He has appointed us our work, and has endowed us with faculties and means for that work. So long as we surrender the will to God, and trust in His strength and wisdom, we shall be guided in safe paths, to fulfill our appointed part in His great plan. But the one who depends upon his own wisdom and power is separating himself from God. Instead of working in unison with Christ, he is fulfilling the purpose of the enemy of God and man. –DA 209
112. Christ's mission was not for judgment, but for salvation. "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17 –DA 211
113. Instead of apologizing for the act of which they complained, or explaining the purpose in doing it (healing on Sabbath), Jesus turned upon the rulers, and the accused became the accuser. He rebuked them for the hardness of their hearts, and their ignorance of the Scriptures. –DA 211
114. Jesus said, "I receive not honor from men." –DA 212
115. Jesus knew that the priests and rabbis were determined to take His life; yet He clearly explained to them His unity with the Father, and His relation to the world. –DA 213
116. The Savior did not at once answer the disciples' questions (John's). As they stood wondering at His silence, the sick and afflicted were coming to Him to be healed...Jesus rebuked disease and banished fever. His voice reached the ears of the dying, and they arose in health and vigor...Thus the day wore away, the disciples of John seeing and hearing all. At last Jesus called them to Him, and bade them go tell John what they had witnessed, adding, "Blessed is the man, who doesn't fall away because of Me." ... The disciples bore the message, and it was enough. John recalled the prophecy concerning the Messiah, "The Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, Isa 61:1,2. –DA 217
117. Jesus was to do His work, not with a clash of arms and overturning of thrones and kingdoms, but through speaking to the hearts of men by a life of mercy and self-sacrifice. –DA217

118. In the estimation of Heaven, what is it that constitutes greatness? Not that which the world accounts great; not wealth, or rank, or noble descent, or intellectual gifts....Love and purity are the attributes He prizes most. –DA 219
119. John was great in the sight of the Lord, when, before the messengers of the Sanhedrin, before the people, and before his own disciples, he refrained from seeking honor for himself, but pointed all to Jesus as the Promised One. –DA 219
120. *God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him. –DA 225
121. *Of all the gifts that Heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His suffering is the most weighty trust and the highest honor. –DA 225
122. Across the bright days of Christ’s ministry in Galilee, one shadow lay. The people of Nazareth rejected Him. “Is not this the carpenter’s son?” they said. –DA 236
123. The assembly broke up, and laying hands upon Jesus, they thrust Him from the synagogue, and out of the city. All seemed eager for His destruction. They hurried Him to the brow of a precipice, intending to cast Him down headlong. Some were casting stones at Him when suddenly He disappeared from among them. The heavenly messengers who had been by His side in the synagogue were with Him in the midst of the maddened throng. They shut Him in from His enemies, and conducted Him to a place of safety. – DA 240
124. Toward the close of His ministry in Galilee, He again visited the home of His childhood (had been thrown out the first time). .. Because of their unbelief, the Savior could not work many miracles among them. Only a few hearts were open to His blessing, and reluctantly He departed, never to return. –DA 241
125. It is satan’s work to discourage the soul; it is Christ’s work to inspire with faith and hope. –DA 249
126. *Apart from Christ, our work is fruitless, and it is easy to distrust and murmur. But when He is near, and we labor under His direction, we rejoice in the evidence of His power. – DA 249
127. The Lord Jesus seeks the co-operation of those who will become unobstructed channels for the communication of His grace. The first thing to be learned by all who would become workers together with God is the lesson of self-distrust; then they are prepared to have imparted to them the character of Christ. –DA 250
128. He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon the heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. –DA 251

129. Jesus met people on their own ground, as one who was acquainted with their perplexities. He made truth beautiful by presenting it in the most direct and simple way. His language was pure, refined, and clear as a running stream. His voice was as music to those who had listened to the monotonous tones of the rabbis. But while His teaching was simple, He spoke as one having authority. –DA 253
130. He spoke as one who had a definite purpose to fulfill... Jesus sought to break the spell of infatuation, which keeps men absorbed in earthly things. –DA 254
131. He had tact to meet the prejudiced minds, and surprised them with illustrations that won their attention. Through the imagination He reached the heart. His illustrations were taken from the things of life, and although they were simple, they had in them a wonderful depth of meaning. –DA 254
132. Even amid the turbulence of angry enemies He was surrounded with an atmosphere of peace. –DA 254
133. The beauty of His countenance, the loveliness of His character, above all, the love expressed in look and tone, drew to Him all who were not hardened in unbelief. –DA 254
134. Had it not been for the sweet, sympathetic spirit that shone out in every look and word, He would not have attracted the large congregations that He did. –DA 254
135. When His eyes swept over the throng of listeners, and He recognized among them the faces He had before seen, His countenance lighted up with joy. He saw in them hopeful subjects for His kingdom. –DA 255
136. At eventide or in the early morning, He went away to the sanctuary of the mountains for communion with His Father. Often He passed the entire night in prayer and meditation, returning at daybreak to His work among people. –DA 260
137. Mere worldly success would interfere with His work. –DA 260
138. In His life no self-assertion mingled. The homage, which the world gives to position, or wealth, or talent, was foreign to the Son of man. None of the means that men employ to win allegiance or command homage did Jesus use. –DA 260
139. In marked contrast to the Pharisees was the life of Jesus. In that life no noisy disputation, no ostentatious worship, no act to gain applause, was ever witnessed. Christ was hid in God, and God was revealed in the character of His Son. –DA 261
140. Of all the disease known in the East the leprosy was most dreaded...The leper is guided to the Savior...He is a loathsome spectacle. At the sight of him the people fall back in terror... He casts himself at the feet of Jesus with the cry, “Lord, if Thou will, Thou canst

- make me clean.”... Jesus replied, “I will, be thou made clean,” and laid His hand upon him. Matt. 8:3. –DA 263
141. While Jesus ministered to all who came to Him, He yearned to bless those who came not. While He drew the publicans, the heathens, and the Samaritans, He longed to reach the priests and teachers who were shut in by prejudice and tradition. –DA 265
142. Jesus sat as an honored guest at the table of the publicans...and men longed to become worthy of His confidence. –DA 274
143. To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ’s creative and redeeming power, it will be a delight. –DA 289
144. The fields and the hills were the favorite resorts of Jesus...To Him each quiet retreat was a sacred temple. –DA 290
145. In training His disciples, Jesus chose to withdraw from the confusion of the city to the quiet of the fields and hills, as more in harmony with the lessons of self-abnegation He desired to teach them...Here surrounded by the works of His own creation, He could turn the thoughts of His hearers from the artificial to the natural. –DA 291
146. His heart yearned over these chosen ones. Alone upon the mountain, near the Sea of Galilee He spent the entire night in prayer for them, while they were sleeping. –DA 292
147. All the disciples had serious faults when Jesus called them to His service. –DA 295
148. How tenderly the Savior dealt with him who was to be His betrayer... Jesus dealt him no sharp rebuke for his covetousness, but with divine patience bore with this erring man. –DA 295
149. There are souls perplexed with doubt, burdened with infirmities, weak in faith, and unable to grasp the Unseen; but a friend whom they can see, coming to them in Christ’s stead, can be a connecting link to fasten their trembling faith upon Christ. –DA 297
150. We are to be laborers together with heavenly angels in presenting Jesus to the world. With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our cooperation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in wholehearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God’s love. –DA 297
151. In the Sermon on the Mount He sought to undo the work that had been wrought by false education...Yet He did not make a direct attack on the errors of the people... He taught them of something infinitely better than they had known...Leaving them to draw their own conclusions. –DA 299
152. By every sin Jesus is wounded afresh. –DA 300

153. Through affliction God reveals to us the plague spots in our characters, that by His grace we may overcome our faults. –DA 301
154. In almsgiving, in prayer, in fasting, He said, let nothing be done to attract attention or win praise for self. –DA 312
155. God’s children are never absent from His mind. –DA 313
156. Christ loves the heavenly beings that surround His throne; but what shall account for the great love wherewith He loves us? We cannot understand it, but we can know it true in our own experience. –DA 327
157. Tenderly He bade the toiling people, “Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls.”... In these words Christ is speaking to every human being. –DA 328 (Note: the yoke binds us together with Christ and He is in charge so long as we remain yoked with Him.) (Note: the more we try to control our lives the worse for wear we become.) (Note: Christ is not the way out of trials, He is the way through them. How do we get through? “Take My yoke upon you.)
158. He is watching over you child of God. Are you tempted? He will deliver. Are you weak? He will strengthen. Are you ignorant? He will enlighten. Are you wounded? He will heal. –DA 329
159. Whatever your anxieties and trials, lay out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance. The way will be opened for you to disentangle yourself from embarrassment and difficulty. The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger you will become in His strength. –DA 329
160. Love for God, zeal for His glory, and love for fallen humanity, brought Jesus to earth to suffer and die. This was the controlling power of His life. This principle He bids us adopt. –DA 330
161. “Learn of Me,” says Jesus; “for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest. –DA 330
162. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish and a plain path before their feet. –DA 330
163. Learn of Me, says Jesus; “for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your soul. –DA 330

164. In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace. He was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. Amid the greatest opposition and most cruel treatment, He was still of good courage. –DA 330
165. The value of our work is in proportion to the impartation of the Holy Spirit. –DA 331
166. When our will is swallowed up in the will of God, and we use His gifts to bless others, we shall find life's burdens light. He who walks in the way of God's commandments is walking in company with Christ, and in His love the heart is at rest. –DA 331
167. Those who take Christ at His word, and surrender their souls to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and rest. –DA 331
168. As through Jesus we enter into rest, heaven begins here. We respond to His invitation, Come, learn of Me, and in thus coming we begin the life eternal. Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God through Christ...The more we know God, the more intense will be our happiness. As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence. –DA 331
169. Day after day He had ministered to them, scarcely pausing for food or rest. The malicious criticism and misrepresentation with which the Pharisees constantly pursued Him made His labors much more severe and harassing; and now the close of the day found Him so utterly wearied that He determined to seek retirement in some solitary place across the lake. –DA 333
170. Absorbed in their efforts to save themselves, they had forgotten that Jesus was on board. Now, seeing their labor vain and only death before them, they remembered at whose command they had set out to cross the sea. In Jesus was their only hope. –DA 334
171. As the lightning's glare reveals Him, they see the peace of heaven in His face; they read in His glance self-forgetful, tender love, and, their hearts turning to Him cry, "Lord, save us: we perish..." Never did a soul utter that cry unheeded. –DA 335
172. He lifts His hand, so often employed in deeds of mercy, and says to the angry sea, "Peace, be still..." Then turning to His disciples, Jesus asks sorrowfully, "Why are you afraid? Don't you trust Me." Mark 4:40. –DA 335
173. When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart. –DA 336
174. He trusted in His Father's might. It was in faith – faith in God's love and care – that Jesus rested, and the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God. –DA 336
175. As Jesus rested by faith in the Father's care, so we are to rest in the care of our Savior. –DA 336

176. We trust in our own strength till our hope is lost, and we are ready to perish. Then we remember Jesus, and if we call upon His to save us, we shall not cry in vain. Though He sorrowfully reproves our unbelief and self-confidence, He never fails to give us the help we need... If we have the Savior in our hearts, there is no need to fear. –DA 336
177. The disciples and their companions fled in terror (from the demoniacs), but presently they noticed that Jesus was not with them, and they turned to look for Him. He was standing where they had left Him... When the men, gnashing their teeth, and foaming at the mouth, approached Him, Jesus raised that hand which had beckoned the waves to rest, and men could come no nearer. They stood raging, but helpless before Him. –DA 337
178. In terror the people (after the swine go over the cliff) throng about Jesus, beseeching Him to depart from them, and He complied, taking a ship at once for the opposite shore. –DA 339
179. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us. We can tell how we have tested His promises, and found the promises true. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing. –DA 340
180. The only safeguard against Satan’s power is found in the presence of Jesus... “For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” –DA 341
181. “Who touched Me?” The Savior could distinguish the touch of faith from the casual contact of the careless throng. Such trust should not be passed without comment. He would speak to the humble woman words of comfort that would be to her a wellspring of joy, -- words that would be a blessing to His followers to the close of time. –DA 344
182. The Lord works continually to benefit mankind. He is ever imparting His bounties. He raises up the sick from beds of languishing, He delivers men from peril which they do not see, He commissions heavenly angels to save them from calamity, to guard them from “the pestilence that walketh in darkness” and “the destruction that wasteth at noonday”; but their hearts are unimpressed.
183. It is for our own benefit to keep every gift of God fresh in our memory. Thus faith is strengthened to claim and receive more and more. –DA 348
184. Now, while He was personally with them (disciples), to point out their errors, and counsel and correct them, the Savior sent them forth as His representatives. –DA 349

185. In the training of the disciples the example of the Savior's life was far more effective than any mere doctrinal instruction. When they were separated from Him, every look and tone and word came back to them. –DA 350
186. During His ministry Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching. –DA 350
187. As He passed through the towns and cities He was like a vital current, diffusing life and joy wherever He went. –DA 350
188. The followers of Christ are to labor as He did. We are to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the suffering and afflicted. We are to minister to the despairing, and inspire hope in the hopeless. –DA 350
189. Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God. –DA 352
190. He exercised the greatest tact, and thoughtful, kind attention in His intercourse with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severed word, and never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved. –DA 353
191. In all men He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save. –DA 353
192. The servants of Christ are not to act out the dictates of the natural heart. They need to have close communion with God, lest, under provocation, self rise up, and they pour forth a torrent of words that are unbecoming. –DA 353
193. Let them rest in the love of God, and the spirit will be kept calm, even under personal abuse. The Lord will clothe them with a divine panoply. His Holy Spirit will influence the mind and heart, so their voices shall not catch the notes of the baying of the wolves. –DA 353
194. God's grace will be dispensed to His servants to meet the emergency. "It shall be given you," says Jesus, "in the same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not you that speaks, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." –DA 354
195. The disciples were not endowed with the courage and fortitude of the martyrs until such grace was needed. Then the Saviors promise was fulfilled. –DA 354
196. When they (disciples) were brought into trial, the Holy Spirit would bring to their remembrance the very truths that would be needed. –DA 355

197. The Prince of heaven was called Beelzebub, and His disciples will be misrepresented in like manner. –DA 355
198. Jesus Himself never purchased peace by compromise. His heart overflowed with love for the whole human race, but He was never indulgent to their sins. He was too much their friend to remain silent while they were pursuing a course that would ruin their souls – souls He had purchased with His own blood. –DA 356 (Christ's bottom line motive for correcting people = His great love for them)
199. Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father's heart. –DA 356
200. It is in this tiny speck of a world, in the souls that He gave His only-begotten Son to save, that God's interest and the interest of all of heaven is centered. (Note: all of heaven follow the lead of our Father. Teachers and leaders have the same opportunity to set the direction). God is bending from His throne to hear the cry of the oppressed. To every sincere prayer He answers, "Here am I." –DA 356
201. The mission of Christ's servants is a high honor, and a sacred trust. –DA 357 (Note: the mission for his children seldom looks like success by this world's standard. Example: Grover)
202. The disciples came to Jesus and told Him all things. Their intimate relationship with Him encouraged them to lay before Him their favorable and unfavorable experiences, their joy at seeing results from their labors, and their sorrows at their failures, their faults, and their weaknesses. –DA 359 (Note: The level of acceptance and love that Christ created allowing the disciples to be open about their failures and weaknesses)
203. The rest which Christ and His disciples took was not self-indulgent rest. The time they spent in retirement was not devoted to pleasure seeking. They talked together about the work of God, and the possibility of bringing greater efficiency to the work. –DA 361
204. As activity increases and men become successful in doing work for God, there is a danger of trusting to human plans and methods. There is a tendency to pray less, and to have less faith. Like the disciples, we are in danger of losing sight of our dependence on God, and seeking to make a savior of our activity. We need to look constantly to Jesus realizing that it is His power which does the work. –DA 362 (Note: Illustration: hold up two hands. One represents relationship with Christ the other competency in work. At start relationship with God is held high and competency low. After years they reverse. You become so competent in job that you don't need to rely on Christ for success.)
205. As a man Christ supplicated the throne of God till His humanity was charged with a heavenly current that should connect humanity with divinity. Through continual communion He received life from God, that He might impart life to the world. –DA 363

206. We must individually hear His speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, "Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10. –DA 363
207. Christ never worked a miracle except to supply a genuine necessity, and every miracle was of a character to lead people to the tree of life. –DA 366
208. Jesus did not seek to attract the people to Him by gratifying the desire for luxury (feed 5K) To that great throng, weary and hungry after the long, exciting day, the simple fare was an assurance not only of His power, but of His tender care for them in the common needs of life. –DA 367
209. In the production of earth's harvest God is working a miracle everyday... Men prepare the soil and sow the seed, but it is the life from God that causes the seed to germinate. It is God's rain and air and sunshine that causes it to come forth...Men are called upon to co-operate with God in the care of the grain and the preparation of the loaf, and because of this they lose sight of the divine agency. They do not give God the glory due unto His holy name. –DA 367
210. The miracle of the loaves teaches a lesson of dependence upon God...The providence of God had placed Jesus where He was; and He depended on His heavenly Father for the means to relieve the necessity. –DA 368 (Note: When Christ worked miracles it was not through Himself. He trusted in His Father and His Father worked the miracles.)
211. The disciples were the channel of communication between Christ and the people. This should be a great encouragement to His disciples today. Christ was the great center, the source of strength. His disciples are to receive their supplies from Him. –DA 370
212. He will reward honest, simple reliance upon Him. –DA 371
213. In their enthusiasm the people are ready to crown Him king...In that throng are men of strong mind and firm determination; but the kingly bearing of Jesus, and His few quiet words of command, quell the tumult, and frustrate their designs. –DA 378
214. When left alone (after feeding the 5K and sending disciples off in the boat), Jesus went up into a mountain apart to pray. For hours He continued pleading with God. Not for Himself but for the men were those prayers. He prayed for power to reveal to men the divine character of His mission...In storm and darkness the sea had taught them their own helplessness, and they longed for the presence of their Master...The Watcher on the shore saw those fear-stricken men battling with the tempest. Not for a moment did He lose sight of His disciples...As a mother in tenderness watches her child, so the compassionate Master watched His disciples. When their hearts were subdued, their unholy ambition quelled, and in humility they prayed for help, it was given them...At the moment they believed themselves lost, a gleam of light reveals a mysterious figure approaching them upon the water...Their beloved Master turns, His voice silences their fear, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid."...Peter was almost beside himself with joy.

He cried out, “Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water.” And He said come. –DA 381 (Note: before you get out of the boat, you had best ask Jesus if it is a good idea) (Note: Christ was many hours in prayer before He walked on the water. It was His Father’s plan for Him to do so.)

215. Those who fail to realize their constant dependence upon God will be overcome by temptation...Only through realizing our own weakness and looking steadfastly unto Jesus can we walk securely. –DA 382
216. Jesus did not attempt to explain the mystery of His birth. He made no answer to the questionings in regard to His having come down from heaven, as He had made none to the questions concerning His crossing the sea. He did not call attention to the miracles that marked His life. Voluntarily He had made Himself of no reputation, and taken upon Him the form of a servant. But His words and works revealed His character. –DA 387 (Note: Jesus never promoted Himself i.e. what He did or what He said about self. He simply lived His life and His words and actions revealed His Father.)
217. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us; and the Spirit of God, received into the heart by faith is the beginning of the life eternal. –DA 388
218. It is by beholding His love, by dwelling upon it, by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature. What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal Savior...His love, His grace, must be assimilated. –DA 389
219. As the Son of God lived by faith in the Father, so are we to live by faith in Christ. So fully was Jesus surrendered to the will of God that the Father alone appeared in His life. –DA 389
220. As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the word of God. –DA 390
221. When Jesus presented the testing truth that caused so many of His disciples to turn back, He knew what would be the result of His words; but He had a purpose of mercy to fulfill. For He saw in the hour of temptation every one of His beloved disciples would be severely tested (Gethsemane, and crucifixion). Had no previous test been given, many who were actuated by merely selfish motives would have been connected to them...In the hour of darkness, the example of those who turned from Him might have carried others with them. But Jesus brought about this crisis while by His personal presence He could still strengthen the faith of His true followers. –DA 394
222. Even the disciples, though outwardly they had left all for Jesus’ sake, had not in heart ceased to seek great things for themselves...Among the followers of our Lord today, as of old, how widespread is this subtle, deceptive sin! How often our service to Christ, our communion with one another, is marred by the secret desire to exalt self! How ready the thought of self-gratulation, and the longing for human approval. –DA 409

223. While Jesus made it plain that He was under no obligation to pay the tribute, He entered into no controversy with the Jews in regard to the matter...Christ taught them not to place themselves needlessly in antagonism to establish order...While Christians are not to sacrifice one principle of truth, they should avoid controversy whenever it is possible to do so. –DA 434
224. While Lucifer counted it a thing to be grasped to be equal with God, Christ, the Exalted One, “made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Phil 2:7,8 –DA 436
225. Calling a little child to Him, Jesus set him in the midst of them, then tenderly folding the little one in His arms, He said, “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. The simplicity, the self-forgetfulness, and the confiding love of a little child are the attributes that Heaven values. These are the characteristics of real greatness. –DA 437
226. God places His signet upon men, not by their rank, nor by their wealth, not by their intellectual greatness, but by their oneness with Christ. The Lord of glory is satisfied with those who are meek and lowly in heart. –DA 437
227. Our Lord is put to shame by those who claim to serve Him, but who misrepresent His character. –DA 439 (Note: today, is my focus on self {making self look and feel good}, or on Christ {making Him look and feel pleased})
228. When we see Jesus, a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, working to save the lost, slighted, scorned, derided, driven from city to city till His mission was accomplished; when we behold Him in Gethsemane, sweating great drops of blood, and on the cross dying in agony, -- when we see this, self will no longer clamor to be recognized. Looking unto Jesus, we shall be ashamed of our coldness, our lethargy, and our self-seeking. –DA 439
229. We shall be willing to be anything or nothing, so that we may do heart service for the Master. We shall rejoice to bear the cross after Jesus, to endure trial, shame, or persecution for His dear sake. –DA 440
230. If one of these little ones shall be overcome, and commit a wrong against you, then it is your work to seek his restoration. Do not wait for him to make the first effort for reconciliation...In the spirit of meekness, go to the erring one and “tell him his fault between thee and him alone.” Do not put him to shame by exposing his fault to others, nor bring dishonor upon Christ by making public the sin or error of one who bears His name. .. You are not to judge or condemn. Make no attempt at self-justification. Let all your effort be for his recovery... It is to the wrongdoer himself that we are to present the wrong. We are not to make it a matter of comment, and criticism among our selves; nor even after it is told to the church, are we at liberty to repeat it to others. ...

While we seek to correct the errors of a brother, the Spirit of Christ will lead us to shield him, as far as possible, from the censure of the unbelieving world. We ourselves are erring and need Christ's pity and forgiveness, and just as we wish Him to deal with us, He bids us deal with one another. –DA 441 (Note: This speaks to the vegetarian cannibals in our church – those who gossip {anything that belittles or is demeaning} about others.

231. You are acting as ambassadors of heaven, and the issues of your work are for eternity. – DA 442
232. God is light; and in the words, "I am the light of the world," Christ declared His oneness with God, and His relation to the whole human family. –DA 464
233. He was the embodiment of the truths He taught. "I do nothing of Myself," He continued; "but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things. And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." He did not attempt to prove His Messianic claim, but showed His unity with God. –DA 465
234. Every soul that refuses to give himself to God is under the control of another power. He is not his own. –DA 466
235. Because He was, and avowed Himself to be, the Son of God, they were bent on destroying Him. Now many of the people, siding with the priests and rabbis, took up stones to cast at Him. "But Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." –DA 470
236. (Blind man healed on Sabbath and priests try to ensnare him) The Lord Jesus knew the ordeal through which the man was passing, and He gave him grace **and utterance**, so that he became a witness for Christ. –DA 474 (Note: Jesus speaks through the man)
237. "I am the Good Shepard; the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Again Jesus found access to the minds of His hearers by the pathway of their familiar associations... Never could the disciples look on the shepherds tending their flocks without recalling the Savior's lesson. They would see Christ in each faithful Shepard. They would see themselves in each **helpless** and **dependent** flock. –DA 476
238. Jesus knows us individually, and is touched with our feeling of our infirmities. He knows us by name. He knows the very house we live in, and the name of each occupant. –DA 479
239. The government under which Christ lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses, -extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Savior attempted no civil reform. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies...He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because he was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart. –DA 509

240. Jesus was the pattern for children, and He was also the father's example. He spoke as one having authority, and His word was with power; yet in all His intercourses with rude and violent men He did not use one unkind or discourteous expression. –DA 515
241. Our Savior appreciated a quiet home and interested listeners. He longed for human tenderness, courtesy, and affection. –DA 524
242. Anxiety for Christ and for themselves was now uppermost in the minds of the disciples. They could see nothing but danger in the course He was about to pursue. "Master," they said, "the Jews of late sought to stone Thee; and goest Thou thither again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" I am under the guidance of My Father; as long as I do His will, My life is safe. My twelve hours of the day are not yet ended. I have entered upon the last remnant of My day; but while any of this remains, I am safe." –DA 527
243. In all that He did, Christ was co-operating with His Father. Ever He had been careful to make it evident that He did not work independently, it was by faith and prayer that He wrought His miracles. Christ desired all to know His relationship with His Father. "Father," He said, "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I know that Thou hearest Me always; but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me." Here the disciples and the people were to be given the most convincing evidence in regard to the relationship existing between Christ and God. They were to be shown that Christ's claim was not a deception.... "And when He thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."... There is a stir in the silent tomb, and he who was dead stands at the door of the sepulcher... The beholders are at first speechless with amazement. Then there follows an inexpressible scene of rejoicing and thanksgiving... **But while brother, sisters, and friends are rejoicing in this reunion, Jesus withdraws from the scene. When they look for the Life-giver, He is not to be found.** –DA 536 (Note: Christ continually told them that He was not working the miracles, but rather His Father. Now, so as not to let any of the credit be given to Himself, Jesus disappears. What an example for my life!)
244. (Triumphant entry into Jerusalem) Never before had the world seen such a triumphant processional...About the Savior were the glorious trophies of His labors of love for sinful man...Many Pharisees witnessed the scene. They feared that this multitude, in their strength and numbers, would make Jesus king...As a last resort they pressed through the crowd to where the Savior was, and accosted Him with reproving and threatening words: "Master, rebuke Thy disciples." But they were silenced by the words of Jesus, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." That scene of triumph was of God's own appointing....When the procession reached the brow of the hill, and was about to descend on the city, Jesus halted, and all the multitude with Him...All eyes turned upon the Savior, expecting to see in His countenance the admiration they themselves feel. But instead of this they behold a cloud of sorrow. They are surprised and disappointed to see His eyes fill with tears, and His body rock to and fro like a tree before the tempest, while a wail of anguish bursts from His quivering lips, as if

from the depths of a broken heart. What a sight was this for angels to behold! Their loved Commander in an agony of tears... In the midst of a scene of rejoicing, where all were paying Him homage, Israel's King was in tears; not silent tears of gladness, but tears and groans of insuppressible agony. Many wept in sympathy with a grief they could not understand...It was not because of these reminders of His cruel death that the Redeemer wept and groaned in anguish of spirit. His was no selfish sorrow. .. It was the sight of Jerusalem that pierced the heart of Jesus...He had come to save her; how could He give her up?...Jerusalem had been the child of His care, and as a tender father mourns over a wayward son, so Jesus wept over the beloved city. –DA 575-78

245. The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. –DA 668
246. All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And **if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses.** –DA 668 (Note: This will be true of all those He takes home for eternity.)
247. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength. Power for obedience, for service, will be imparted to them, as Christ has promised. –DA 668
248. At all times and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith. Circumstances may separate us from every earthly friend; but no circumstances, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, His is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer. –DA 670
249. The Savior came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love. –DA 671
250. Jesus looks with compassion on His disciples. He cannot save them from the trial, but He does not leave them comfortless...After His death and resurrection, they knew 1) they were forgiven, and 2) were dear to the heart of Christ. –DA 674
251. “Abide in Me, and I in you.” Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of His Spirit, a life of unreserved surrender to His service. The channel of communication must be open continually between man and his God. –Da 676
252. As the vine branch constantly draws the sap from the living vine, so are we to cling the Jesus, and receive from Him by faith the strength and perfection of His own character. –DA 676

253. Christ communicates the current of spiritual strength to every believer. So long as the soul is united to Christ, there is no danger that it will wither or decay. –DA 676
254. A profession of religion places men in the church, but the character and conduct show whether they are in connection with Christ. –DA 676
255. “Herein is My Father glorified,” said Jesus, “that ye bear much fruit.” God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion, of His own character. Yet the Savior does not bid the disciple labor to bear fruit. He tells them to abide in Him. –DA 677
256. As the world’s Redeemer, Christ was constantly confronted with apparent failure...But He would not be discouraged. Through the prophesy of Isaiah He declares, “I have labored in vain, I have spent My strength for naught, and in vain: yet surely My judgment is with the Lord, and My work with My God. –DA 678 (Note: Christ lived “above the circumstances.” The only place He looked for affirmation was at His Father’s face.)
257. Christ did not fail, neither was He discouraged, and His followers are to manifest a faith of the same enduring nature. They are to live as He lived and work as He worked. –DA 679
258. The church, endowed with the righteousness of Christ, is His depositary, in which the riches of His mercy, His grace and His love are to appear in full and final display. Christ looks upon His people in their purity and perfection, as the rewards of his humiliation. – DA 680