

# Daily Quotations

Upon entering the room students will record the daily quotation in their journal, spend 2-3 minutes reflecting on it, and share their view with a partner or with the class. Another possible use is for the teacher to read the quotation and ask for student feedback. These quotations are taken from the writings of Ellen G. White and are worthy of consideration.

## Week 1

1. 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 which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him (*Desire of Ages*, 225).
2. God sometimes selects the humblest instruments to do the greatest work, for His power is revealed through the weakness of men (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 364).
3. When we give ourselves wholly to God and in our work follow His directions, He will make Himself responsible for its accomplishment. We are to cooperate with the One who knows no failure (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 363).
4. As in the natural, so in the spiritual world: every power unused will weaken and decay. Activity is the law of life; idleness is death . . . He who refuses to impart that which he has received will at last find that he has nothing to give (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 364).
5. We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people "to will and to do His good pleasure" (*Desire of Ages*, 672).

## Week 2

1. Absorbed in their efforts to save themselves the disciples 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 (*Desire of Ages*, 334).
2. Though Christ sorrowfully reproves our unbelief and self-confidence. He never fails to give us the help we need (*Desire of Ages*, 336).
3. If we have the Savior in our hearts, there is no need to fear (*Desire of Ages*, 336).
4. For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of sound mind (*2 Timothy* 1:7).
5. As Jesus passed through the towns and cities He was like a vital current, diffusing life and joy wherever He went (*Desire of Ages*, 350).

### Week 3

1. The disciples were not endowed with courage and fortitude of the martyrs until such grace was needed. Then the Saviors promise was fulfilled (*Desire of Ages*, 354).
2. When trouble comes upon us, how often we are like Peter! We look upon the waves, instead of keeping our eyes fixed upon the Savior (*Desire of Ages*, 382).
3. Day by day God instructs His children. By the circumstances of the daily life He is preparing them to act their part upon the wider stage to which His providence has appointed them (*Desire of Ages*, 382).
4. You are not to look to yourself, not to let the mind dwell upon self, but look to Christ. Let the mind dwell upon His love, upon the beauty, the perfection of His character (*Steps to Christ*, 71).
5. When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ, the source of strength and life. Hence it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Savior, and thus prevent the union and communion of the soul with Christ. The 1) pleasures of the world, 2) life's cares and perplexities and sorrows, 3) the faults of others, or 4) your own faults and imperfections, -- to any and all of these he will seek to divert the mind. Do not be misled by his devices (*Steps to Christ*, 73).

### Week 4

1. It is peace that you need, heaven's forgiveness and peace and love in the soul . . . God offers it to you as a gift (*Steps to Christ*, 49).
2. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus, your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ (*Steps to Christ*, 47).
3. Our Father in heaven is the source of life of wisdom, and of joy . . . It is God who supplies the daily needs of all His creatures (*Steps to Christ*, 9).
4. The trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character (*Mount of Blessings*, 10).
5. In choosing men and women for His service, God does not ask whether they possess learning, or eloquence or worldly wealth. He asks: "Do they walk in such humility that I can teach them my ways? Can I put my words in their lips? Will they represent Me?" (*7 Testimonies*, 144)

## Week 5

1. Christ's workers are to obey His instructions implicitly. The work is God's. Self cannot be made the center. Self can receive no honor (*Desire of Ages*, 369).
2. Christ will lead His redeemed ones beside the river of life and will explain to them ALL that perplexed them in this world. The mysteries of grace will unfold before them. Where their finite minds discerned only confusion and broken purposes, they will see the most perfect and beautiful harmony (*9 Testimonies*, 194).
3. The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Savior, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense. Nothing can touch him except by our Lord's permission, and "ALL things" that are permitted "work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28) (*Mount of Blessings*, 71).
4. Let Christ be daily made manifest in you, and He will reveal through you the creative energy of His word—a gentle, persuasive, yet mighty influence to re-create other souls in the beauty of the Lord our God (*Mount of Blessings*, 129).
5. The revelation of Christ in your own character will have a transforming power upon all whom you come in contact (*Mount of Blessings*, 129).

## Week 6

1. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and come down to you" (Nehemiah 6:3).  
Note: Satan will try to use circumstances or people to bring you down from God's plan for you. You need to be aware of his devices and respond as Nehemiah did.
2. The Christian who will not exercise his God given powers, not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength that he already had (*Steps to Christ*, 81).
3. The heart that rests most fully upon Christ will be most earnest and active in labor for Him (*Steps to Christ*, 73).
4. The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us—to engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them (*Steps to Christ*, 80).
5. If the love of God is in the heart, it will be manifest in the life (*Steps to Christ*, 83).

## Week 7

1. From Christ's earliest years He was possessed of one purpose; He lived to bless others (*Desire of Ages*, 70).
2. He [Christ] lived to please, honor, and glorify His Father (*Desire of Ages*, 74).
3. We are to minister to the despairing, and inspire hope in the hopeless. And to us also the promise will be fulfilled, "Thy righteousness shall go before thee, the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward" (*Desire of Ages*, 353).
4. In ALL men He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save (*Desire of Ages*, 353).
5. He [Christ] was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul (*Desire of Ages*, 353).

## Week 8

1. The mission of Christ's servants is a high honor and a sacred trust (*Desire of Ages*, 357).
2. Our growth in grace, our joy, our usefulness, all depend upon our union with Christ. It is by communion with Him, daily, hourly—by abiding in Him—that we are to grow in grace (*Steps to Christ*, 69).
3. The work of beneficence is twice blessed. While he that gives to the needy blesses others, he himself is blessed in a still greater degree . . . The deeds of kindness may have been done in secret, but the results upon the character of the doer cannot be hidden (*Mount of Blessings*, 82-83).
4. 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 (*Desire of Ages*, 331).
5. ALL whose hearts are in sympathy with the heart of Infinite Love will seek to reclaim and not to condemn (*Mount of Blessings*, 22).

## Week 9

1. God sends you into the world as His representatives. In every act of life you are to make manifest the name of God. This petition calls upon you to possess His character (*Mount of Blessings*, 107).
2. We are to be centers of light and blessing to our little circle, even as He is to the universe . . . As the light of His love shines upon us, we are to reflect its brightness (*Mount of Blessings*, 77).
3. It is as we give ourselves to God for the service of humanity that He gives Himself to us (*Mount of Blessings*, 81).
4. If Christ is in you, you will have no disposition to watch others (to expose their errors). Instead of seeking to accuse and condemn; it will be your objective to help, to bless, and to save (*Ministry of Healing*, 128).
5. Supernatural strength is promised to the faithful in every conflict (*Steps to Christ*, 195).

## Week 10

1. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his/her heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God (*Desire of Ages*, 250).
2. As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 333).
3. The very conflicts and rebuffs we meet are to make us strong and give stability to our faith (*4 Testimonies*, 556).
4. From hours spent with God, Jesus came forth morning by morning to bring the light of heaven to men (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 139).
5. It is part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not ask (*Great Controversy*, 525).

## Week 11

1. Though a Christian cannot see the definite outcome of affairs or discern the purpose of God's providence, we are not to cast away our confidence. Remembering the tender mercies of the Lord, we should cast our cares upon Him, and with patience wait for His solutions (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 61).
2. Often when we pray for the graces of the Spirit, God works to answer our prayers by placing us in circumstances to develop these fruits; but we do not understand His purpose, and wonder and are dismayed (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 61).
3. A man whose heart is stayed upon God is just the same in the hour of his most afflicting trials and most discouraging surroundings as when he was in prosperity, when the light and favor of God seemed to be upon him (*Mount of Blessings*, 53).
4. Among some species of animals, if one of their number is wounded and falls, he is at once set upon and torn to pieces by his fellows. The same cruel spirit is indulged in by men and women who bear the name Christian (*5 Testimonies*, 59).
5. Day by day God instructs His children. By the circumstances of the daily life He is preparing them to act their part upon the wider stage to which His providence has appointed them (*Desire of Ages*, 382).

## Week 12

1. It is the issue of the daily test that determines victory or defeat in life's great crisis. Those who fail to realize their constant dependence on God will be overcome by temptation (*Desire of Ages*, 382).
2. When trouble comes upon us, how often we are like Peter! We look upon the waves instead of keeping our eyes fixed upon the Savior (*Desire of Ages*, 382).
3. Love will never needlessly expose the faults of others. It does not listen eagerly to unfavorable reports, but rather seeks to bring to mind some good qualities of the one defamed (*5 Testimonies*, 169).
4. Let this be the language of your soul: "There is nothing in the universe that I fear so much, as that I shall not know all my duty, or, that knowing, I shall fail to do it" (*5 Testimonies*, 341).
5. The man who thinks himself least the Holy Spirit assists most (*Manuscript 21*, 1894).

## Week 13

1. Absorbed in their own 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 (*Desire of Ages*, 336).
2. In their [disciples] efforts to save themselves, they forgot Jesus; and it was only when, in despair of self dependence, they turned to Him that He could give them help (*Desire of Ages*, 336).
3. Christ's life in you will produce the same character as His (*Mount of Blessings*, 78).
4. Jesus exercised no qualities, and exercised no powers that men may not have through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was (*Desire of Ages*, 664).
5. True obedience comes from the heart . . . And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses (*Desire of Ages*, 668).

## Week 14

1. We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people "to will and to do His good pleasure" (*Desire of Ages*, 672).
2. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you are able to bear. But when you are tempted He will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 290).

3. Jesus overcame as a human being relying upon His Father for strength (*Desire of Ages*, 675).
4. 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 (*Desire of Ages*, 331).
5. As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence (*Desire of Ages*, 331).