

Spiritual Exercises for Adventists

**“SEEST THOU HOW FAITH WROUGHT WITH
HIS WORKS, AND BY WORKS WAS FAITH MADE
PERFECT?”**

James 2:22

Chapter 18

QUOTES—FRUIT OF SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

“Ye shall know them by their fruits” Matt. 7:16

These are not just for reference or an index, but are for study and reflection.

1. “In view of what Christ has done for us, and what He has suffered for sinners, we should, out of pure, disinterested love for souls, imitate His example by sacrificing our own pleasure and convenience for their good.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 115. (page 131)
2. “Faithful work is more acceptable to God than the most zealous and thought-to-be holiest worship. It is working together with Christ that is true worship. Prayers, exhortation, and talk are cheap fruits, which are frequently tied on; but fruits that are manifested in good works, in caring for the needy, the fatherless, and widows, are genuine fruits, and grow naturally upon a good tree.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 24. (page 129)
3. “You should each be converted anew and transformed into the divine likeness.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, page 65.
4. “Nothing will give greater spiritual strength and a greater

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increase of earnestness and depth of feeling than visiting and ministering to the sick and the desponding, helping them to see the light and to fasten their faith upon Jesus.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, pages 75-76. (page 128)

5. “Those who are truly connected with God, by reflecting the light of heaven will have a saving power in the church and also in the world; for the perfume of good deeds and truthful acts will make them a good repute, even among those who are not of our faith. Those who fear God will respect and honor such a character; and even the enemies of our faith, as they see the spirit and life of Christ exhibited in their daily works, will glorify God, the source of their strength and honor.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, page 356.
6. “God calls upon every church member to enter His service. Truth that is not *lived*, that is not *imparted to others*, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Everyone must learn to work and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption. The entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, page 47.
7. “Those who are partakers of Christ’s love have no right to think that there is a limit to their influence and work in trying to benefit humanity.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, July 11, 1907. (page 134)
8. “We are to receive the bright beams from the Sun of Righteousness, and by our good works let them shine forth to

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others in clear, steady rays, never fitful, never growing dim.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, December 3, 1908.

9. “Our spiritual strength and blessing will be proportionate to the labor of love and good works which we perform.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, July 13, 1886. (page 133)
10. “When the love of Christ is enshrined in the heart, like sweet fragrance it cannot be hidden. The holy influence it reflects through the character will be manifest to all. Christ will be formed within, ‘the hope of glory.’ His light and his love will be there; his presence will be felt. There have been times when the blessing of God has been bestowed in answer to prayer, so that when others have come into the room, no sooner did they step over the threshold than they exclaimed, ‘The Lord is here!’ Not a word had been uttered; but the blessed influence of God’s holy presence was sensibly felt. The joy that comes from Jesus Christ was there; and in this sense the Lord had been in the room just as verily as he walked through the streets of Jerusalem, or appeared to the disciples when they were in the upper chamber, and said, ‘Peace be unto you.’” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 4, 1887.
11. “By constantly contemplating heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger. Our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God, because they will be more and more mixed with faith and love. They will be more intelligent and fervent. There will be more constant confidence in Jesus, and you will have a daily, living experience in the willingness and power of Christ to save unto

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the uttermost all that come unto God by him.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, June 12, 1888.

12. “If you keep Christ before you day by day, and hour by hour, and moment by moment, you will be trying to exemplify his character; and when you come where the brethren are, you will not be desponding and repining, but you will say, ‘I love the Lord; I am so glad that Jesus died for me.’ You will be able to talk of heaven and the eternal reward. The present truth will be the theme of your thoughts and words. Your soul will be full of love, and that love will flow out to others, refreshing them every day. Christ will be in you a ‘well of water springing up into everlasting life.’ ” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 14, 1888.
13. “If we bear much fruit to the glory of God, our souls must be absorbed in meditating upon the glorious truths of the word of God.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, June 28, 1892.
14. “When Christ died on the cross Satan’s death-knell was sounded. . . . the argument he had brought forward, that self-denial was impossible with God, and therefore unjustly required from His created intelligences, was forever answered. Satan’s claims were forever set aside.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, March 12, 1901.
15. “The children of Israel were taught that their possessions came from God, and that by paying of tithe and freewill offerings they were to acknowledge this. Thus we, too, may acknowledge whence our blessings flow. By giving of our means to save those for whom Christ died, we may show our appreciation of His goodness.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, June 11, 1901.

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16. “I saw that the stewards of the Lord have no duty to help those persons who persist in using tobacco, tea, and coffee.”
Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, page 225. (page 132)
17. “You can glorify God only by bearing fruit to His glory.”
Testimony to Ministers and Gospel Workers, page 146.