

Chapter 15

QUOTES—OUR NEED

“Ye are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14

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

1. “Often your mind may be clouded because of pain. Then do not try to think. You know that Jesus loves you. He understands your weakness. You may do his will by simply resting in his arms.” *The Review and Herald*, June 10, 1910. (page 10)
2. “From the time of Adam to that of Christ, self-indulgence had increased the power of the appetites and passions until they had almost unlimited control. Thus men had become debased and diseased, and of themselves it was impossible for them to overcome.” *Desire of Ages*, page 117. (page 33)
3. “His humanity made prayer a necessity and privilege. He required all the stronger divine support and comfort which His Father was ready to impart to Him...” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 202. (pages 34 and 92)
4. “The natural, selfish mind, if left to follow out its own evil desires, will act without high motives, without reference to the glory of God or the benefit of mankind. The thoughts will be evil, and only evil, continually.” *Advent Review and Sab-*

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bath Herald, June 19, 1888.

5. “Few feel the sacredness of the work in which they are engaged. They regard it as upon a common level with ordinary enterprises.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, page 186.
6. “As the Son of man, he prayed to the Father, showing that human nature requires all the divine support which man can obtain that he may be braced for duty and prepared for trial.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, page 528. (page 14)
7. “A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, March 22, 1887.
8. “We must be much in communion with God. Prayer in secret, prayer while the hands are engaged in labor, prayer while walking by the way, prayer in the night season, the heart’s desires ever ascending to God,—this is our only safety. In this manner Enoch walked with God. In this manner our Exemplar obtained strength to tread the thorny path from Nazareth to Calvary.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, November 8, 1887. (page 167)
9. “If we would develop a character which God can accept, we must form correct habits in our religious life. Daily prayer is as essential to growth in grace, and even to spiritual life itself, as is temporal food to physical well-being. We should accustom ourselves to often lift the thoughts to God in prayer. If the mind wanders, we must bring it back; by persevering effort, habit will finally make it easy. We cannot for one moment separate ourselves from Christ with safety. We may have his presence to attend us at every step, but only by observing the conditions which he has himself laid down.

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Religion must be made the great business of life. Everything else should be held subordinate to this.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, November 15, 1887.

10. “The enemy holds many of you from prayer, by telling you that you do not feel your prayers, and that you would better wait until you realize more of the spirit of intercession, lest your prayers should be a mockery. But you must say to Satan, ‘It is written’ that ‘men ought always to pray, and not to faint.’ We should pray until we do have the burden of our wants upon our souls; and if we persevere, we shall have it. The Lord will imbue us with his Holy Spirit.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, October 30, 1888. (page 31)
10. “We are not to preach a sermon to the Lord when we engage in prayer; for God knows our need. We must be petitioners. We must plead for help for our own souls, and for the souls of others. We should lay hold of the throne of grace with that earnestness that says, ‘I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.’ ” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, July 2, 1889.
11. “The mind that finds pleasure in foolish thoughts and trifling conversation, is as destitute of the joy of Christ as were the hills of Gilboa of dew or rain.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, March 15, 1892.
12. “The Lord has laid upon us the duty of blessing others, and we cannot do this without a close connection with him.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, February 20, 1894.
13. “It is a mistake to think that you must come to repentance before you can come to Jesus. Come to Christ just as you are, and contemplate His love until your hard heart is broken.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 3, 1901.

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14. “God’s purpose for us is that we shall be partakers of the divine nature. Only thus can we overcome the evils that beset us. It is by beholding Christ that we are made partakers of his nature. Keeping him ever in view, we are changed into his likeness. Thus we gain strength to overcome as he overcame.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 3, 1903.
15. “...the Christian who will not exercise his God-given powers not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength which he already has; he becomes a spiritual paralytic.” *God’s Amazing Grace*, page 305.
16. “In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in this world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last message of mercy for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. What manner of persons, then, ought they to be?” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, November 23, 1905. (page 7)
17. “Many are so absorbed in their worldly cares and perplexities that they have little time to pray, and feel but little interest in prayer. They may observe the form of worship, but the spirit of true supplication is lacking. Such have departed widely from the pattern. Jesus our example was much in prayer; and oh, how earnest, how fervent were his petitions! If he, the beloved Son of God, was moved to such earnestness, such agony, in our behalf, how much more need that we, who are dependent upon Heaven for all our strength, have our whole souls stirred to wrestle with God.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 4, 1883. (page 7)

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18. Those “who in their self-confidence feel no need of watchfulness and unceasing prayer, are near some humiliating fall.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, October 11, 1881. (page 31)
19. “Learn to pray short and right to the point, asking for just what you need. Learn to pray aloud where only God can hear you. Do not offer make-believe prayers, but earnest, feeling petitions, expressing the hunger of the soul for the Bread of Life. If we prayed more in secret, we should be able to pray more intelligently in public. These doubtful, hesitating prayers would cease. And when we engage with our brethren in public worship, we could add to the interest of the meeting; for we should bring with us some of the atmosphere of Heaven, and our worship would be a reality, and not a mere form. Those about us can soon tell whether we are in the habit of praying or not. If the soul is not drawn out in prayer in the closet and while engaged in the business of the day, it will be manifest in the prayer-meeting. The public prayers will be dry and formal, consisting of repetitions and customary phrases, and they will bring darkness rather than light into the meeting.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, April 22, 1884. (page 67)
20. “God’s faithful messengers....are to wrestle with God in earnest prayer for a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that they may meet the needs of a world perishing in sin.” *The Review and Herald*, March 31, 1910. (page 76)
21. “The practice of story reading is one of the means employed by Satan to destroy souls. It produces a false, unhealthy excitement, fevers the imagination, unfits the mind for usefulness, and disqualifies it for any spiritual exercise. It weans the soul from prayer and from the love of spiritual

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things.” *Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 134.
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