

Chapter 16

QUOTES—THE RESULTS

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.” Matt. 5:14

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

1. “From every member of the church a steady light may shine forth before the world, so that they shall not be led to inquire, what do these people more than others?” *1 Selected Messages*, pages 123-124. (pages 5 & 27)
2. “Pleasant, kind, and well-bred Christians will have an influence for God and his truth; it cannot be otherwise. The light borrowed from Heaven will shed its brightening rays through them to the pathway of others, leading them to exclaim, ‘O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man whose strength is in thee.’” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 1, 1885.
3. “If each would set his own heart in order, when the brethren meet together their testimony would be ready and come from a full soul, and the people around that believe not the truth would be moved.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, page 165.

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4. “God would do great things for His people if they would come out from the world, and be separate. If they would submit to be led by Him, He would make them a praise in all the earth.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 125. (pages 26 & 90)
5. “If all were devoted to God, a precious light would shine forth from them, which would have a direct influence upon all who are brought in contact with them.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 127. (pages 27 & 90)
6. Man “came from the hand of his Creator with symmetrical character, endowed with such capacities for improvement that, combining divine influence with human effort, he might elevate himself almost to an angel’s sphere. Yet, when thus elevated, he will be unconscious of his goodness and greatness.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 4, page 340.
7. “ ‘Every one who is born of God doth not commit sin’ He feels that he is the purchase of the blood of Christ....The love of sin and the love of self are subdued in him. He daily asks, ‘What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?’ ‘Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?’ ” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 220.
8. “By beholding and imitating his life, we shall become renewed in his image. The glory of Heaven will shine in our lives, and be reflected upon others. At the throne of grace we are to find the help we need to enable us to live thus. This is genuine sanctification;” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 306.
9. “When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in his will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into

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captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness.” *Christ’s Object Lessons*, page 312. (page 158)

10. “Pride and love of the world will lose their power as we contemplate the glories of that better land so soon to be our home. Beside the loveliness of Christ, all earthly attractions will seem of little worth.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, November 15, 1887.
11. “The more you study the character of Christ, the more attractive will he appear to you. He will become as one near you, in close companionship with you; your affections will go out after him. If the mind is molded by the objects with which it has most to do, then to think of Jesus, to talk of him, will enable you to become like him in Spirit and character. You will reflect his image in that which is great and pure and spiritual. You will have the mind of Christ, and he will send you forth to the world as his spiritual representative.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 26, 1890.
12. “If we are indeed partakers of the divine nature, our spiritual life will give evidence that we have been drinking of the exhaustless fountain which has refreshed and blessed the soul. Christ will be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life, and we can refresh all with whom we come in contact.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, December 2, 1890.
13. “By beholding we become changed. Through close study and earnest contemplation of the character of Christ, his image is reflected in our own lives, and a higher tone is imparted to the spirituality of the church.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 4, 1891.
14. “Those who are partakers of the divine nature will not mani-

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fest forwardness and self-exaltation, but will be filled with the spirit of discretion, and their characters will be fragrant because Christ is enthroned in the heart.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 14, 1894.

15. “As we partake of the divine nature, hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong are cut away from the character, and we are made a living power for good. Ever learning of the divine Teacher, daily partaking of his nature, we cooperate with God in overcoming Satan’s temptations. God works, and man works, that man may be one with Christ as Christ is one with God. Then we sit together with Christ in heavenly places. The mind rests with peace and assurance in Jesus.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, April 24, 1900.
16. “When the truth as it is in Jesus molds our characters, it will be seen to be truth indeed. As it is contemplated by the believer, it will grow brighter, shining with its original beauty. It will increase in value, quickening and vivifying the mind, and subduing selfish, unchristlike coarseness of character. It will elevate our aspirations, enabling us to reach the perfect standard of holiness.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, February 14, 1899.
17. “Those who keep God’s glory in view will not fail nor be discouraged.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, September 19, 1899.
18. “As we work in Christ’s lines, God will break down the partition walls. He will widen before us the circle of our influence.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 28, 1900.
19. “When we bring our hearts unto unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with his work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us.” *Advent Re-*

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view and Sabbath Herald, June 30, 1903.

20. “The contemplation of him who loved us and gave himself for us, will make the life fragrant, and give power to perfect a Christian experience.” *The Review and Herald*, April 4, 1912.
21. “When on this earth, Christ did not make God’s power and greatness the chief theme of his discourses. He speaks of him oftenest as our Father, and of himself as our Elder Brother.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 19, 1911. (page 43)
22. “If Christ be the theme of contemplation, the thoughts will be widely separated from every subject which will lead to impure acts. The mind will strengthen by dwelling upon elevating subjects.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 408. (page 93)
23. “If we make God our trust, we have it in our power to control the mind... Through continued exercise it will become strong to battle with internal foes and to subdue self...then...when we engage in labor for souls, a power will attend our efforts.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 507. (pages 84 & 93)
24. We are told that a man who “meditates on the law of God day and night...is one of the Lord’s evergreen-trees; and he carries fragrance with him wherever he goes. A wholesome atmosphere surrounds his soul. The beauty of his well-ordered life and godly conversation inspires faith and hope and courage in others.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, August 24, 1897. (page 116)
25. “Should we give our lives up to prayerful meditation, our lights would grow dim. For light is given to us that we may impart it to others, and the more we impart light, the bright-

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er our own light will become.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, February 6, 1894. (page 118)

26. “The more we praise God, the more we shall have to praise him for, and our hearts will become attuned to his praise.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, May 28, 1889. (page 125)
27. “The rules of life that the Lord has given will make men pure and happy and holy. Those only who obey these rules can hear from the lips of Christ the words, ‘come up higher.’” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, March 15, 1906. (page 152)
28. “By beholding we become changed, and as we meditate upon the perfections of our divine Model, we shall desire to become wholly transformed and renewed in the image of his purity. There will be a hungering and thirsting of soul to be made like Him whom we adore. The more our thoughts are upon Christ, the more we shall speak of him to others, and represent him to the world.” *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, June 12, 1888. (page 155)
29. “The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to cooperate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 18.
30. “It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son.” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 518.
31. “If the love of Jesus Christ abides in them, they will shine

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unconsciously, diffusing the light of the glory of Christ through the world.” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 378, 379.

32. “By study, contemplation, and prayer, God’s people will be elevated above common, earthly thoughts and feelings, and will be brought into harmony with Christ and His great work of cleansing the sanctuary above from the sins of the people.” *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 575.