

## 'THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST'

"Faith cometh by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of God!"

Did you know that all who hope to ever enter the Heavenly Gates, must sit at the feet of Jesus in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST here on this earth? Many do not realize it but this is one of the MAIN THEMES of Ellen White's messages from the Throne of God, and one of the most essential to understand!

Everywhere God's true servants, be they men or angels are offering entrance applications for this School in the form of Present Truth for this time. Those who are aroused by this Mighty Message are, like the Bereans of old, to begin to study to LEARN FOR THEMSELVES whether these things are so. This is the Entrance Exam for the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, The Mighty Cleaver of Truth!

"The mighty cleaver of truth has taken them out of the world. Then there is the work to be done for them to fit them for God's temple. They are hewed and squared and chiseled and fitted for the mansions in heaven." Sermons and Talks Volume One -PG- 33

By accepting this truth, they enter the SCHOOL OF CHRIST where under the direct instruction of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and guidance of the angels, they begin the course of study that will prepare them for the Higher School above. Notice what they need to learn and how it is taught:

"Learn of Me," says Jesus; "for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest." We are to enter the school of Christ, to learn from Him meekness and lowliness. Redemption is that process by which the soul is trained for heaven. This training means a knowledge of Christ. It means emancipation from ideas, habits, and practices that have been gained in the school of the prince of darkness. The soul must be delivered from all that is opposed to loyalty to God." The Desire of Ages -PG- 330

"All have lessons to learn in the school of Christ, in order to perfect Christian characters, and have a oneness with Christ." Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 06-22-86

"In the lower school of earth we are to learn the lessons that will prepare us to enter the higher school, where our education will continue under the personal instruction of Christ." UL -PG- 197

"Here is the admonition, "Come. . .and learn of me." How difficult to enter the school of Christ by giving up our wills, and submitting to the will of our heavenly Father! Christ knows our weakness. He has given us promises to encourage us by the way, and is ever ready to bear our burdens for us if we will bring them to Him." Manuscript Releases Volume Three -PG- 72

"The religion of Jesus Christ has a refining influence upon men and women. When the truth of God finds access to the heart, it commences its refining process upon the character. Men who are coarse and rough become humble, teachable, learning, ever learning, in the school of Christ." Talks Volume One -PG- 33

**This SCHOOL is a personal course of study;** each student is to receive one on one tutoring from the Three Heavenly Dignitaries Themselves, and the assistant Heavenly angels. **Although interacting with other believers, and taking part in a church worship group, this NEVER takes the place of your need to sit in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST.** As I said before, only individuals enter this SCHOOL, we cannot be given any 'honorary certificates' because we have our name on church books or even are working for the 'church'.

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**Although a Pastor or Minister may be one of the reference sources you find in your studies; always remember that they, too, are STUDENTS, who must sit beside you and learn or they won't ever enter the Higher School either!** Human Pastors and Teachers are not ever to usurp the place of the Heavenly teachers. Never take a human being as an 'Ultimate Authority'!

**As long as life on this earth shall last, we are never, never to cease from studying and learning,** ever seeking to bring as much of Heaven into our hearts and lives as we possibly can. Never will we graduate if we merely try to learn only from Pastors and ministers; fellow students themselves; and do not have the one on one tutoring of the Heavenly Powers!

What are the text books in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST? The number one is the Holy Bible, and part of the course is to learn to recognize the TRUE textbook from modern per-versions! Then we have the wonderful resource given to us in the Spirit of Prophecy writings, the special Gift of the Master of the School to His last day people. We are taught also lessons from the books of experience, including crash courses in suffering and trials.

We learn from the books of History and Nature; which must always be studied by the Light of Inspiration in order to be rightly translated and understood. The Master of the School has hidden countless lessons for us in these books.

Part of the Course is learning the Lessons woven into our own wonderfully made Bodies; by learning and living under the discipline of the Laws of Health designed by the Creator, we are helped in all our other studies.

Remember, we are never to graduate from the SCHOOL OF CHRIST as long as life continues here on earth. Never are we to sit back and feel; I have heard it all before, I know all the Bible Lessons, I can just relax and be entertained week after week by the Pastor. **If we stop learning for ourselves as individuals under the DIRECT instruction of Jesus and the Holy Spirit —we are DROPOUTS!! We will never reach the HIGHER SCHOOL in Heaven!**

Remember too, that reading papers or books from other students must NEVER take the place of reading and studying the Inspired Writings with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Other books and papers are only helpful to the degree in which they draw upon and utilize the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy; man's own ideas and opinions are WORTHLESS! Indeed a student feeding on these will soon flunk out of the SCHOOL OF CHRIST and never graduate to the Heavenly School! Instead, he will transfer to the School of Antichrist, a branch of the School of Satan, and often will not notice the change until too late!

We are pleased to be able to present to you a compilation of **122 of the over 500 references** to this ESSENTIAL SUBJECT, through the labors of the late Elder William O. Berry. We urge you to study these and also go to the context and study more deeply. Your Eternal Life depends on the awareness given in these references!

***Matthew 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.***

**You must enroll in —  
THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST!**

REFERENCES ON THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST PART 1

**AA ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

1. AA368-9 "These words present before the worker for Christ a high attainment, yet this attainment ALL CAN REACH who, putting themselves under the control of the Great Teacher, learn daily in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST

The power of God's command is limitless, and the minister who in his great need shuts himself in with the Lord may be assured that he will receive that which will be to his hearers a savor of life unto life."

2. AA 524 "Trial is part of the education given in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST to purify God's children from the dross of earthliness. It is because God is leading His children that trying experiences come to them. Trials and obstacles are His chosen methods of discipline, and His appointed conditions of success."

3. AA 576, "Through trial and persecution the glory---character---of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The believers in Christ, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. On earth they walk in narrow paths; they are purified in the furnace of affliction."

**AH ADVENTIST HOME**

4. AH 319 "When we have good religion, we will have excellent meeting religion. Hold the fort at home. Concentrate your family to God, and then speak and act as a Christian. Be kind and forbearing and patient at home, knowing that you are teachers. Every mother is a teacher, and every mother should be a learner in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST that she may know how to teach, that she may give the right mold, the right form of character to her children."

**BC SDA BIBLE COMMENTARY (The only reference in all the SDABC.)**

5. 6BC 1075 "There must be a growth. Many, having learned a little in school, think they are ready to graduate. They think they know about all that is worth knowing. We are not to think that as soon as we are baptized we are ready to graduate from the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. When we have accepted Christ, and in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit have pledged ourselves to serve God, the Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit--the three dignitaries and powers of heaven--pledge themselves that every facility shall be given us if we carry out our baptismal vows to "come out from among them, and be..seperate,..and touch not the unclean thing." When we are true to our vows, He says, "I will receive you." (MS 85, 1901).

**CHILD GUIDANCE**

6. CG131 "Sacrifice Should Become Habitual.---By precept and example, teach self-denial, economy, largeheartedness, and self reliance. Everyone who has a true character will be qualified to cope with difficulties and will be prompt in following a "Thus saith the Lord." Men are not prepared to understand their obligation to God until they HAVE LEARNED IN CHRIST'S SCHOOL to wear His yoke of restraint and obedience. Sacrifice is the very beginning of our work in advancing the truth and in establishing institutions. It is an essential part of education. Sacrifice must become

habitual in all our character building in life, if we would have a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

### **CM COLPORTEUR MINISTRY**

7. \* CM31 "Learn in the School of Christ.--As students, you are ever to be LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST; You are to bring your entrusted capital of physical and mental energy into your work. God will not accept of a divided heart. There are men and women WHO SHOULD BE EDUCATING THEMSELVES for canvassers, and for Bible readers (Bible instructors).

8. \* CM35 "The knowledge of the most learned man, IF HE HAS NOT LEARNED IN CHRIST'S SCHOOL, is foolishness so far as leading souls to Christ is concerned. God can work with those only who will accept the invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30."

9. CM59-60 "Constantly Improving.---The follower of Jesus should be constantly improving in manners, in habits, in spirit, in labor. This is done by keeping the eye, not on mere outward, superficial attainments, but on Jesus. A transformation takes place in mind, in spirit, in character. The Christian is EDUCATED IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST to cherish the graces of His Spirit in all meekness and lowliness. He is fitting for the society of heavenly angels."

### **COL CHRIST OBJECT LESSONS**

10. COL125 "If the follower of Christ will believe His word and practice it, there is no science in the natural world that he will not be able to grasp and appreciate. There is nothing but that will furnish him means for imparting the truth to others. Natural science is a treasure house of knowledge which every student in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST may draw."

11. COL337-8 "All who would advocate the principles of truth need to receive the heavenly oil of love (the Holy Spirit) Under all circumstances reproof should be spoken in love. Then our words will reform but not exasperate. Christ by His Holy Spirit will supply the force and the power. This is His work...

Not one word is to be spoken unadvisedly. No evil speaking, no frivolous talk, no fretful repining or impure suggestion, will escape the lips of him who is following Christ. The apostle Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Eph. 4:29. A corrupt communication does not mean only words that are vile. It means any expression contrary to holy principles and pure and undefiled religion. It includes impure hints and covert insinuations of evil. Unless instantly resisted, these lead to great sin.

Upon every family, upon every individual Christian, is laid the duty of barring the way against corrupt speech. When in the company of those who indulge in foolish talk, it is our duty to change the subject of conversation if possible. By the help of the grace of God we should quietly drop words or introduce a subject that will turn the conversation into a profitable channel.

It is the work of parents to train their children to proper habits of speech. The very best school for this culture is the home life. From the earliest years the children should be taught to speak respectfully and lovingly to their parents and to one another. They should be taught that only words of gentleness, truth, and purity must pass their lips. LET THE PARENTS THEMSELVES BE DAILY LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST".

## **CH COUNCILS ON HEALTH**

12. CH319 "Christ gives to all the invitation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. If all will wear Christ's yoke, if all will learn IN HIS SCHOOL the lessons that He teaches, there will be sufficient means to establish gospel medical missionary work in many places."

13. \* CH355 "Christians should carry with them, wherever they go, the sweet fragrance of Christ's righteousness, showing that they are complying with the invitation, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest in your souls." Matthew 11:29, 30. Are you LEARNING DAILY IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST--learning how to dismiss doubt and evil surmisings, learning to be fair and noble in your dealings with your brethren, for your own sake and for Christ's sake?"

14. CH500 "We need, oh, so much! physicians for the soul who have been educated in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST and who can work in Christ's lines. Our work is to gain a knowledge of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life.

We are to interest the people in subjects that concern the health of the body as well as the health of the soul. Believers have a decided message to prepare the way for the kingdom of God. The great questions of Bible truth are to enter into the very heart of society, to convert and reform men and women, bringing them to see the great need for preparing for the mansions that Christ declared He would prepare for all who love Him. WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT SHALL DO ITS OFFICE WORK, HEARTS OF STONE WILL BECOME HEARTS OF FLESH, AND SATAN WILL NOT WORK THROUGH THEM TO COUNTERACT THE WORK THAT CHRIST CAME TO EARTH TO DO."

## **CSW COUNCILS TO SABBATH SCHOOL WORK**

15. CSW38 (Also found in GC599) "Many a portion of scripture which learned men pronounce a mystery, or pass over as unimportant, is full of comfort and instruction to him who has been TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. One reason why many THEOLOGIANS have no clearer understanding of God's word is, they close their eyes to truths which they do not wish to practice. An understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of the intellect brought to the search as the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness."

## **CT COUNCILS TO PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

(In connection with the below quote from CT20 read also Gal. 1:11-18 where the apostle Paul was trained for three years in the School of Christ. Jesus COULD NOT USE THE THEOLOGICAL TRAINING OF Paul, learned while sitting at the feet of finite "Arms of flesh." Neither can we.)

16. CT20 "Often the training and education of a lifetime must be discarded, that one may become a learner in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. The heart must be educated to become steadfast in God."

17. CT50-1 "The SCHOOL OF CHRIST".....In the SCHOOL OF CHRIST STUDENTS ARE NEVER GRADUATED. Among the pupils are both old and young, Those who give heed to the instructions of the DIVINE TEACHER constantly advance in wisdom, refinement, and nobility of soul, and thus they are prepared to enter the higher school where advancements will continue throughout eternity".....

"Those who become so absorbed in less important studies that they cease to learn in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST are meeting with infinite loss. They insult the divine Teacher by the rejection of the provisions of His grace,"

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18. CT65 "The teacher may understand many things in regard to the physical universe; he may know about the structure of animal life, the discoveries of natural science; the inventions of mechanical art; but he cannot be called educated, he is not fitted for his work as an instructor of the youth, unless he has in his own soul a knowledge of God and Christ. HE CANNOT BE A TRUE EDUCATOR UNTIL HE IS A LEARNER IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST RECEIVING AN EDUCATION FROM THE DIVINE INSTRUCTOR."

19. CT191 "The teachers who work in this part of the Lord's vineyard need to be self-possessed, to keep their temper and feelings under control, and in SUBJECTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. They should give evidence of having, not a one-sided experience, but a well-balanced mind, a symmetrical character. Learning daily in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST such teachers can wisely educate the children and youth. Self-cultured, self-controlled, under discipline to Christ, having a living connection with the Great Teacher, they will have an intelligent knowledge of practical religion; and keeping their own souls in the love of God, they will know how to exercise the grace and patience and Christlike forbearance. "

20. CT211 "Before he attempts to guide the youth, a teacher should learn to control himself. If he is not a constant learner in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST; if he has not the discernment and discrimination that would enable him to employ wise methods to his work; if he cannot govern those in his charge with firmness, yet pleasantly and kindly, how can he be successful in his teaching?"

21. CT265-6 "The teacher's safety lies in learning daily in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. He who learns in this school will hide himself in Jesus and will remember that as he deals with his students he is dealing with a blood-bought heritage. In this school he will learn to be patient, humble, generous, noble. The molding hand of God will bring out in the character the divine image."

22. CT372 "The temptation to be first would be quenched in the lessons daily learned in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. They would not lean so confidently to their own understanding."

23. CT373 "When teachers are willing to sit in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST and learn of the Great Teacher, they will know far less in their own estimation than they do now. When God becomes the teacher, He will be acknowledged, His name will be magnified. The students will be as were the young men in the school of the prophets, upon whom the Spirit of God came, and they prophesied."

24. CT410 "Many who are seeking the efficiency for the exalted work of God by perfecting their education in the schools of men will find that they have FAILED of learning the more important lessons. By NEGLECTING to submit themselves to the impressions of the Holy Spirit, by not living in obedience to all of God's requirements, their spiritual efficiency has been weakened; they have lost what ability they had to do successful work for the Lord. ABSENTING THEMSELVES from the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, they have forgotten the sound of the Teacher's voice, AND HE CANNOT DIRECT THEIR COURSE."

25. CT449 "The human agent must place himself as a willing student in the School of Christ. As he accepts the grace freely offered him, the presence of the Saviour in the thoughts and in the heart will give him decision of purpose to lay aside every weight, that the heart may be filled with the fullness of God."

26. CT514 "Those especially who have the ministry in view should feel the importance OF THE SCRIPTURAL METHOD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING. They should enter heartily into the work, and while they study in the schools, they should learn of the Great Teacher the meekness and humility of Christ. A convent-keeping God has promised that in answer to prayer His Spirit shall be poured out upon these LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, that they may become ministers of righteousness."

## **COUNSELS TO WRITERS**

27. CW72 "One of the greatest curses in our world (and it is seen in churches and in society everywhere) is the love of supremacy. Men become absorbed in seeking to secure power and popularity. This spirit has manifested itself in the ranks of sabbathkeepers, to our grief and shame. But spiritual success come only to those who have learned meekness and lowliness in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST."

## **DA DESIRE OF THE AGES**

28. DA330 "Learn of Me," says Jesus; "for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest." WE ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, to learn from Him meekness and lowliness. Redemption is that process by which the soul is trained for heaven. This training means a knowledge of Christ. It means emancipation from ideas, habits, and practices that have been gained in the SCHOOL OF THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS. The soul must be delivered from all that is opposed to loyalty to God."

## **Ed EDUCATION**

The below is a graphic picture of the first SCHOOL OF CHRIST taught by Jesus Himself, while still on earth.

29. ED85 "The first PUPILS OF JESUS were chosen from the ranks of the common people. They were humble, unlettered men, these fishers of Galilee; men unschooled in the learning and customs of the Rabbis, but trained by the stern discipline of toil and hardship. They were men of native ability and of teachable spirit; men who could be instructed and molded for the Saviours work. In the common walks of life there is many a toiler patiently treading the round of his daily tasks, unconscious of latent powers that, roused to action, would place him among the world's great leaders. Such were the men called by the Saviour to be His co-laborers. And they had the advantage of three years' training by the GREATEST EDUCATOR THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN."

## **EV EVANGELISM**

30. EV205 "STORIES, ANECDOTES, JESTING, AND JOKING" "An Ambassador for Christ---The minister of the gospel who is a laborer together with God, WILL LEARN DAILY IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST.....No light, trifling words will fall from his lips; for is he not an ambassador of Christ, bearing a divine message to perishing souls? All jesting and joking, all lightness and trifling is painful to the cross-bearing disciple of Christ."

## **FE FUNDAMENTALS OF EDUCATION**

31. FE101 "The young have many lessons to learn, and the most important one is to know themselves. They should have correct ideas of their obligations and duties to their parents, and SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST to be meek and lowly of heart."

32. FE116 "Let those who are competent to teach youth, STUDY THEMSELVES IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST and learn lessons to communicate to youth."

33. FE169 "The class of educators and learners who deem themselves wise, KNOW NOTHING AS THEY OUGHT TO KNOW IT. They need to learn meekness and lowliness in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST that they may esteem highly what heaven regards as excellent."

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34. FE191 "In the name of the Master I appeal to the young men and women who claim to be sons and daughters of God, to obey the word of God. I appeal to teachers in our schools to set a right example to those with whom they are associated. Those who would be qualified to mold the character of the youth, MUST BE LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, that they may be meek and lowly of heart, as was the divine Pattern."

35. FE223 "Those teachers who have not a progressive religious experience, who are not learning DAILY LESSONS in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, that they may be ensamples to the flock, but who accept their wages as the main thing, ARE NOT FIT FOR THE SOLEMN, AWFULLY SOLEMN, POSITION THEY OCCUPY .....Let the teachers who claim to be Christians be learning daily in the School of Christ His lessons."

36. FE255 "They do not realize that in order to be a savor of life unto life they must be under spiritual discipline and training, learning in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Without this spiritual discipline, they become inefficient, ignorant, and undeveloped, and see no necessity for the spiritual training and knowledge which would qualify them to hold positions of influence and usefulness."

37. FE260 "When a teacher manifests impatience or fretfulness toward a child, the fault may not be with the child one half as much as with the teacher. Teachers become tired with their work, then something the children say or do does not accord with their feelings, but will they let Satan's spirit enter into them, and lead them to create feelings in the children very unpleasant and disagreeable, through their own lack of tact and wisdom from God? There should not be a teacher employed, unless you have evidence by test and trial, that he loves, and fears to offend God. If teachers are taught of God, if their lessons are daily learned in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST they will work in Christ's lines. They will win and draw with Christ; for every child and youth is PRECIOUS."

38. FE278 " Every teacher has his own peculiar traits of character to watch lest Satan should use him as his agent to destroy souls, by his own unconsecrated traits of character. The ONLY SAFETY FOR TEACHERS IS TO LEARN DAILY IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, HIS MEEKNESS. His lowliness of heart, then self will be hid in Christ, and he will meekly wear the yoke of Christ, and consider that he is dealing with His heritage."

39. FE280 "A Christlike nature is not selfish, not unkind, and will not hurt the souls of those who are struggling with Satan's temptations. It will enter into the feelings of those who are tempted that the trials and temptations shall be so managed as to bring out the gold and consume the dross. This is the practice which God appoints to all. In this, CHRIST'S SCHOOL, all may learn their lessons daily, both teachers and pupils, to be patient, humble, generous, noble. You will all have to seek God most earnestly in prayer mingled with living faith, and the molding hand of God will bring out His own image in your character. TEMPTATIONS WILL COME, BUT NOT OVERCOME."

40. FE303-4 "Jesus says, "I call you not servants;....but I have called you friends." When you appreciate His wondrous love, love and gratitude will be in your heart as a well spring of joy.....Flattery is a part of the world's policy, but it is no part Christ's policy. Through flattery poor human beings, full of frailty and infirmities, come to think that they are efficient and worthy, and become puffed up in their fleshly mind. They become intoxicated with the idea that they possess ability beyond what they do have, and their religious experience becomes unbalanced. Unless in the providence of God they shall be turned from these deceptions, and become converted, and learn the A B C of religion in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, THEY WILL LOSE THEIR SOULS."

41. FE343 "A knowledge of the attributes of the character of Christ Jesus cannot be obtained by means of the highest education in the most scientific schools. This wisdom is learned FROM THE GREAT TEACHER ALONE. The lessons of Christlike meekness, lowliness of heart, reverence for sacred things are taught nowhere effectively EXCEPT IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Moses had been taught to expect



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flattery and praise because of his superior abilities; but now he was to learn a different lesson. As a shepherd of sheep."

42. FE352 "Many are ruining themselves physically, mentally, and morally, by overdevotion to study. They are defrauding themselves for time and eternity through practicing habits of intemperance in seeking to get an education. They are losing their desire to learn, IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, lessons of meekness and lowliness of heart. Every moment that passes is fraught with eternal results. Integrity will be the sure result of following in the way of righteousness."

(Note that the schools of men listed below means ALL SCHOOLS OF MEN-- BOTH SECULAR AND THEOLOGICAL, SDA AND ALL OTHERS. This was the problem with Paul that the Holy Spirit solved by totally re-training him in Christ's School. Paul's training in the school of theology (Rabbi's) was useless to God. See Gal 1:11-20.)

43. \* FE355 "Many are seeking efficiency for the exalted work of God BY PERFECTED THEIR EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS OF MEN, will find that they have failed of learning the more important lessons which the Lord would teach them. By neglecting to submit themselves TO THE IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, by not living in obedience to all of God's requirements, their spiritual efficiency has become weakened; they have lost what ability they had to do successful work for God. BY ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, they have forgotten the sound of the voice of the Teacher, AND HE CANNOT DIRECT THEIR COURSE.

44. FE357 "We have not a temporal millennium in which to do the work of warning the world. There is need of transformation of soul. The most effective intelligence that can be obtained will be obtained in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Understand that I say nothing in these words to denounce education, but to warn those who are in danger of carrying that which is lawful to unlawful extremes, AND OF MAKING ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH OF HUMAN EDUCATION."

45. FE361 "YOU NEED TO BE LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST TO-DAY. The Lord has power to work with His agents. You are loading down POOR FINITE MEN WITH WEIGHTY ADVANTAGES to do a large work, when they will have NO OPPORTUNITY OR CALL to use a large share of the burden of studies that they have undertaken to master."

46. FE381 "Those who are preparing for the heavenly abodes should be recommended to make the Bible their chief book of study."

"These popular authors have not pointed out to the students the way that leads to eternal life. "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." The authors of books current in our schools are recommended and exalted as learned men; their education is in every way deficient, unless they themselves have been educated in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST and by practical knowledge bear witness to the world of God as the most essential study for children and youth."

47. FE397 "God holds teachers responsible for their work as educators. They must learn daily in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST in order to uplift the youth who have a lax training at home, and who have not formed studious habits, who have little knowledge of the future immortal life, for which the highest price was paid by God of heaven in giving His only begotten Son to live a life of humiliation and die a most shameful death, "that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

48. FE450 "The unfolding of God, as represented in Jesus Christ, furnishes a theme that is grand to contemplate, and that will, if studied, sharpen the mind, and elevate and enable the faculties. As the human learns these lessons in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, trying to become as Christ was, meek and lowly

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of heart, he will learn the most useful of all lessons,----that intellect is supreme only as it is sanctified by a living CONNECTION WITH GOD."

49. FE520 "It is the privilege of all who bear responsibility in the work of the gospel to be apt learners in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. The professed follower of Christ must not be led by the dictates of his own will; his mind must be trained to think Christ's thoughts, and enlightened to comprehend the will and way of God. Such a believer will be a follower of Christ's methods of work."

50. FE525 "Every teacher should be a daily learner in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, lest he lose the sense of what constitutes true physical, mental, and moral excellence. No one should place himself as a teacher of others WHO IS NOT CONSTANTLY WORKING OUT HIS OWN SALVATION BY RECEIVING AN ALL- ROUND EDUCATION."

51. FE543-4 "THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE IN THE SCHOOLS OF EARTH SHOULD REMEMBER THAT ANOTHER SCHOOL ALSO CLAIMS THEM AS STUDENTS,-----THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. FROM THIS SCHOOL THE STUDENTS ARE NEVER GRADUATED." "Those who become so absorbed in less important studies that they cease to learn in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, ARE MEETING WITH INFINITE LOSS."

"Let the Truth Cut"

Spiritual Gifts Vol. 2, page284-5. "Preachers should have NO SCRUPLES to reach that truth as it is found in God's word. LET THE TRUTH CUT. I have been shown that why ministers have not had more success, THEY ARE AFRAID OF HURTING FEELINGS, FEARFUL OF NOT BEING COURTEOUS, and they lower the standard of truth, and conceal if possible the peculiarity of our faith. I saw that God COULD NOT MAKE SUCH SUCCESSFUL. The truth MUST BE POINTED, and the necessity of a decision urged. And as false shepherds are crying, peace, and are PREACHING SMOOTH THINGS, THE SERVANTS OF GOD MUST CRY LOUD, AND SPARE NOT, AND LEAVE THE RESULTS WITH GOD,"

compiled by the Late:

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## REFERENCES ON THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST PART 2

### GC GREAT CONTROVERSY

52. GC257-258 The differences between Whitefield and the Wesleys threatened at one time to create alienation; but as they learned meekness IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, mutual forbearance and charity reconciled them. They had no time to dispute, while error and iniquity were teeming everywhere and sinners were going down to ruin.

52A. GC456 "The reason why He does not oftener choose MEN OF LEARNING AND HIGH POSITION to lead out in reform movements is that they TRUST TO THEIR OWN CREEDS, THEORIES, AND THEOLOGICAL SYSTEMS, AND FEEL NO NEED TO BE TAUGHT OF GOD. Only those who have a personal connection with the SOURCE OF WISDOM are able to understand or explain the scriptures. Men who have little of the learning of the schools are sometimes called to declare the truth, not because they are unlearned, but BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TOO SELF-SUFFICIENT TO BE TAUGHT OF GOD. They learn in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, and their HUMILITY AND OBEDIENCE MAKE THEM GREAT. In committing to

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them a knowledge of His truth, God confers upon them AN HONOR, in comparison with which earthly honor and human greatness sink into insignificance."

53. GC599 "Many a portion of Scripture which learned men pronounce a mystery, or pass over as unimportant, is full of comfort and instruction to him who has been taught in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. One reason why many theologians have no clearer understanding of God's word is, THEY CLOSE THEIR EYES TO TRUTHS WHICH THEY DO NOT WISH TO PRACTICE. An understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of intellect brought to the search as on the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness."

### **GW GOSPEL WORKERS.**

NOTE IN GW25 THAT THE APOSTLES THEMSELVES WERE TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST.

54. GW25 " There are lessons for us to learn from the experience of the apostles. These men were as true as steel to principle. These were men who would not fail nor be discouraged. They were full of reverence and zeal for God, full of noble purposes and aspirations. They were by nature as weak and helpless as any of those now engaged in the work, but they put their whole trust in the Lord. Wealth they had, but it consisted of mind and soul culture; and this everyone may have who will make God first and best in everything. THEY TOILED LONG TO LEARN THE LESSONS GIVEN THEM IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, AND THEY DID NOT TOIL IN VAIN."

55. GW60 "These words present before the worker for Christ a high standard of attainment, yet this standard all can reach who, putting themselves under the control of the Great Teacher, learn daily in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, The power at God's command is limitless; and the minister who in his great need shuts himself in with the Lord, may be assured that he will receive that which will be to his hearers a savor of life unto life."

56. GW81 "Those especially who have the ministry in view, should feel the importance of the SCRIPTURAL METHOD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING. They should enter heartily into the work, and while they study in the schools, they should learn of the great Teacher the meekness and the humility of Christ. A covenant -keeping God has promised that in answer to prayer His Spirit shall be poured out upon those learners IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, that they may become ministers of righteousness."

57. GW144 "The characters of many who profess godliness are imperfect and one-sided. These show that as pupils in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST they have learned their lessons very imperfectly. Some have learned to imitate Christ in meekness, do not show His diligence in doing good, Others are active and zealous, but they are boastful; they have never learned humility. Still others leave Christ out of their work."

57A. GW178 May God teach His people how to pray. Let the teachers in our schools and the ministers in our churches, learn daily IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Then they will pray with earnestness, and their requests will be heard and answered. Then THE WORD WILL BE PROCLAIMED WITH POWER.

58. GW279 "Having entered the SCHOOL OF CHRIST the student is prepared to engage in the pursuit of knowledge without becoming dizzy from the height to which he is climbing. As he goes on from truth to truth, obtaining cleared and brighter views of the wonderful laws of science and of nature, he becomes enraptured with the amazing exhibitions of God's love to man."

59. GW283 "The follower of Jesus should be constantly improving in manners, in habits, in spirit, in labor. This is done by keeping the eye, not on mere outward superficial attainments, but on Jesus. A transformation takes place in mind, in spirit, in character. The Christian is educated in the SCHOOL OF

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CHRIST to cherish the graces of His Spirit in all meekness and lowliness. He is fitting for the society of heavenly angels."

60. GW301 "No matter by whom light is sent, we should open our hearts receive it with the meekness of Christ. BUT MANY DO NOT DO THIS. WHEN A CONTROVERTED POINT IS PRESENTED, THEY POUR IN QUESTION AFTER QUESTION, WITHOUT ADMITTING A POINT WHEN IT IS WELL SUSTAINED. O may we act as men who want light! May God give us HIS HOLY SPIRIT day by day, and let the light of His countenance shine upon us, THAT WE MAY BE LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST."

60A. GW326-327 The proprieties essential for Christian life must be LEARNED DAILY IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. He who is careless and heedless in uttering words or in writing words for publication to be sent broadcast into the world, sending forth expressions that can never be taken back, is disqualifying himself to be entrusted with the sacred work that devolves upon Christ's followers at this time.

61. GW417 "Brethren, you will have to wrestle with difficulties, carry burdens, give advice, plan and execute, constantly looking to God for help. Pray and labor, labor and pray; as pupils in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, learn of Jesus."

62. GW446-7 "There are always a few who think, when their brethren are pulling forward, that it is their duty to pull back. They object to everything that is proposed and make war on every plan that they have not themselves originated. Here is an opportunity, for persons to develop inordinate self-conscience. They have never LEARNED IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST the precious and all-important lesson of becoming meek and lowly. THERE IS NOTHING HARDER FOR THOSE WHO POSSESS A STRONG WILL THAN TO GIVE UP THEIR OWN WAY, AND SUBMIT TO THE JUDGMENT OF OTHERS. It is difficult for such to become teachable, gentle, and easy to be entreated."

63. GW453 "The Lord has a work for women as well as men to do. They may accomplish good work for God if they will learn first in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST the precious, all important lesson of meekness. They must not only bear the name of Christ, but possess His Spirit. They must walk even as He walked, purifying their own souls from everything that defiles. Then they will be able to benefit others by presenting the all-sufficiency of Jesus." (See also 5T 117.)

### **THE MOUNT OF BLESSINGS**

64. MB31 "Through trials and persecution, the glory-character-of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The church of God, hated and persecuted by the world, ARE EDUCATED AND DISCIPLINED IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. They walk in narrow paths on earth; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial and experience bitter disappointments; but their painful experience teaches them the guilt and the woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence."

#### **MM MEDICAL MINISTRY**

65. MM35 "November 23, 1879, some things were shown to me in reference to the institutions among us, and the duties and dangers of those who occupy a leading position in connection with them. I saw that Dr.-----had been raised up to do a special work as God's instrument, to be led, guided, and CONTROLLED BY HIS SPIRIT. He is to answer the claims of God, and never to feel that he is his own property, and that he can employ his powers as he shall deem most profitable to himself. Although it is his purpose to be and to do right, yet he will most surely err, UNLESS HE IS A CONSTANT LEARNER IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. His only safety is in humbly walking with God."

66. MM150 "Who has endowed the physician with reason and intelligence? He who is the truth and the life. He applies the balm of Gilead. He is the great restorer. He is the one who has repeatedly

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vanquished death, and who grants eternal life,---God over all. IF THE PHYSICIAN HAS LEARNED IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, he will, while ministering to the diseased bodies, watch for souls as one that MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT."

67. MM200 "The religion of Jesus Christ never degrades; it never makes men an women course and rough. Incorrect speech, wrong habit, must be overcome. God would have every man correct in speech, in habits, possessing knowledge that will give him a standing place among men. I present this matter as the Lord has presented it to me. Let us determine to PUT OURSELVES TO THE TASK OF LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST."

68. MM293 "More workers are needed, that some of the burdens may be removed from some of those who are now so heavenly loaded down. The Lord wants those who have gained an experience in His service to be educators. WE ARE TO BE LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, that we may teach others, and that we may plan wisely for the carrying forward of God's work."

### **MYP MESSAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE**

69. MYP34 "In our day we have increased light to improve, as in times past men and women of noble worth improved the light that God gave them. THEY TOILED LONG TO LEARN THE LESSONS GIVEN THEM IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST and they did not toil in vain. Their persevering efforts were rewarded."

70. MYP171 "Those who are seeking to acquire knowledge in the schools of earth should remember that another school also claims them as students--- THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. From this school the students are never graduated. Among the pupils are both old and young. Those who give heed to the instructions of the divine Teacher are constantly gaining more knowledge and nobility of soul, and thus they are prepared to enter that higher school, where advancement will continue through ETERNITY.

71. MYP172 "It is in this world, amid its trials and temptations, that we are to gain a fitness for the society of the pure and holy angels. Those who have become so absorbed in less important studies that they cease to learn in the SCHOOL OF JESUS, ARE MEETING WITH INFINITE LOSS."

### **ML MY LIFE TODAY**

72. ML96 "Every moment of our lives is intensely real, and charged with solemn responsibilities. Ignorance will be no excuse for lack of spiritual understanding and attainment; for we are exhorted to add virtue, knowledge....The uncultured fishermen became men of refinement and ability; and the lessons that they were privileged to learn are written for our admonition and instruction. We are invited to become LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. We need to acquire all the knowledge possible."

### **MOUNT OF BLESSINGS**

73. MB31. "Through trials and persecution, the glory--character--of God is revealed in His chosen ones. The church of God, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST. They walk in narrow paths on earth; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial and experience bitter disappointments; but their painful experience teaches them the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence. Being partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are destined to be partakers of His glory."

## **SL THE SANCTIFIED LIFE**

74. SL15 "Meekness in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST is one of the marked FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT. It is a grace wrought by the HOLY SPIRIT AS A SANCTIFIER, and enables its possessor at all times to control a rash and impetuous temper. When the grace of meekness is cherished by those who are naturally sour or hasty in disposition, they will put forth the most earnest efforts to subdue their unhappy temper. Every day they will gain control, until that which is unlovely and unlike Jesus is conquered. They become assimilated to the Divine pattern, until they can obey the inspired injunction, "Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 1:19)"

## **SM SELECTED MESSAGES**

(Note below. If you are not enrolled in the School of Christ, YOU HAVE NEITHER THE DIVINE MOLD NOR ARE NOT YOU FIT TO TEACH.)

75. 1SM412 "You must have the divine mold before you can discern the sacred claims of the truth. Unless the teacher is a learner in the SCHOOL OF JESUS, HE IS NOT FITTED TO TEACH OTHERS."

## **SD SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD**

76. SD72 "We are not to cultivate the language of the earthy, and be so familiar with the conversations of men, that the language of Canaan will be new and unfamiliar to us, We are to LEARN IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST; yet it is manifest that many are satisfied with very limited experience in spiritual things, for they reveal but little knowledge of spiritual things and testimonies. There is less good judgment manifested in matters concerning our eternal interests, than in matters concerning our earthly, temporal affairs."

"Christians are to be faithful students in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, ever learning more of heaven, more of the words of God; more of the truth and how to use faithfully the knowledge that they have gained."

77. SD73 "Flattery is an art by which Satan lieth in wait and to puff up the human agent with high thoughts of himself.... flattery has been the food upon which many of our youth have been nourished; and those who have praised and flattered have supposed that they were doing right; but they were doing wrong. Praise, flattery, and indulgence have done more toward leading precious souls into false paths, than any other art that Satan has devised. Flattery is a part of the world's policy, but it is no part of Christ's policy. Through flattery poor human beings, full of flattery and infirmities, come to think that they are efficient and worthy, being puffed up in their fleshy mind. They became intoxicated with the idea that they possess ability beyond what they do have, and their religious experience becomes unbalanced. Unless in the providence of God they shall be turned from these deceptions, and become converted, and learn the A-B-C of religion IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, THEY WILL LOSE THEIR SOULS."

78. SD74 " The church of God, hated and persecuted by the world, are educated and disciplined in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. They walk in narrow paths on earth; they are purified in the furnace of affliction. They follow Christ through sore conflicts; they endure self-denial, and experience bitter disappointments; But their painful experience teaches them the guilt and woe of sin, and they look upon it with abhorrence. Being partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are destined to be partakers of His glory."

79. SD75 "Natural science is God's storehouse from which every student in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST may draw. The ways of God in natural philosophy, and the mysteries connected with His dealings with man, are a treasury from which all may draw."

80. SD76 "If you are willing to learn meekness and lowliness of heart in CHRIST'S SCHOOL, He will surely give you rest and peace. It is a terrible hard struggle to give up your own will and your own

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way. But this lesson learned, you will find rest and peace. Pride, selfishness, and ambition, must be overcome; your will must be swallowed up in the will of Christ."

81. SD78 "The youth of to-day may be educated for the fulfillment of high and holy purposes.....They are pupils in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, learning from day to day lessons of the divine Master."

"It is in youth that the afflictions are most ardent, the memory most retentive, and the heart most susceptible to divine impressions; and it is during youth that the mental and physical powers should be set to the task in order that great improvements may be made in view of the world that now is, and that which is to come."

"The amount of valuable knowledge that can be acquired by young men and women can hardly be estimated; but to reach a high standard, they must close the door to the debasing thoughts that Satan would thrust into the mind, and refuse to yield to his temptations."

82. SD79 "Aim to be faithful students in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, learning to conform your life to the divine Pattern. Set your faces heavenward, and press toward the mark for the prize of your high calling in Christ Jesus. Run the Christian race with patience, and rise superior to every temptation, however grievous it may be, that shall come to you. Resist the Devil, and he shall flee from you."

83. SD82 "You will have to learn the important lesson of what it is to be a man in the sight of God. It is to be like Jesus, meek and lowly of heart to guard the interests of others more sacredly than you would your own....It should be carried out in your daily life and practice, showing that you have not been playing truant or a dull scholar in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST."

84. SD85 "He who deservedly bears the name of Christian, which signifies Christlike, will be filled with piety and purity, with love and reverence for God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent; and his spirit, his words, his actions, will all bear the impress of Heaven. Others will see that he has been with Jesus and learned of Him. His prayers will be simple and fervent, and will ascend to God on the wings of faith. LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, he will have a humble opinion of himself; and though he may be poor in this world's goods, he may be rich in the graces of God's Spirit, and bless and enrich others by his spirit and influence, because Christ is in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

85. SD88 "The lives of some are without peace or gladness because they never get out of the range of self. They are ever reaching out for sympathy from others. If they would go to work to see how helpful they could be, and would speak words of love and courage, their souls, now dry and sorrowful, would become like a watered garden."

"You must learn in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST precious lessons of patience. Do not become discouraged, but keep at the work in all humility. It will drive you to Jesus; it will lead you to study the Pattern. You want to work as Jesus worked."

86. SD89 "All have daily lessons to learn in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, and a daily experience to gain, that they may understand their duty as His children."

87. SD90 "The religion of Jesus Christ means progress; it means to be ever reaching upward to a holier and higher standard. The Christian whose heart has been touched with the beauty of Christ's character, is to put in practice that which he learns in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. We must be apt pupils in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, readily learning that which He teaches us from day to day."

88. SD91 "The watch-care of Christ for Peter was the cause of his restoration. Satan could do nothing against the all-powerful intercession of Christ. And the prayer that Christ offered for Peter He offers in behalf of all who are humble and contrite in heart...Peter sinned against light and knowledge, and

against great and exalted privileges. It was self confidence that caused him to fail, and it is this same evil that is now working in human hearts. It may be our purpose to be right and to do right, but we shall most surely err unless we are constant learners in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Our only safety is in walking humbly with God."

### **TESTIMONIES TO MINISTERS**

89. \* TM169 "Those who do not work every day in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, who do not spend much time in earnest prayer, ARE NOT FIT TO HANDLE THE WORK OF GOD IN ANY OF ITS BRANCHES; for if they do, human depravity will surely overcome them, and they will lift up their souls unto VANITY. Those who become workers with Jesus Christ, and who have spirituality to discern spiritual things, will feel the need of virtue and of wisdom from heaven in handling His work. There are some who neither burn or shine, yet are contented. They are in a wretchedly cold and indifferent condition, and a large number who know the truth manifestly neglect duty, FOR WHICH THE LORD WILL HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE."

(Note in the last paragraph of TM313 below, the warning about Satan. "THE TEMPTER AIMS TO LEAD MEN ASTRAY BY PERSUADING THEM TO CEASE LOOKING TO JESUS FOR STRENGTH AND EFFICIENCY, AND TO MAKE FLESH THEIR ARM." An "arm of flesh" means any finite human, whether a theologian or not.)

90. TM313. "THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST." "Teaching the Scriptures, praying in families--this is the work of an evangelist, and this work is to be mingled with your preaching. If it is omitted, preaching will be, to a great extent, a FAILURE. You need to be jealous of yourself. You and your wife need to come close to the people by personal effort. Teach them that the love of God must come into the inner sanctuary of the human home. If you so desire, YOU MAY HAVE THE INDWELLING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP IN YOUR WORK."

"We are carrying the last message of mercy to a perishing world, and God calls us to bring freshness and power into our work. WE CAN DO THIS ONLY BY THE AID OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Hereditary tendencies and wrong habits must be disciplined and oft crucified. Humble yourself under the hand of God, FOR YOUR WAYS ARE NOT GOD'S WAYS, and you both have much to learn in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST."

"Last night these words of instruction were spoken to you: "Counsel with your brethren. Your plans need the careful consideration of other minds."

WARNINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN REGARD TO DEPENDING UPON MEN AND TRUSTING IN THEIR WISDOM. THE TEMPTER AIMS TO LEAD MEN ASTRAY BY PERSUADING THEM TO CEASE LOOKING TO JESUS FOR STRENGTH AND EFFICIENCY, AND TO MAKE FLESH THEIR ARM. This has been done in many cases. Satan has laid his trap to catch men and win them TO HIS SIDE by trying to prevail upon them to DEPEND UPON THEIR FINITE ERRING FELLOW MEN."

### **3T TESTIMONIES**

91. 3T529 "J and K lack sympathy and love for those outside of their own families. They are in danger of watching to see defects in others, while greater evils exist undiscerned in themselves. If these dear souls ever enter Heaven, they must die to self, and obtain an experience in well doing. THEY HAVE LESSONS TO LEARN IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST in order to perfect Christian characters and have a oneness with Christ."



#### **4T TESTIMONIES**

92. 4T116 "Religion must go hand in hand with science, in order to make your education a sanctified means of doing good and turning others to the truth. THE MORE WE LEARN IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, the more eager we are to advance in that knowledge. All of our acquirements are of little value unless the character is ennobled by religion."

93. 4T273 "I tried to impress them that a life of purity and prayer would not be a hindrance to them in obtaining a thorough knowledge of the sciences, but that it would remove many hindrances to their progress in knowledge. By becoming with the Saviour, THEY ARE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST; and if they are diligent students in this school, vice and immorality will be expelled from the midst of them."

94. 4T367 "We must be learners IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. We cannot imitate His example unless we are pleasing in disposition and condescending in deportment. True Christian politeness should be cultivated. No one else can lessen our influence as we ourselves can lessen it through the indulgence of uncontrollable TEMPER. A naturally petulant man does not know true happiness, and is seldom content."

95. 4T413-4 "Having entered the SCHOOL OF CHRIST the student is prepared to engage in the pursuit of knowledge without becoming dizzy from the height to which he is climbing. As he goes on from truth to truth, obtaining clearer and brighter views of the wonderful laws of science and of nature, he becomes enraptured with the amazing exhibitions of God's love to man."

96. 4T527 "Said Jesus to His disciples, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart." I would plead with those who have accepted the position of teachers, to first become humble learners and ever remain as pupils in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, to receive from the master lessons of meekness and lowliness of heart. Humility of spirit, combined with earnest activity, will result in the salvation of souls so dearly purchased by the blood of Christ."

#### **5T TESTIMONIES**

97. 5T91 "Some of the teachers in the college have failed to realize the responsibility of their position. THEY HAVE NOT THEMSELVES BEEN LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, AND HENCE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PREPARED TO INSTRUCT OTHERS."

98. 5T303 "The church in-----is standing on Satan's enchanted ground, and there is necessity for a thorough conversion. INDIVIDUAL EFFORT IS NEEDED. The rich promises of the Bible are for those who take up their cross and deny self daily. Everyone who has a sincere desire to BE A LEARNER IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST will cultivate spiritual-mindedness and will avail himself of every means of grace, but in this church opportunities and privileges have been slighted."

99. 5T334 "Do not seek to exalt self, but LEARN IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST meekness and lowliness of heart."

100. 5T335 "O my brother, my sister, educate yourselves IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Let the spirit of conversation cease home and in the church. Let your hearts be drawn out in love for the people of God. Hearts that are filled with the love of Christ can never get far apart."

101. 5T344 "We are in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST in this life, where we are to learn to be meek and lowly of heart; and in the day of final accounts we shall see that all the obstacles we meet, all the hardships and annoyances that we were called to bear, are practical lessons in the application of principles of

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Christian life. If well endured, they develop the Christlike in the character and distinguish the Christian from the worldling."

102. 5T390 "A covenant-keeping God has promised that in answer to prayer His Spirit shall be poured out upon those LEARNERS IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, THAT THEY MAY BECOME MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."

103. 5T487 "Are you keeping before your mind's eye brilliant prospects of worldly success, whereby you may obtain self-gratification and financial gain? If so you will BE BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED. But if you seek to live a pure and holy life, TO LEARN DAILY IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST the lessons that He has invited you to learn, to be meek and lowly in heart, then you have a peace which no worldly circumstances can change."

(Below is the only way anyone can be SEALED BY GOD, by being in the School of Christ.)

104. 5T502 "The Lord has blessed you, but how little have you appreciated His loving kindness! How little praise has He received from your lips! You may do a good work for the Master, but not with your ideas as supreme. You must learn in the School of Christ, else you can never be qualified to enter the high grade, RECEIVE THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD, enter in through the gates into the city of God, and be crowned with glory, honor, and immortality."

105. 5T559 "BOARD MEETINGS" "Those who compose our councils need to sit daily at the FEET OF CHRIST IN HIS SCHOOL TO BE MEEK AND LOWLY OF HEART. As they are only weak and erring men themselves, they should cherish feelings of kindness and pity for others who may have erred. They are not prepared to deal justly, to love mercy, and to exercise the true courtesy which characterized the life of Christ, unless they see the NECESSITY OF BEING IN UNION WITH HIM."

106. 5T568 "Dear Brother and Sister L: My heart is burdened on your account. What you need is the converting grace of God in your heart. You need the spirit of Jesus. You should learn meekness and lowliness of heart IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. You do not feel your need of deep, inward piety, and on this account you are BEING SELF-DECEIVED....We need that spirit which will show to others that we have been LEARNING IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST and that we copy the pattern given us. We want a heart that is not lifted up into vanity, a mind not settled on self."

107. 5T571 "Talk less, and let true inward piety shine forth in good works. Be kind; cultivate love and gentleness. Pray more: read your Bibles more. Be diligent students IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Then the members of the church will not be finding fault with your brethren and sisters; THIS IS SATAN'S WORK."

108. 5T578 "The trial of faith is more precious than gold. All SHOULD LEARN THAT THIS IS A PART OF THE DISCIPLINE IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, which is essential to purify and refine them from the dross of earthliness. They must endure with fortitude the taunts and attacks of enemies, and overcome all obstacles that Satan may place in their path to hedge up the way. He will try to lead them to neglect prayer and to discourage them in the study of the Scriptures, and he will throw his hateful shadow athwart their path to hide Christ and the heavenly attractions from their view."

### **6T TESTIMONIES**

109. 6T117 "The Lord has a work for WOMEN as well as men to do. They may accomplish a good work for God if they first learn in THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST the precious, all-important lesson of meekness. They must not only bear the name of Christ, but possess His Spirit. They must walk even as He walked, purifying their souls from everything that defiles. Then they will be able to benefit others by presenting the all-sufficiency of Jesus,"

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110. 6T148 "As the purchase of the Son of God, we are His property, and every one should have an education IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Both teachers and pupils are to make diligent work for eternity. The end of things is at hand. There is need now of men armed and equipped to battle for God."

111. 6T183-4 "The living principles of the word of God need to be brought into the lives of many who now find no room for these principles. Those who are learning in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST will count every favor from God as too good for them. They will realize that they do not deserve all the good things they receive, and they will count themselves happy. Their faces will express peace and rest in the Lord, for they have the word of God that He cares for them."

112. 6T201 "There will be clouds and darkness, storms and tempests, prejudice to meet from parents who have incorrect ideas of the characters which their children should form; for there are many who claim to believe the Bible, while they fail to bring its principles into the home life. But if the teachers are constant learners in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, these circumstances will never conquer them."

113. 6T214 "Men are not prepared to understand their obligation to God until they have LEARNED IN CHRIST'S SCHOOL TO WEAR HIS YOKE OF RESTRAINT AND OBEDIENCE. Sacrifice is the beginning of our work in advancing the truth and establishing institutes."

114. 6T318 "The knowledge of the most learned man, IF HE HAS NOT LEARNED IN CHRIST'S SCHOOL is foolishness as far as leading souls to Christ is concerned. God can work with those only who will accept the invitation. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

115. 6T397 "Men become absorbed in seeking to secure power and popularity. This spirit has manifested itself in the ranks of Sabbath-keepers, to our grief and shame. But spiritual success comes only to those who have learned meekness and lowliness in the THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST."

### **8T TESTIMONIES**

116. 8T124 "This is the experience that every one of us must have if we ever will dwell with Christ in the mansions that He has gone to prepare for us. You have lessons of the highest value to LEARN IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, lessons that will lead you to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

117. 8T125-6 "None too highly does Paul estimate the privileges and advantages of the Christian life. I speak with no hesitancy about this matter, for I know for myself that what he says is true.....One of the lessons that we are to learn IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST is that the Lord's love for us is far greater than that of our earthly parents."

118. 8T195 "Christians should carry with them, wherever they go the sweet fragrance of Christ's righteousness, showing that they are complying with the invitation: "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matthew 11:29. Are you LEARNING DAILY IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST---learning how to dismiss doubt and evil surmisings, learning how to be fair and noble in your dealings with your brethren, for your own sake, and for Christ's sake?"

119. 8T314 "There are hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil that must be overcome. Often the training and education of a lifetime must be discarded, that one may become A LEARNER IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST. Our hearts must be educated to become steadfast in God. We are to form habits of thought that will enable us to resist temptation."

120. 8T325 "To the really wise, scientific research opens vast fields of thought and information. The ways of God are revealed in the natural world and in His dealings with man constitute a treasury from which every student IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST may draw."

### **THE UPWARD LOOK**

121. UL361. "If you will become a LEARNER IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST, submit your will to Him, and come under His discipline, you will be able to walk in His ways; and by living in constant connection with Jesus, you will be a channel of light to others. You and I.....need to feel our entire dependence upon God, for His grace and His guidance. God wants you to come into sympathy and harmony with His plans. Submission to the authority of Christ, which forms an essential qualification in his disciples, is not only opposed to the pride which feels hurt when advised and counseled, but those who have it will choose to be subject one to another." (Letter 48, Dec. 13, 1888, to David H. Lamson, a conference evangelist and administrator.)

### **THE 1888 MATERIALS**

122. Ellen G. White, The 1888 Materials, 439-446. (Copied from "Our Firm Foundation" magazine, Vol. 10, No. 5, May 1995. page 29, Col.1, Para. 3.)

"The Lord looks with disfavor upon those who would please men of the world, while at the same time they accuse those who whom God is using, and manifest a satanic disrespect toward those whom they should highly regard. The tenderness of spirit, the kindness, the courtesy, the refinement of feeling, that characterizes those who are learning in the SCHOOL OF CHRIST, are passed out of the heart and life of many WHO THINK THAT GOD IS USING THEM. The True Witness says, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Revelation 2:4-5."

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## **Now let's look at THE OTHER SCHOOL: THE SCHOOL OF SATAN:**

***We have seen that enrolling in the School of Christ is not an option for any who want to be saved. But there is another scary fact—we don't have to ENROLL in Satan's School—if we FAIL to enroll in The School of Christ, we remain in Satan's school. We are by default in Satan's School whether we know it or not!***

But I will address these lines to those who have had light, those who have had privileges, those who have had warnings and entreaties, who have made no determined effort to yield themselves in full surrender to God. I would warn you to fear lest you sin against the Holy Ghost, and be left to your own course, sunk in moral lethargy, and never obtain forgiveness. Why allow yourselves to be longer **educated in the school of Satan**, and pursue a course of action that will make repentance and reformation impossible? Why resist the overtures of mercy? Why say, "Let me alone," until God shall be

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compelled to give you your desire, since you will have it so? Those who resist the Spirit of God think that they will repent at some future day, when they get ready to take a decided step toward reformation; but repentance will then be beyond their power. According to the light and privileges given will be the darkness of those who refuse to walk in the light while they have the light. {RH, June 29, 1897 par. 8}

Tell them to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. Place His Word before them. There will be those who will misinterpret and misrepresent. Their eyes have been blinded, and they set forth the figures and interpretations that Satan has worked out for them, and an entirely wrong meaning will be placed upon the words that Sister White has spoken. Satan is just as verily claiming to be Christ's child as did Judas, who was on the accusing side. **They have educated themselves in Satan's school of misstating.** A description of them is given in the third chapter of Zechariah. Nothing in the world is so dear to God as His church. Satan has worked upon human minds, and will continue to betray sacred trust in a spurious way. {1SM 57.3}

It is a fearful thing for those who profess to be children of God, to cross the line of demarkation that should separate the church from the world. Such are Satan's most effective agents. He works through them with decision, zeal, and persistency, to devise and execute such enormities against those who are true to God, as the common sinner would seem incapable of. The very light they have slighted makes their darkness tenfold greater than it otherwise would be. When men refuse to accept the light which God in mercy sends them, they know not where they are going. They take only one step at a time away from the right path; but these successive steps lead directly to perdition. They place themselves on Satan's ground, and his spirit controls them. They cannot perceive the great change in themselves. None are transformed at once; **but they enter Satan's school instead of the school of Christ,** and the great deceiver educates them to do his work. {LP 233.3}

The Holy Spirit does not work with men who love to be sharp and critical. That spirit has been cherished in meeting debaters, and some have formed the habit of squaring for combat. God is dishonored in this. Keep back the sharp thrusts; **do not learn in Satan's school his methods of warfare.** The Holy Spirit does not inspire the words of censure. A time of trouble is before us, and every honest soul who has not had the light of truth will then take a stand for Christ. Those who believe the truth are to be newly converted every day. Then they will be vessels unto honor. {TM 248.2}