

Victory over Sin

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore perfect, even as
your Father which is in heaven is
perfect.

2 Timothy 3:1–5

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Hebrews 13:20–21

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Men hate the sinner, while they love the sin.

Christ hates the sin, but loves the sinner.

This will be the spirit of all who follow Him.

Christian love is slow to censure, quick to discern penitence, ready to forgive, to encourage, to set the wanderer in the path of holiness, and to stay his feet therein.

(Desire of Ages, p. 462.4)

Hebrews 11:24–25

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

(Ellen White, *Counsels to parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 21.2)

If students are led to understand that the object of their creation is to honor God and to bless their fellow men; if they recognize the tender love which the Father in heaven has manifested toward them, and the high destiny for which the discipline of this life is to prepare them,—the dignity and honor of becoming the sons of God,—thousands will turn from the low and selfish aims and the frivolous pleasures which have hitherto engrossed them.

They will learn to hate sin and to shun it, not merely for hope of reward or from fear of punishment, but from a sense of its inherent baseness—because it is degrading to their God-given powers, a stain upon their manhood.

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We have the example of Adam and Eve before us, and the result of their transgression should lead every soul of us to avoid sin, to abhor sin, as the hateful thing it is, and to feel, in view of the sufferings which sin is sure to inflict, that it is better to suffer loss of all things than to depart from the least of God's commandments.
(Letters and Manuscripts, Lt 14, 1885, par. 3)

The transgression of the law is sin, and the true believer in Christ will cease to sin. He will abhor sin, which caused so great sufferings to his Redeemer. (*Letters and Manuscripts, Ms 28, 1885, par. 6*)

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Isaiah 14:12–14

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Psalm 90:8

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, Our
secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

Psalm 139:12

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; But the night shineth as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Jeremiah 16:17

For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you
and your God, And your sins have hid his face
from you, that he will not hear.

1. Materialism
2. Pride
3. Self-centeredness
4. Laziness
5. (Tie) Anger/Bitterness
5. (Tie) Sexual lust
7. Envy
8. Gluttony
9. Lying

81% of the people surveyed said;
temptations were more potent when they
had neglected their time with God and
when they were physically tired.

57 % - resisting temptation was
accomplished by prayer.

84 % - avoiding compromising situations helped them resist sin.

76 % - Bible study was their answer.

66 % - being accountable to someone was helpful.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

“Where once was written only the character of God, the knowledge of good, was now written also the character of Satan, the knowledge of evil. From nature, which now revealed the knowledge of good and evil, man was continually to receive warning as to the results of sin.” (Ellen White, *Child Guidance*, p. 46.1)

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amos 5:15

Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: It may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:10

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you,
that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an
advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous:

Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; That put darkness for light, and light for darkness; That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Matthew 12:35

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart
bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out
of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Ephesians 4:27

Neither give place to the devil.

If one sin is cherished in the soul, or one wrong practice retained in the life, the whole being is contaminated. The man becomes an instrument of unrighteousness.

(Ellen White, *Desire of Ages*, p. 313.1)

James 2:10

For whosoever shall keep the whole law,
and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father
which is in heaven is perfect.

2 Timothy 3:17

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly
furnished unto all good works.

James 1:4

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting (lacking) nothing.

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

(Education p. 57 paragraphs 3 and 4)

The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature—the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man. (*Education* p. 57 paragraphs 3 and 4)

Isaiah 64:6

But we are all as an unclean thing, And all our
righteousnesses are as filthy rags; And we all do
fade as a leaf; And our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away.

Christ's Object Lessons, p. 210.1

Self-righteousness not only leads men to misrepresent God, but makes them coldhearted and critical toward their brethren.

(Ellen White, *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 52.5)

If men are willing to be molded, there will be brought about a sanctification of the whole being. The Spirit will take the things of God and stamp them on the soul. By His power the way of life will be made so plain that none need err therein.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

He desires to restore you to Himself, to see His own purity and holiness reflected in you. And if you will but yield yourself to Him, He that hath begun a good work in you will carry it forward to the day of Jesus Christ. Pray more fervently; believe more fully. As we come to distrust our own power, let us trust the power of our Redeemer, and we shall praise Him who is the health of our countenance.

(Ellen White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 64.1)

Prayer is heaven's ordained means of success in the conflict with sin and the development of Christian character. The divine influences that come in answer to the prayer of faith will accomplish in the soul of the suppliant all for which he pleads. For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for any gift He has promised, we may ask; and the promise is, “Ye shall receive.”

(Ellen White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 563, 564.)

Acts 6:4

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and
to the ministry of the word.

Psalm 139:23–24

Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing: by Charles
Wesley (1739)

1.) O for a thousand tongues to
sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2.) My gracious Master and my
God, assist me to proclaim, to
spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

3.) Jesus! the name that charms
our fears, that bids our sorrows
cease, 'tis music in the sinner's
ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

4.) He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.