

Study Guide #1  
Clear the Way!

1. Jn 14:26 –Do we want to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit?
  - a. RH 3/22/1887 –If so, we must \_\_\_\_\_ the way by \_\_\_\_\_ every hindrance
  - b. COL 408 –Otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ will even twist God’s Word and we’ll accept error
2. GC 572 –Our human nature seeks that which is \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual
  - a. DA 236-237 –Most spiritual experience they’d ever had, yet wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
  - b. Gen 3:7-8, Rev 6:15-16, Jn 15:4-5 –Are we ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’ or are we ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ?’
3. PP 53 –Angels cautioned Eve not to \_\_\_\_\_ from Adam
  - a. But when Eve realized she was alone, she thought, ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’
  - b. MH 191-192 –We need to learn the “lesson of \_\_\_\_\_ ”
    - 2T 584 –This lesson is especially learned through \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Rev 3:14 –Like Eve, Laodicea, (the end-time church), thinks, ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’
  - d. Jn 15:4-5 –We need to \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus as Eve should have stayed with Adam
4. John 15:1-8 –If we stay connected with Jesus we will ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_ ’
  - a. “Fruit” represents doing things for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. DA 20-21 –As it came from the Creator’s hand, everything was design to \_\_\_\_\_
    - Only \_\_\_\_\_ and selfish \_\_\_\_\_ don’t follow His plan
  - c. The ‘great controversy’ is between being \_\_\_\_\_-centered -vs- being \_\_\_\_\_-center
  - d. ED 190 –In \_\_\_\_\_ act of life we are being either selfish or unselfish
  - e. Jn 15:4-5 –God doesn’t expect us to bear fruit on our \_\_\_\_\_ -only as we stay connected
5. Ja 4:1 –Things we ‘desire’ = things that are \_\_\_\_\_ to us —things we \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. All of our conflicts, including the ‘great controversy,’ are \_\_\_\_\_ conflicts
  - b. Which do we value: To separate from God to go our own way and do what \_\_\_\_\_ want?
    - or- To connect with God and live to benefit \_\_\_\_\_ ?
    - Jesus died so we could make the \_\_\_\_\_ choice Lucifer and Eve made
6. Na 1:9 –Sin will not ‘rise up a \_\_\_\_\_ time’
  - a. After this ‘experiment’ with \_\_\_\_\_ by demons and humans is over, that’s it!
  - b. Those who choose to remain selfish/not connect with God will not be \_\_\_\_\_ to save
7. COL 356 –Actions, form \_\_\_\_\_ , which form character, which decides our destiny
  - a. It needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the way clear for Holy Spirit use us to benefit others
8. COL 159, SC 70 – \_\_\_\_\_ prayers that make Christianity work
  - a. 1T 55 –We would do well to \_\_\_\_\_ a lesson from the Millerite’s example
  - b. Prov 3:5-6 –Don’t think ‘I’ve got this,’ Clear the way, stay \_\_\_\_\_ , bless others

1. *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887

There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. ... When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come.

2. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 408

Without the Spirit of God a knowledge of His word is of no avail. The theory of truth, unaccompanied by the Holy Spirit, cannot quicken the soul or sanctify the heart. One may be familiar with the commands and promises of the Bible; but unless the Spirit of God sets the truth home, the character will not be transformed. Without the enlightenment of the Spirit, men will not be able to distinguish truth from error, and they will fall under the masterful temptations of Satan.

3. *Great Controversy*, page 572

A prayerful study of the Bible would show Protestants the real character of the papacy and would cause them to abhor and to shun it; but many are so wise in their own conceit that they feel no need of humbly seeking God that they may be led into the truth. Although priding themselves on their enlightenment, they are ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. They must have some means of quieting their consciences, and they seek that which is least spiritual and humiliating. What they desire is a method of forgetting God which shall pass as a method of remembering Him. The papacy is well adapted to meet the wants of all these. It is prepared for two classes of mankind, embracing nearly the whole world— those who would be saved by their merits, and those who would be saved in their sins. Here is the secret of its power.

4. *Desire of Ages*, pages 236-237

As He [Jesus] again appeared among them [Nazareth], their interest and expectation were excited to the highest pitch. ... All eyes were turned upon Him as He entered the synagogue upon the Sabbath day, and took His place among the worshipers. ...

Upon this Sabbath Jesus was requested to take part in the service. He “stood up to read. And there was delivered unto Him a roll of the prophet Isaiah.” (Luke 4:16-17, R. V., margin.) ...

“And He closed the roll, and gave it back to the attendant: ... and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on Him.... And all bare Him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of His mouth.” Luke 4:20-22, R. V., margin.

Jesus stood before the people as a living expositor of the prophecies concerning Himself. Explaining the words He had read, He spoke of the Messiah as a reliever of the oppressed, a liberator of captives, a healer of the afflicted, restoring sight to the blind, and revealing to the world the light of truth. His impressive manner and the wonderful import of His words thrilled the hearers with a power they had never felt before. The tide of divine influence broke every barrier down; like Moses, they beheld the Invisible. As their hearts were moved upon by the Holy Spirit, they responded with fervent amens and praises to the Lord.

But when Jesus announced, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears,” they were suddenly recalled to think of themselves, and of the claims of Him who had been addressing them. ... Their pride was offended, and their fears were roused. The words of

Jesus indicated that His work for them was to be altogether different from what they desired.

5. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 53

The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she would be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension of danger, but dismissed her fears, deciding that she had sufficient wisdom and strength to discern evil and to withstand it. Unmindful of the angels' caution, she soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree.

6. *Ministry of Healing*, pages 191-192, (*Country Living*, page 19)

To many of those living in the cities ... if these could be taken to some farming district, surrounded with the green fields, the woods and hills and brooks, the clear skies and the fresh, pure air of the country, it would seem almost like heaven.

Cut off to a great degree from contact with and dependence upon men, and separated from the world's corrupting maxims and customs and excitements, they would come nearer to the heart of nature. God's presence would be more real to them. Many would learn the lesson of dependence upon Him. Through nature they would hear His voice speaking to their hearts of His peace and love, and mind and soul and body would respond to the healing, life-giving power.

7. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 2*, page 584

Those who sacrifice simplicity to fashion, and shut themselves away from the beauties of nature, cannot be spiritually minded.

8. *Desire of Ages*, pages 20-21

In the beginning, God was revealed in all the works of creation. It was Christ that spread the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth. It was His hand that hung the worlds in space, and fashioned the flowers of the field. "His strength setteth fast the mountains." "The sea is His, and He made it." Ps. 65:6; 95:5. It was He that filled the earth with beauty, and the air with song. And upon all things in earth, and air, and sky, He wrote the message of the Father's love.

Now sin has marred God's perfect work, yet that handwriting remains. Even now all created things declare the glory of His excellence. There is nothing, save the selfish heart of man, that lives unto itself. No bird that cleaves the air, no animal that moves upon the ground, but ministers to some other life. There is no leaf of the forest, or lowly blade of grass, but has its ministry.

9. *Education*, page 190

The Bible is its own expositor. Scripture is to be compared with scripture. The student should learn to view the word as a whole, and to see the relation of its parts. He should gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God's original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in

every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found.

10. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 356

Thus actions repeated form habits, habits form character, and by the character our destiny for time and for eternity is decided.

11. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 159

No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire renunciation of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of the soul will be, Lord, take my heart; for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul.

12. *Steps to Christ*, page 70

Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, "Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee." This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ.

13. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 1*, page 55

With diligent searching of heart and humble confessions we came prayerfully up to the time of expectation. Every morning we felt that it was our first work to secure the evidence that our lives were right before God. Our interest for one another increased; we prayed much with and for one another. We assembled in the orchards and groves to commune with God and to offer up our petitions to Him, feeling more fully in His presence when surrounded by His natural works. The joys of salvation were more necessary to us than our food and drink. If clouds obscured our minds, we dared not rest or sleep till they were swept away by the consciousness of our acceptance with the Lord.