When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19.

Professing Christians who live cold-hearted, selfish lives are nauseating to Christ. Let us not be lukewarm Christians, heartless in our treatment of others. Let us surround ourselves with an atmosphere of courage and hope. Let us speak pleasant, encouraging words to those around us....

Let us cherish the truth of God. Unless we are successful in obtaining eternal life, it were better for us that we had never been born. Let us not refuse to avail ourselves of the privileges that are ours through the sacrifice of Christ. Although equal with God, He came to this world to give His life for us. On the cross of Calvary, He died a death of shame, that He might make an atonement for the sins of those who receive Him as their Saviour. To those who receive Him, and believe on Him, He promises to give power to become the sons of God.

Jesus loves you. He has purchased you with His blood. Had He not loved you, He would not have died for you. His heart of love is grieved when you work contrary to Him, because you are thwarting His plan for your salvation. God cannot bless those who oppose Him, those who refuse to accept the words of comfort and peace that would bring light and love to their souls.

To every man is given his work. Those who are connected with God will reveal their connection by working with Him. They are co-partners with God and with Christ. They are joint-heirs with Christ to an immortal inheritance.
If in this world we do our best, following our divine Example, overcoming in the strength that He
gives, we shall be granted an abundant entrance into the courts above. There Christ will lead us by
rivers of living water and teach us the meaning of the providences that in this world we did not
understand. Then we shall be able to discern the love of God in what now seem to us adversities.
We shall see that trials were permitted to come to us to remove our un-Christlike traits of character,
and to strengthen our weak points.

God is calling upon you to surrender to Him. Will you not come? Will you not give Him your
heart's best and holiest affections? Will you not receive from Him gold tried in the fire, that you
may be rich, and white raiment that you may be clothed? Will you not allow Him to anoint your
eyes with His heavenly eyesalve, that you may see clearly?—Manuscript 114, June 14, 1903,
"Duties and Privileges of a Christian," a talk given at Calistoga, California.

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