

Our Christian Experience Must Be Animated

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. **Revelation 3:18, 19.** {UL 99.1}

Our conscience must be purged from dead works to serve the living God. Sanctification means perfect love, perfect obedience, entire conformity to the will of God. If our lives are conformed to the life of Christ through the sanctification of mind, soul, and body, our example will have a powerful influence on the world. **We are not perfect, but it is our privilege to cut away from the entanglements of self and sin, and go on unto perfection....** {UL 99.2}

Great possibilities, high and holy attainments, are placed within the reach of all who have true faith. Shall we not anoint our eyes with eyesalve, that we may discern the wondrous things here brought before us? Why do we not with persevering earnestness, work out this prayer, advancing onward and upward, reaching the standard of holiness? We are laborers together with God, and we must work in harmony with one another and with God, “for it is God which worketh in ... [us] both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” ... {UL 99.3}

The Lord takes no pleasure in seeing us spiritually weak. “God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” **We have conflicts and trials to meet, but we need not fail or be discouraged....** {UL 99.4}

God can only be honored when we who profess to believe in Him are conformed to His image. We are to represent to the world the beauty of holiness, and we shall never enter the gates of the city of God until we perfect a Christlike character. **If we, with trust in God, strive for sanctification, we shall receive it.** Then as witnesses for Christ, we are to make known what the grace of God has wrought in us. {UL 99.5}

The greatest disquietude we can have is uncertainty. **The acceptance of the blessings of God brings righteousness and peace.** The fruit of righteousness is quietness and assurance forever. **We must have simplicity and Godlike sincerity. We must have that wisdom which cometh from above.** **Our Christian experience must be animated by piety, and instinct with the divine life.**—Manuscript 38, March 26, 1899, “The Will of God Concerning You.” {UL 99.6}