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The 8 T's of Grateful Living

POWERPOINT SLIDES INSTRUCTIONS

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These slides are simply a helpful guide to get you started on the *8 T's of Grateful Living* theme. You can add, delete or edit them to suit your personal message.

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Why should we encourage Grateful Living? (Delete this slide before presenting! 😊)

This series of Grateful Living messages falls under the category of what we often call 'stewardship'—managing the things that God gives us—but for many listeners these messages will open up a whole new way of living abundantly (John 10:10).

You see, it's simple, yet profound. **God is love, and because he loves he gives** (see John 3:16). God calls us to be faithful stewards of His love by loving Him and *giving* His love to others. We do this by sharing *all* that we have and are.

The very heart and foundation of stewardship isn't money, it's love.

At its very essence, **Faithful Stewardship = Loving God and people with *all* we have and are**. We are to love God and people with everything, with our 8 T's—Time, Talents Testimony, Temple, Treasure, Territory, Tribe and God's Truth.

In the book *Counsels on Stewardship* by Ellen G. White, the word 'love' is used 36 times in just the first 18 pages! Love is the foundation of stewardship.

When we understand God's love we live gratefully. **Grateful Living is about whole-of-life giving**. It's about passing on the things that our loving Provider God gives to us. God gives, so that we can give. "And God is able to make *all* grace abound to you, so that in *all* things at *all* times having *all* that you need you will abound in *every* good work." (2 *Corinthians* 9:8)

The gospel calls for a whole new way of living, grateful living, and it places love at the centre—not money, investments, security, prestige or comfort. When we love like God loves, "when we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts." (*Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 641*)

So is this *8 Pillars of Grateful Living* really a stewardship series? Yes, because **grateful living leads to cheerful giving**, not only more faithful tithes and generous, systematic offerings, but *whole-of-life* giving, and that's what God invites us to experience.

Welcome! to a whole new level of Christ-centred abundant living.

Grateful Living Topic: TRUTH

Message Overview (Delete this slide before presenting! 😊)

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 4:14-15; John 8:32, 14:6, 17:17; 2 Tim. 2:15

Key EGW Writings: 'The Truth as it is in Jesus' 1 Selected Messages, pp. 311-319

Goal: Protecting and sharing God's truth, in love.

Interview Idea: Is there an inspiring person in your church or wider community who you can interview (maybe even by phone or Zoom), about how they have been blessed by protecting and sharing God's truth in love?

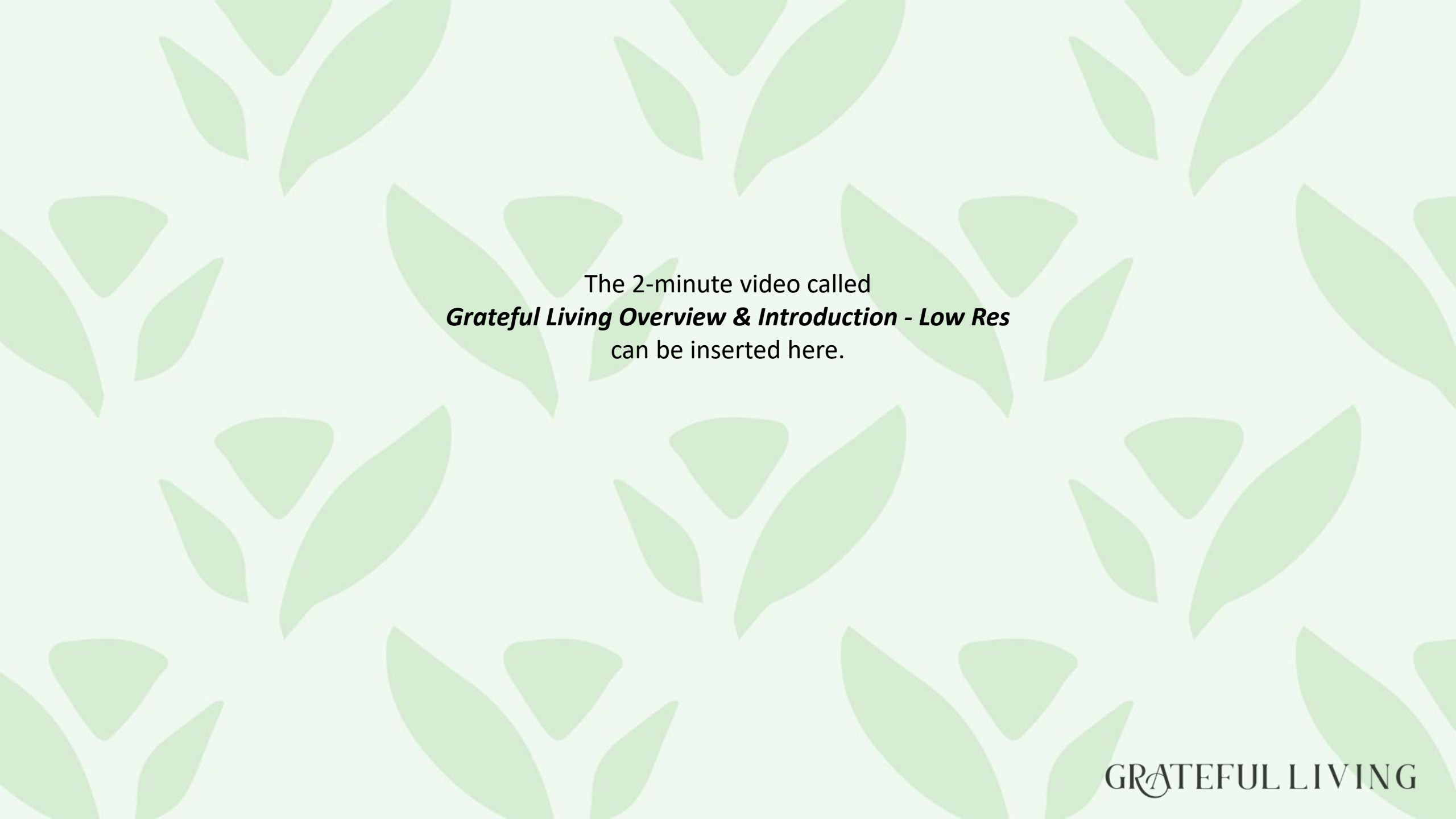
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Truth



JESUS IS LORD OF THE MULTIPLYING HARVEST



A disciple is someone who in every way is becoming more like Jesus Christ.
How did Jesus faithfully manage His TRUTH?



Truth **The Great Controversy**



God's Blueprint

- God is the truth and He revealed His Truth in Jesus.
- God's word is truth.
- Protecting the truth is important for the future salvation of people.
- God calls me to share His truth in love because it reveals His true character.
- Satan has been trying to destroy God's truth for thousands of years.

Satan's Counterfeit

- There is no such thing as absolute truth.
- Truth is a relative term, so each person can have their own truth.
- Another person's truth is no less true than the truth that I have from God.
- Truth is less important than feelings.
- All the great truths of the world will lead us to the same god.



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In a world filled
with
photoshopped
images, fake news
and deepfake
videos how can we
know what's true?



TRUTH is TRUTH

even if no one believes it,

a LIE is a LIE

even if everyone believes it.

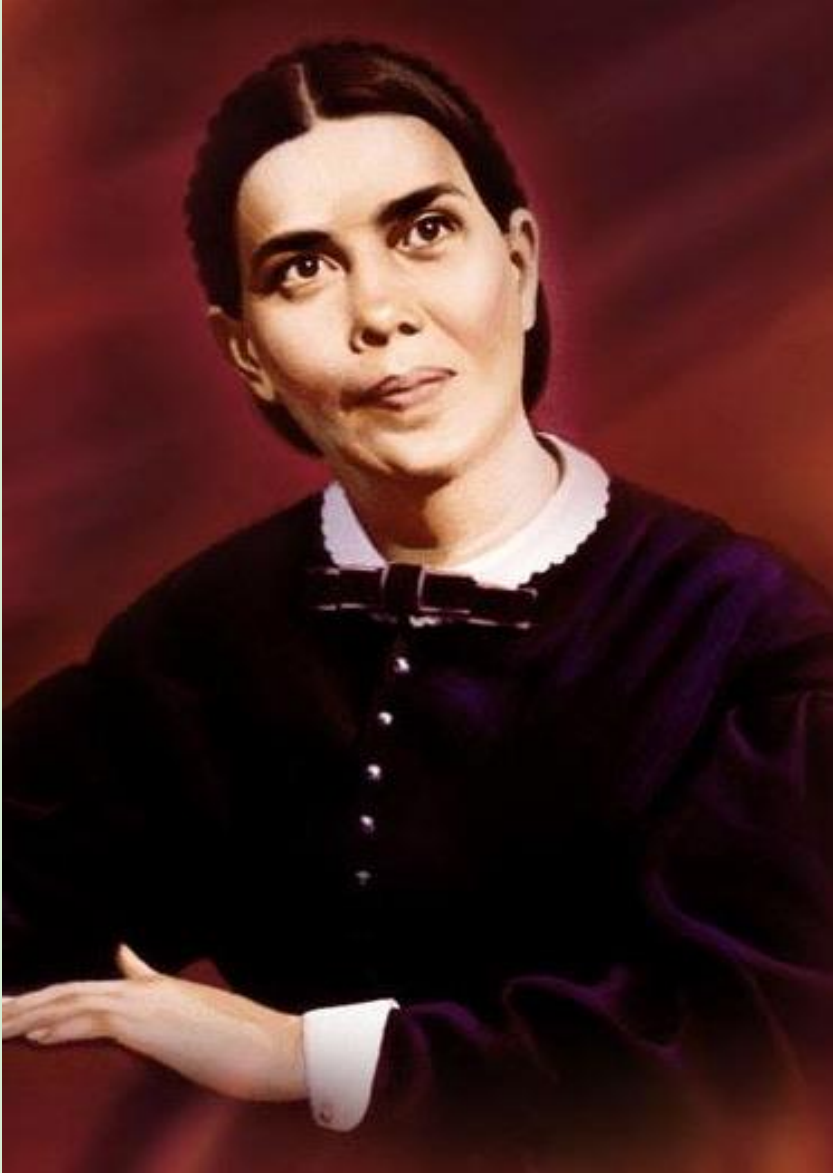


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"Sanctify them by
Your truth. Your
word is truth."

John 17: 17 (NKJV)

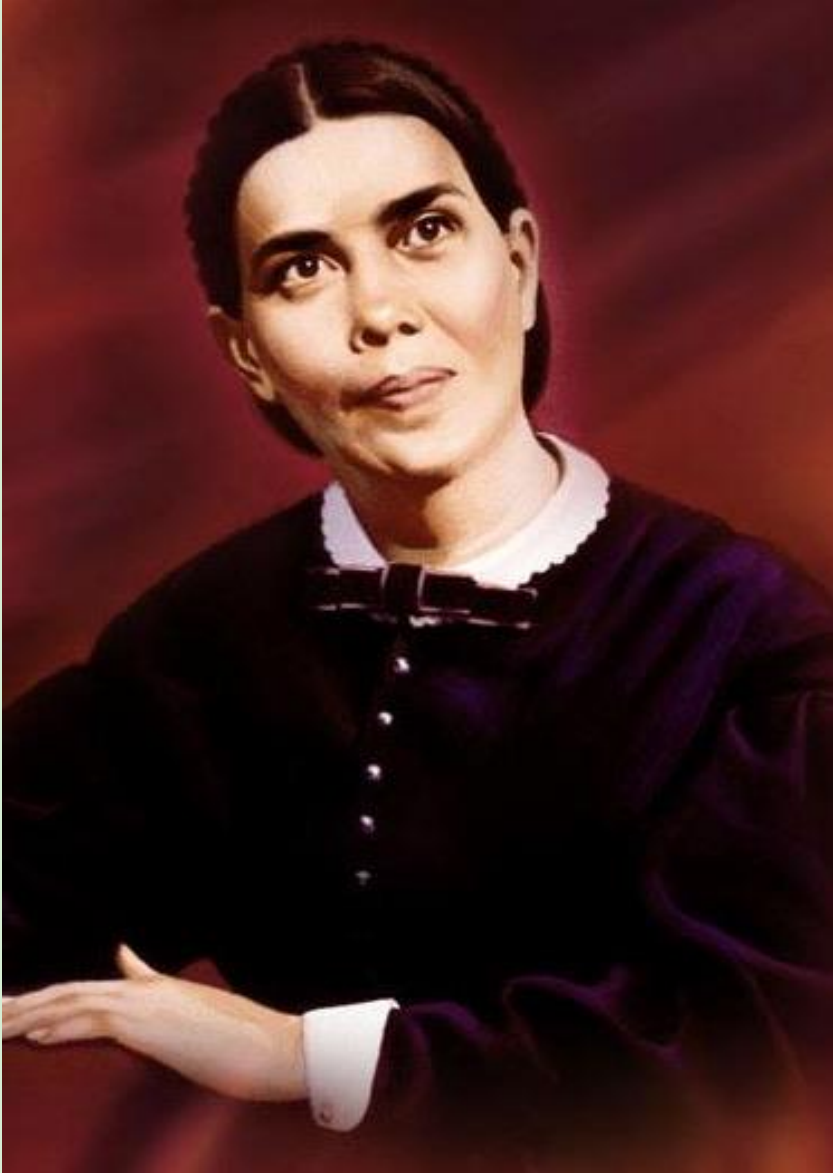


"There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause."

Ellen G. White, Early Writings, 64



PRESENT TRUTH
is not always
PLEASANT TRUTH



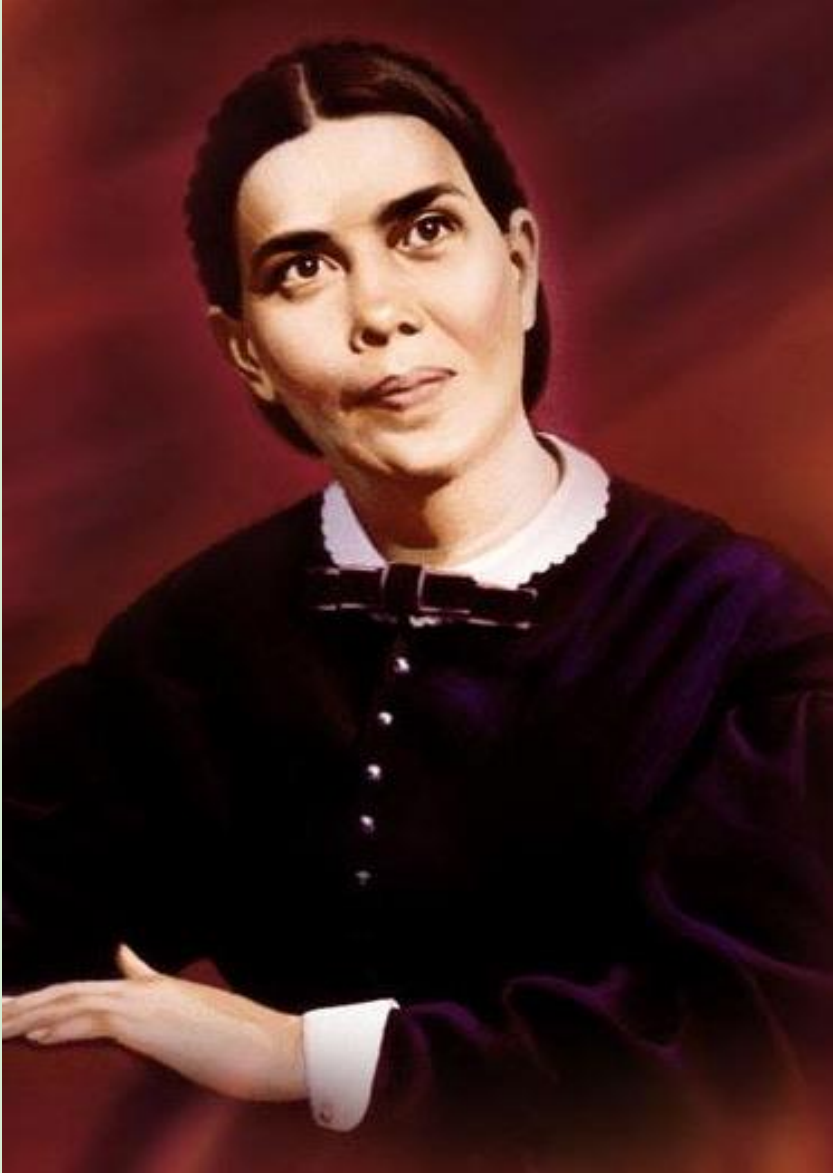
TRUTH IN LOVE

"He who is the truth has made it possible for His servants, even in controversy, to make it manifest that the Spirit of truth is dwelling within them. ... If the manner and words of the speaker are under the influence of the Spirit of God, self will be hid in Christ. ... The truth is to be presented as it is in Jesus. Speak the truth in love. Let it be manifest that the love of Christ is in the heart, expressed in the countenance and in the words."

Ellen G. White, Letter 9, para 9, 1894

Share God's truth in love,
because the truth may
hurt for a little while, but a
lie can hurt forever.





“None but those who have fortified the mind with the **truths** of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?”

Ellen G. White, The Great Controversy, 593



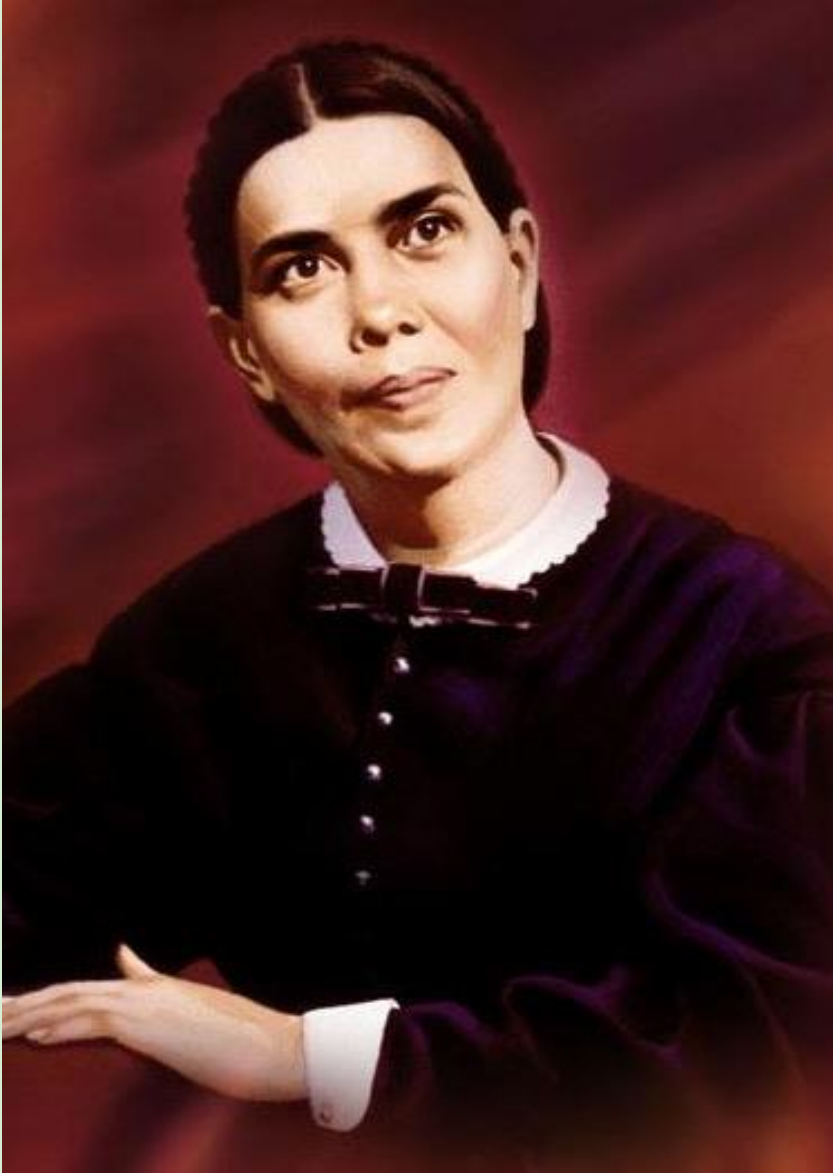
“Jesus said to him, “I am the way,
the truth, and the life. No one
comes to the Father except
through Me.”

John 14:6 (NKJV)



“Be diligent to present yourself
approved to God, a worker who
does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)



EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE

"In the days of the apostles the most foolish heresies were presented as truth. History has been and will be repeated. There will always be those who, though apparently conscientious, will grasp at the shadow, preferring it to the substance. They take error in the place of truth, because error is clothed with a new garment, which they think covers something wonderful. But let the covering be removed, and nothingness appears."

Ellen G. White

The Review and Herald, February 5, 1901



“We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.”

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NKJV)



"You shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make
you free."

John 8:32 (NKJV)

Q. How to be faithful
with the Truth?

A. A faithful steward
does what their
Master would do if
He were present.

See *Counsels on Stewardship*,
p. 113





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Truth

