

**Question:** How can Ellen White say that the exercise of the will is “powerless” in SC 18 and “everything” depends on the will in SC 47?

*Steps to Christ*, 18: “Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life.

*Steps to Christ*, 47: “Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure.”