is influenced by the body, and the body
by the spirit.

In the first place the spirit is pure,
and under the special control and in-
fluence of the Lord, but the body is of
the earth, and is subject to the power of
the devil, and is under the mighty influ-
ence of that fallen nature that is of the
earth. If the spirit yields to the body, the
devil then has power to overcome both
the body and spirit of that man, and he
loses both.

Rcollect, brethren and sisters, every
one of you, that when evil is suggested
to you, when it arises in your hearts,
it is through the temporal organization.
When you are tempted, buffeted, and
step out of the way inadvertently; when
you are overtaken in a fault, or commit
an overt act unthinkingly; when you are
full of evil passion, and wish to yield to
it, then stop and let the spirit, which
God has put into your tabernacles, take
the lead. If you do that, I will promise
that you will overcome all evil, and ob-
tain eternal lives. But many, very many,
let the spirit yield to the body, and are
overcome and destroyed.

The influence of the enemy has power
over all such. Those who overcome ev-
ery passion, and every evil, will be sanc-
tified, and be prepared to enjoy etern-
ity with the blessed. If you have never
thought of this before, try to realize it
now. Let it rest upon your minds, and
see if you can discover in yourselves the
operations of the spirit and the body,
which constitute the man. Continually
and righteously watch the spirit that the
Lord has put in you, and I will promise
you to be led into righteousness, holli-
ness, peace, and good order.

But let the body rise up with its
passions, with the fallen nature per-
taining to it, and let the spirit yield to
it, your destruction is sure. On
the other hand, let the spirit take the
lead, and bring the body and its pas-
sions into subjection, and you are safe.

It is instructive to reflect upon the
acts of men, to observe what prompts
them to action, and to see how liable
they are to get out of the way, how weak
they are, how shortcoming, how failing
in their spirits to do the will of the Lord,
and how fearful they are. Afraid of what?
Do you reflect and realize that your fear
is all pertaining to your bodies, that it is
not pertaining to your spirits? Let me
tell you, when the spirit is once sepa-
rated from the body, it is one of the most
beautiful and delightful objects that you
could contemplate, and there is nothing
that can give a pure spirit so much joy as
to have the privilege of being separated
from the body and of going back to its
Father in heaven, to await the morning
of the resurrection.

Remember this when you are af-
licted with fear and trembling, and are
exclaiming, "Oh what shall we do?" Do
you recollect what has been said here?
I recollect that when I chastised certain
individuals who were really not worth
anybody’s notice, the cry of some was, "O,
dear! We are all going to be destroyed,
where shall I go to save my life, to the
north, south, east or west?" That fear
arose from the organization of the taber-
nacle, and not from the spirit within it.

The fear and trembling, the misgiv-
ings and wavering arise from the anxiety
we have to know how to save ourselves
pertaining to the flesh. That weakness
is not exhibited in the spirit.

I am afflicted with it just as you are,
but what do my judgment, the revela-
tions of Jesus Christ, the Scriptures, and
the spirit of the Gospel teach me? That
my tabernacle is of comparatively small
value, although it is a pretty fair one,
and one that I am willing to take in the
morning of the resurrection. The Lord
gave it to me, and I am thankful for it.
When it is the will of my Father that
my spirit should return to Him, what do