11. "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
12. "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
13. "And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
14. "And he arose, and came to his Father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
15. "And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son" (Luke 15:14–21).
16. The Lord taught: In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord taught:
17. Do you really think you could follow that injunction? They are the words of the Lord Himself, and I think they apply to each of us.
18. The Marshall Plan following World War II with the gift of millions of dollars helped put Europe on its feet.
19. In Japan, after this same war, I saw great steel mills, the money for which I was told had come from America, Japan's former enemy. How much better this world is because of the forgiveness of a generous nation in behalf of its former enemies.
20. In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord taught:
21. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;
22. "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
23. "And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.
24. "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain,
25. "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.
26. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
27. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:38–44).
28. Those are very strong words.
29. Do you really think you could follow that injunction? They are the words of the Lord Himself, and I think they apply to each of us.
30. The scribes and Pharisees brought before Jesus a woman taken in adultery so that they might entrap Him.
31. The Lord has offered a marvelous promise. Said He, "He who has repented of his sins, the same is forgiven, and I, the Lord, remember them no more" (D&C 58:42).
32. "But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.
33. "And when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
34. "And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.
My dear brothers and sisters, I thank my Father in Heaven that He has prolonged my life to be a part of these challenging times. I thank Him for the opportunity of service. I have no desire but to do all that I can in furthering the work of the Lord, in serving His faithful people, and in living at peace with my neighbors.

2- I recently traveled around the world, more than 25,000 miles, visiting Alaska, Russia, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Kenya, and Nigeria, where in this last place we dedicated a new temple. We then dedicated the Newport Beach California Temple. I have just been to Samoa for another temple dedication, another 10,000 miles. I do not enjoy travel, but it is my wish to get out among our people to extend appreciation and encouragement, and to bear testimony of the divinity of the Lord’s work.

3- I often think of a poem I read long ago. It goes like this:

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner’s seat,
Or hurst the cynic’s ban;—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

4- That is the way I feel.

5- Age does something to a man. It seems to make him more aware of the need for kindness and goodness and forbearance. He wishes and prays that men might live together in peace without war and contention, argument and conflict. He grows increasingly aware of the meaning of the great Atonement of the Redeemer, of the depth of His sacrifice, and of gratitude to the Son of God, who gave His life that we might live.

6- I wish today to speak of forgiveness. I think it may be the greatest virtue on earth, and certainly the most needed. There is so much of meanness and abuse, of intolerance and hatred. There is so great a need for repentance and forgiveness. It is the great principle emphasized in all of scripture, both ancient and modern.

7- In all of our sacred scripture, there is no more beautiful story of forgiveness than that of the prodigal son found in the 15th chapter of Luke. Everyone should read and ponder it occasionally.

8- “And when [the prodigal] had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

9- “And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

10- “And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.