

GOD DOES NOT BEGIN BY ASKING ABOUT OUR

ABILITY,

BUT ONLY ABOUT OUR

AVAILABILITY,

AND IF WE THEN PROVE OUR

DEPENDABILITY,

HE WILL INCREASE OUR

CAPABILITY.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell
Ensign, July 1975, 7

Every time we go out, every decision we make, we are either choosing to move in [Satan's] direction or the direction of our Savior.
Elder Robert D. Hales

"Some church members are 'honorable' but not 'valiant'. They are not really aware of the gap nor the importance of closing it....."

"These 'honorable' individuals are certainly not miserable or wicked, nor are they unrighteous and unhappy. It is not what they have done but what they have left undone that is amiss. For example, if 'valiant', they could touch others deeply instead of merely being remembered pleasantly."

Elder Neal A. Maxwell
(Ensign, Nov 1995, p.22)

LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU BUT DON'T KNOW CHRIST WILL WANT TO KNOW CHRIST BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU.

BISHOP DAVID H. BURTON
ENSIGN, MAY 1994, 88

"It is the time to help make our homes holy places where the Spirit can dwell. It is the time to seek places where the Spirit can be present. Even in the use of technology, it is the time to stand ye in holy places, and be not moved."

Sister Elaine S. Dalton

"One good yardstick as to whether a person might be the right one for you is this: in her [or his] presence, do you think your noblest thoughts, do you aspire to your finest deeds, do you wish you were better than you are?" (President Ezra Taft Benson, Ensign, May 1988, 51)

"Yes, men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover that He can make a lot more out of their lives than they can. He will deepen their joys, expand their vision, quicken their minds, strengthen their muscles, lift their spirits, multiply their blessings, increase their opportunities, comfort their souls, raise up friends, and pour out peace. Whoever will lose his life in the service of God will find Eternal Life."
(President Ezra Taft Benson, Ensign, December 1988, 2)

You cannot lift another soul until you are standing on higher ground than he is. You must be sure, if you would rescue the man, that you yourself are setting the example of what you would have him be. You cannot light a fire in another soul unless it is burning in your own soul.

President Harold B. Lee
Ensign, July 1973, 123

"Do you know how to recognize a true friend? A real friend loves us and protects us. In recognizing a true friend we must look for two important elements in that friendship: A true friend makes it easier to live the Gospel by being around him. Similarly, a true friend does not make us choose between his way and the Lord's way."

Elder Robert D. Hales, Ensign, May 1990, p.40

"Women... who can hear the voice of the Lord, and who respond to those promptings, become invaluable instruments in His hands. ... Never doubt that your influence is absolutely vital to preserving the family and to assisting with the growth and spiritual vitality of the church."
Elder M. Russell Ballard, Ensign, April 2002, 72

One of the questions we must ask of our Heavenly Father in private prayer is this: "What have I done today, or not done, which displeases Thee? If I can only know, I will repent with all my heart without delay." That humble prayer will be answered. And the answers will surely include the assurance that asking today was better than waiting to ask tomorrow.

President Henry B. Eyring
Ensign, November, 1999, 33

"I find that when I get casual in my relationship with Divinity and when it seems that no Divine ear is listening and no Divine Voice is speaking, that I am far, far away. If I immerse myself in the scriptures the distance narrows and the spirituality returns." Spencer W. Kimball, Teachings, p. 135

"The most important single thing that any Letter-Day Saint ever does in this world is to marry the right person in the right place by the right authority."
Elder Bruce R. McConkie (BYU Speeches, May 3, 1996, p.2)

"Heavenly Father has assigned us to a great variety of stations to strengthen and, when needed, to lead travelers to safety. Our most important and powerful assignments are in the family."

President Henry B. Eyring
General Conference, April 2010

"What a blessing it would be if... each of our names truly could be safe in the home of others. Have you noticed how easy it is to cross over the line and find fault with other people? All too often we seek to be excused from the very behavior we condemn in others. Mercy for me, justice for everyone else is a much too common addiction. When we deal with the name and reputation of another, we deal with something sacred in the sight of the Lord."

-----Elder Cree L Kofford (Ensign, May 1999, 81)-----



If any of us could now see the God we are striving to serve—if we could see our Father who dwells in the heavens, we should learn that we are as well acquainted with him as we are with our earthly father; and he would be as familiar to us in the expression of his countenance, and we should be ready to embrace him and fall upon his neck and kiss him, if we had the privilege. And still we, unless the vision of the Spirit is opened to us, know nothing about God. You know much about him, if you did but realize it. And there is no other one item that will so much astound you, when your eyes are opened in eternity, as to think that you were so stupid in the body.

Brigham Young (JD 8:30)

"Friends who hold us back spiritually are not true friends at all."
Elder Neal A. Maxwell
(Ensign, November 1992, p.66)

"The finest of friends must sometimes be stern sentinels, who will insist that we become what we have the power to become." Elder Neal A. Maxwell ("Insights to My Life, p.199)

My young friends, be strong. The philosophies of men surround us. The face of sin today often wears the mask of tolerance. Do not be deceived; behind that facade is heartache, unhappiness, and pain. You know what is right and what is wrong, and no disguise, however appealing, can change that. The character of transgression remains the same. If your so-called friends urge you to do anything you know to be wrong, you be the one to make a stand for right, even if you stand alone. Have the moral courage to be a light for others to follow. (Thomas S. Monson, April 2008 General Conference)

"Satan would have you believe that happiness comes only as you surrender to his enticements; but one only needs to look at the shattered lives of those who violate God's laws to know why Satan is called the Father of Lies."
President Ezra Taft Benson
Ensign, November 1977, p. 31