

We Are Emissaries of the Lord and His Love.

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An expression of gratitude.

- The First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and other General Authorities and Officers could not do this work alone. It requires the devoted service of all who say, “Here am I, send me.”
- Sometimes service is notable and visible; sometimes it is quiet and remote. But it is always appreciated.

We come to love and teach, not to criticize.

- Find the good in the people you lead. Resist the urge to take over.
- We are sent to heal as the Savior healed. Don’t spread a spirit of gloom; be positive and encouraging. Be the emissary God expects you to be, in the image of the Savior of the world.
- If the people you lead need correction, share it in a private setting.

Faith comes by hearing the word, so open your mouth with courage.

- “How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? . . . Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”¹ We build faith and testimony by teaching, by sharing with others what we have learned.
- Don’t take your knowledge and experience with you to the grave. “A great deal of talent is lost to the world for the want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves . . . [those] who have only remained obscure because their timidity has prevented them from making a first effort.”²
- Be strong and courageous. Don’t flee from an opportunity to help others. As the Lord promised Enoch, “Open thy mouth, and it shall be filled.”³ Summon the courage to find the soul who needs to hear what we have to give.

Be pure in heart.

- With all of the evil around us, we need to work to have a pure heart.
- When Christ comes, we will recognize Him because we will be like Him. And of all His glorious attributes, one of the most recognizable will be His purity. We need to be pure to stand before Him.⁴

Notes

1. See Romans 10:13–14, 17.
2. Sydney Smith, in *Wit and Wisdom of the Rev. Sydney Smith* (1856), 201.
3. Moses 6:32.
4. See Moroni 7:48.

