

# APRIL 2014 CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

*“What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken; . . . whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same” (D&C 1:38).*

*As you review the April 2014 general conference, you can use these pages (and Conference Notebooks in future issues) to help you study and apply the recent teachings of the living prophets and apostles and other Church leaders.*

## DOCTRINAL HIGHLIGHT



## Marriage and Chastity

“[Recently,] the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve published a letter to leaders of the Church across the world. In part it read: ‘Changes in the civil law do not, indeed cannot, change the moral law that God has established. God expects us to uphold and keep His commandments regardless of divergent opinions or trends in society. His law of chastity is clear: sexual relations are proper only between a man and a woman who are legally and lawfully wedded as husband and wife.’ . . .

“As the world slips away from the Lord’s law of chastity, we do not. . . .

“While many governments and

well-meaning individuals have redefined marriage, the Lord has not. In the very beginning, God initiated marriage between a man and a woman—Adam and Eve. He designated the purposes of marriage to go far beyond the personal satisfaction and fulfillment of adults to, more importantly, advancing the ideal setting for children to be born, reared, and nurtured. Families are the treasure of heaven.”

**Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “Spiritual Whirlwinds,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2014, 19.**

Elder Andersen discusses how to handle questions and concerns about difficult topics at [lds.org/go/andersen714](http://lds.org/go/andersen714).

## PROPHETIC PROMISE



## Courage

“In order for us to make the correct decisions, courage is needed—the courage to say no when we should, the courage to say yes when that is appropriate, the courage to do the right thing because it is right. . . .

“ . . . Inner courage also includes doing the right thing even though we may be afraid, defending our beliefs at the risk of being ridiculed, and maintaining those beliefs even when threatened with a loss of friends or of social status. . . .

“ . . . As we move forward, striving to live as we should, we will surely receive help from the Lord and can find comfort in His words.”

**President Thomas S. Monson, “Be Strong and of a Good Courage,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2014, 66, 67, 69.**

Learn from President Monson how we can cultivate courage at [lds.org/go/monson2714](http://lds.org/go/monson2714).