

month after month, year after year to the same uninterested, somewhat critical sister. It is evident when an elderly widow is remembered and taken to ward functions and to Relief Society activities. It is felt when the sister sitting alone in Relief Society receives the invitation, “Come—sit by us.”

In a hundred small ways, all of you wear the mantle of charity. Life is perfect for none of us. Rather than being judgmental and critical of each other, may we have the pure love of Christ for our fellow travelers in this journey through life. May we recognize that each one is doing her best to deal with the challenges which come her way, and may we strive to do *our* best to help out.

Charity has been defined as “the highest, noblest, strongest kind of love,”<sup>12</sup> the “pure love of Christ . . . ; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with [her].”<sup>13</sup>

“Charity never faileth.” May this long-enduring Relief Society motto, this timeless truth, guide you in everything you do. May it permeate your very souls and find expression in all your thoughts and actions.

I express my love to you, my sisters, and pray that heaven’s blessings may ever be yours. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen. ■

#### NOTES

1. Matthew 7:1.
2. Matthew 7:3.
3. Adapted from Mary Bartels, “The Old Fisherman,” *Guideposts*, June 1965, 24–25.
4. John 7:24.
5. Mother Teresa, in R. M. Lala, *A Touch of Greatness: Encounters with the Eminent* (2001), x.
6. John 15:12.
7. James 1:26.
8. 1 Corinthians 13:8.
9. Moroni 7:47.
10. Moroni 10:21.
11. Horace Mann, *Lectures on Education* (1845), 297.
12. Bible Dictionary, “Charity.”
13. Moroni 7:47.

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<b>Rosemary M. Wixom</b>	Children pray while their mother drives through a blizzard (9).
<b>Elder D. Todd Christofferson</b>	D. Todd Christofferson’s grandfather shears sheep and pays for a mission (16). A business partner divides assets unequally (16).
<b>Elder Robert D. Hales</b>	Robert D. Hales varnishes a floor until he gets himself stuck in a corner (24).
<b>Elder Quentin L. Cook</b>	A bishop helps a man repent of dishonesty (27).
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