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## DIVINE DISCONTENT

Prophetic calls to action, coupled with our innate sense that we can do and be more, sometimes create within us what Elder Neal A. Maxwell called “divine discontent” [“Becoming a Disciple,” *Ensign*, June 1996, 18]. Divine discontent comes when we compare “what we *are* [to] what we have the power to *become*” [page 16; emphasis added]. Each of us, if we are honest, feels a gap between where and who we are, and where and who we want to become. We yearn for greater personal capacity. We have these feelings because we are daughters and sons of God, born with the Light of Christ yet living in a fallen world. These feelings are God given and create an urgency to act.

We should welcome feelings of divine discontent that call us to a higher way, while recognizing and avoiding Satan’s counterfeit—paralyzing discouragement. This is a precious space into which Satan is all too eager to jump. We can choose to walk the higher path that leads us to seek for God and His peace and grace, or we can listen to Satan, who bombards us with messages that we will never be

enough: rich enough, smart enough, beautiful enough, anything enough. Our discontent can become divine—or destructive. . . .

The world often uses a feeling of discontent as an excuse for self-absorption, for turning our thoughts inward and backward and dwelling individually on who *I* am, who *I* am not, and what *I* want. Divine discontent motivates us to follow the example of the Savior, “who went about doing good” [Acts 10:38]. As we walk the path of discipleship, we will receive spiritual nudges to reach out to others. . . .

Because of our Savior’s atoning sacrifice, we can be made equal to the tasks that lie ahead. The prophets have taught that as we climb the path of discipleship, we can be sanctified through the grace of Christ. Divine discontent can move us to act in faith, follow the Savior’s invitations to do good, and give our lives humbly to Him.

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