

## How Do I Develop Christlike Attributes?

### **Consider This**

- How can I develop attributes that will make me a more powerful and effective minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- · How will developing Christlike attributes help me fulfill my purpose as a missionary?
- Which attribute do I most need to develop?

At the beginning of His mortal ministry, Jesus Christ walked along the shore of the sea of Galilee and called out to two fishermen, Peter and Andrew. "Follow me," He said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19; see also Mark 1:17). The Lord has also called you to His work, and He invites you to follow Him. The invitation to follow Christ is an invitation to follow His example and to become like Him.

Some chapters in *Preach My Gospel* focus on what you need to do as a missionary—how to study, how to teach, how to manage time wisely. Just as vital as what you do, however, is who you are.

The restored gospel enables you to become like Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. The Savior has shown the way. He has set the perfect example, and He commands us to become as He is (see 3 Nephi 27:27). Learn of Him and seek to incorporate His attributes into your life. Through the power of His Atonement, you can achieve this goal and lead others to achieve it also.

The scriptures describe Christlike attributes that are essential for you to eventually develop as a missionary and throughout your life. Study the scripture passages in this chapter and look for other examples of Christlike attributes as you study other passages.

Christlike attributes are gifts from God. They come as you use your agency righteously. Ask your Heavenly Father to bless you with these attributes; you cannot develop them without His help. With a desire to please God, recognize your weaknesses and be willing and anxious to improve.

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### **Scripture Study**

What do these scriptures say about following Jesus Christ's example?

3 Nephi 12:48

John 13:1-16

1 Peter 2:21

3 Nephi 27:21, 27

What is the relationship between the first principles of the gospel and Christlike attributes?

Moroni 8:25-26

### **Ideas for Studying This Chapter**

There are many approaches for studying this chapter. Try one of the following ideas:

- As you complete the "Attribute Activity" at the end of this chapter, identify the attribute you most need or want to develop. Study the section about that attribute, and set goals for developing it.
- Read through the chapter without studying the scriptures, and determine which
  attribute you want to study more fully. Then study the key scriptures associated with
  the attribute. Search for additional scriptures not listed in the chapter that teach about
  the attribute. Record in your study journal ideas for developing the attribute.
- Identify an attribute you wish to study. Follow the pattern under the heading "Developing Christlike Attributes" found at the end of the chapter.

### Faith in Jesus Christ

When you have faith in Christ, you believe in Him as the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father in the Flesh. You accept Him as your Savior and Redeemer and follow His teachings. You believe that your sins can be forgiven through His Atonement. Faith in Him means that you trust Him and are confident that He loves you.

Faith leads to action, including repentance, obedience, and dedicated service. When you have faith in Jesus Christ, you trust the Lord enough to follow His commandments—even when you do not completely understand the reasons for them. You accomplish what the Lord wants you to accomplish. You help bring about good in your own life and the lives of others. You are able to do miracles according to the Lord's will. Your faith will be manifest through diligence and work.



Faith is a principle of power. God works by power, but His power is usually exercised in response to faith (see Moroni 10:7). He works according to the faith of His children. Doubt and fear are opposed to faith.

Your faith will increase through diligent study, prayer, dedicated service, and obedience to the promptings of the Holy Ghost and the commandments.

Your faith in Jesus Christ grows as you become better acquainted with Him and His teachings. As you explore the scriptures and search them, you learn of His ways, His love for all people, and His commandments.

Faith includes confidence in the mission and power of the Holy Ghost. Through faith you receive answers to your prayers and personal inspiration to guide you in the Lord's work.

### **Scripture Study**

### What is faith?

Alma 32:21 Hebrews 11:1; see footnote b Bible Dictionary, "Faith"

Ether 12:6 Topical Guide, "Faith" *True to the Faith*, "Faith," 54–56

### How do you obtain faith, and what can you do through faith?

 2 Nephi 25:29
 Alma 32
 Moroni 7:33

 2 Nephi 26:13
 Helaman 15:7–8
 Romans 10:17

 Mosiah 4:6–12
 Ether 12:7–22
 Hebrews 11

### What blessings come through faith?

Mosiah 3:17 Helaman 5:9–12 John 14:6

Mosiah 5:1–15

### Hope

Hope is an abiding trust that the Lord will fulfill His promises to you. It is manifest in confidence, optimism, enthusiasm, and patient perseverance. It is believing and expecting that something will occur. When you have hope, you work through trials and difficulties with the confidence and assurance that all things will work together for your good. Hope helps you conquer discouragement. The scriptures often describe hope in Jesus Christ as the assurance that you will inherit eternal life in the celestial kingdom.

"Being blessed with hope, let us, as disciples, reach out to all who, for whatever reason, have 'moved away from the hope of the gospel' (Col. 1:23). Let us reach to lift hands which hang hopelessly down."

- ELDER NEAL A. MAXWELL "BRIGHTNESS OF HOPE," *ENSIGN*, NOV. 1994, 36

President James E. Faust taught:

"Hope is the anchor of our souls. . . .

"Hope is trust in God's promises, faith that if we act now, the desired blessings will be fulfilled in the future. . . .

"The unfailing source of our hope is that we are sons and daughters of God and that His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, saved us from death" ("Hope, an Anchor of the Soul," *Ensign*, Nov. 1999, 59–60).

### **Scripture Study**

### What is hope and what do we hope for?

2 Nephi 31:20 Moroni 7:40–48 Romans 8:24–25 Alma 58:10–11 D&C 59:23 Hebrews 6:10–20 Ether 12:4, 32 D&C 138:14 Topical Guide, "Hope"

### **Charity and Love**

A man once asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus replied: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:36–39).

Charity is "the pure love of Christ" (Moroni 7:47). It includes God's eternal love for all His children. We are to seek to develop that kind of love. When you are filled with charity, you obey God's commandments and do all you can to serve others and help them receive the restored gospel.



Charity is a gift from God. The prophet Mormon said that we should "pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that [we] may be filled with this love" (Moroni 7:48). As you follow this counsel and strive to do righteous works, your love for all people will increase, especially those among whom you labor. You will come to feel a sincere concern for the eternal welfare and happiness of other people. You will see them as children of God with the potential of becoming like our Heavenly Father, and you will labor in their behalf. You will avoid negative feelings such as anger, envy, lust, or covetousness. You will avoid judging others, criticizing them, or saying negative things about them. You will try to understand them and their points of view. You will be patient with them and try to help them when they are struggling or discouraged. Charity, like faith, leads to action. You will develop charity as you look for opportunities to serve others and give of yourself.

### **Scripture Study** What is charity? Moroni 7:45-48 1 Corinthians 13 Bible Dictionary, "Charity" How did Jesus Christ demonstrate charity? 1 Nephi 19:9 Ether 12:33-34 Luke 7:12-15 Alma 7:11-13 What do these verses teach you about charity? Alma 7:24 1 Timothy 4:12 2 Nephi 26:30 1 Peter 4:8; see footnote a Mosiah 2:17 Ether 12:28 Mosiah 28:3 D&C 88:125

### **Virtue**

Virtue originates in your innermost thoughts and desires. It is a pattern of thought and behavior based on high moral standards. Since the Holy Ghost does not dwell in unclean tabernacles, virtue is prerequisite to receiving the Spirit's guidance. What you choose to think and do when you are alone and you believe no one is watching is a strong measure of your virtue.

Virtuous people are clean and pure spiritually. They focus on righteous, uplifting thoughts and put unworthy thoughts that lead to inappropriate actions out of their minds. They obey God's commandments and follow the counsel of Church leaders. They pray for the strength to resist temptation and do what is right. They quickly repent of any sins or wrongdoings. They live worthy of a temple recommend.

Your mind is like a stage in a theater; in the theater of your mind, however, only one actor can be on stage at a time. If the stage is left bare, thoughts of darkness and sin often enter the stage to tempt. But these thoughts have no power if the stage of your mind is occupied by wholesome thoughts, such as a memorized hymn or verse of scripture that you can call upon in a moment of temptation. By controlling the stage of your mind, you can successfully resist persistent urges to yield to temptation and indulge in sin. You can become pure and virtuous.

### **Scripture Study**

D&C 38:24

### What does it mean to be virtuous?

D&C 4:6 D&C 46:33 D&C 25:2 D&C 121:45–46

Articles of Faith 1:13

2 Peter 1:3–8
Topical Guide, "Virtue"

### Knowledge

The Lord commanded, "Seek learning, even by study and also by faith" (D&C 88:118). He also warned, "It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance" (D&C 131:6). Seek knowledge, especially spiritual knowledge. Study the scriptures every day, and also study the words of the living prophets. Through study and prayer, seek help for your specific questions, challenges, and opportunities. Give special attention to scripture passages you can use as you teach and as you answer questions about the restored gospel.

Think about how you can apply gospel principles in your life. As you study diligently, prayerfully, and with pure intent, the Holy Ghost will enlighten your mind, teach you, and help you understand the meaning of the scriptures and the teachings of living prophets. You can also gain knowledge by watching and listening to others, especially Church leaders. Like Nephi, you can say: "My soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them. . . . Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard" (2 Nephi 4:15–16).

### **Scripture Study**

How does knowledge assist in doing the Lord's work?

Alma 17:2–3 D&C 88:77–80

How can you obtain knowledge?

2 Nephi 32:1–5 D&C 76:5–10 Bible Dictionary, "Knowledge" Moroni 10:5 D&C 88:118 Topical Guide, "Knowledge"

D&C 42:61

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### **Patience**

Patience is the capacity to endure delay, trouble, opposition, or suffering without becoming angry, frustrated, or anxious. It is the ability to do God's will and accept His timing. When you are patient, you hold up under pressure and are able to face adversity calmly and hopefully. Patience is related to hope and faith—you must wait for the Lord's promised blessings to be fulfilled.

You need patience in your everyday experiences and relationships, especially with your companion. You must be patient with all people, yourself included, as you work to overcome faults and weaknesses.

"Life is full of difficulties, some minor and others of a more serious nature. There seems to be an unending supply of challenges for one and all. Our problem is that we often expect instantaneous solutions to such challenges, forgetting that frequently the heavenly virtue of patience is required."

- PRESIDENT THOMAS S. MONSON "PATIENCE—A HEAVENLY VIRTUE," *ENSIGN*, NOV. 1995, 59

### **Activity: Personal Study**

- Study Mosiah 28:1–9. What were the desires of the sons of Mosiah?
- What was the Lord's counsel to those missionaries? (See Alma 17:10-11 and 26:27.)
- What were some results of their patience and diligence? (See Alma 26.)
- Write your answers in your study journal.

### **Scripture Study**

### Why is patience important? How are patience and faith related?

 Mosiah 23:21
 Alma 34:40–41
 2 Corinthians 6:1–10

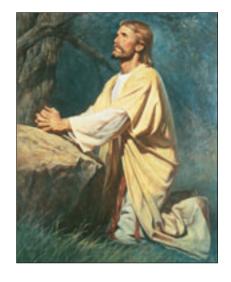
 Mosiah 24:9–16
 D&C 101:38
 James 5:10–11

 Alma 31:31
 Romans 5:3–5
 Psalm 46:10

Alma 32:41–43 Romans 8:24–25 Topical Guide, "Patience, Patient, Patiently"

### **Humility**

Humility is willingness to submit to the will of the Lord and to give the Lord the honor for what is accomplished. It includes gratitude for His blessings and acknowledgment of your constant need for His divine help. Humility is not a sign of weakness; it is a sign of spiritual strength. When you humbly trust Him and acknowledge His power and mercy, you can have the assurance that His commandments are for your good. You are confident that you can do whatever the Lord requires of you if you rely on Him. You are also willing to trust His chosen servants and follow their counsel. Humility will help you as you strive to be obedient, to work hard, and serve selflessly.



The opposite of humility is pride, which is condemned in the scriptures. To be prideful means to put greater trust in oneself than in God or in His servants. It also means to put the things of the world above the things of God. Prideful people take honor to themselves rather than giving God the glory. Pride is competitive; those who are prideful seek to have more and presume they are better than other people. Pride usually results in feelings of anger and hatred, and it is a great stumbling block.

### **Scripture Study**

### What does it mean to be humble?

2 Nephi 9:28–29 Alma 5:26–29 Matthew 26:39

Mosiah 4:11–12 Alma 26:12 Topical Guide, "Humility, Humble"

### What blessings do you receive when you humble yourself?

Alma 32:1–16 D&C 67:10 Matthew 23:12

Ether 12:27 D&C 112:10 D&C 12:8 D&C 136:32–33

### How can you recognize pride in yourself?

1 Nephi 15:7–11 2 Timothy 3:1–4 Proverbs 15:10 1 Nephi 16:1–3 Proverbs 13:10 Proverbs 28:25

### **Diligence**

Diligence is steady, consistent, earnest, and energetic effort in doing the Lord's work. The Lord expects you to work diligently—persistently and with great effort and care. A diligent missionary works effectively and efficiently. Diligence in missionary work is an expression of your love for the Lord and His work. When you are diligent, you find joy and satisfaction in your work.

Do many good things of your own free will (see D&C 58:27). Don't wait for your leaders to tell you what to do. Continue until you have done all you can, even when you are tired. Focus on the most important things and avoid wasting time. Pray for guidance and strength. Plan regularly and effectively. Avoid anything that distracts your thoughts or actions.

"I have often said one of the greatest secrets of missionary work is work! If a missionary works, he will get the Spirit; if he gets the Spirit, he will teach by the Spirit; and if he teaches by the Spirit, he will touch the hearts of the people and he will be happy. There will be no homesickness, no worrying about families, for all time and talents and interests are centered on the work of the ministry. Work, work, work—there is no satisfactory substitute, especially in missionary work."

- PRESIDENT EZRA TAFT BENSON THE TEACHINGS OF EZRA TAFT BENSON (1988), 200

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### **Scripture Study**

### What does it mean to be diligent?

D&C 107:99-100 Moroni 9:6 Topical Guide, "Diligence, Diligent, Diligently"

D&C 10:4

Why does the Lord expect you to be diligent?

D&C 75:2-5 D&C 127:4 D&C 130:20-21

D&C 123:12-14

How does diligence relate to agency?

Mosiah 4:26-27 D&C 58:26-29

### Obedience

As a missionary, you are expected to keep the commandments willingly, to obey mission rules, and to follow the counsel of your leaders. Obedience is the first law of heaven. It is an act of faith. You may sometimes be required to do things you do not completely understand. As you obey, you increase in faith, knowledge, wisdom, testimony, protection, and freedom. Strive to be obedient to the Lord, the living prophet, and your mission president.

"The discipline contained in daily obedience and clean living and wholesome lives builds an armor around you of protection and safety from the temptations that beset you as you proceed through mortality."

> - ELDER L. TOM PERRY "CALLED TO SERVE," ENSIGN, MAY 1991, 39

### **Scripture Study**

### What does it mean to be obedient?

1 Nephi 2:3 D&C 82:8-10 John 14:15

Mosiah 5:8 Matthew 7:24–27 Topical Guide, "Obedience, Obedient, Obey"

Mosiah 15:7 John 7:17

### What can you learn about obedience from these scriptures?

D&C 105:6 1 Nephi 3:7 2 Kings 5:1-14

Why did the young warriors in Helaman's army obey with exactness? How were they blessed?

Alma 56:45-48 Alma 57:21-27

### **Developing Christlike Attributes**

As you study and seek to develop the attributes described in this chapter and other attributes found in the scriptures, the following pattern may be helpful:

- Identify the attribute you wish to develop.
- Write a definition and description of the attribute.
- Record questions to answer as you study.

- List and study thoroughly passages of scripture that teach about the attribute.
- · Record your feelings and impressions.
- Set goals and make plans to apply the attribute in your life.
- Pray for the Lord to help you develop the attribute.
- Evaluate your progress periodically in developing each attribute.

### **Activity: Personal Study**

Identify an attribute from this chapter or from the scriptures. Follow the pattern found above to understand better and to plan for developing the attribute.

Look at the image of the name tag. How does your name tag differ from that worn by an employee of a company? Note that the two most prominent parts are your name and the Savior's name. How can you ensure that you represent the Savior as one of His disciples? Why is it important for people to associate your name with the Savior's in a positive way? Write your thoughts in your study journal.



### **Scripture Study**

### What are some attributes listed in the scriptures?

Mosiah 3:19 Alma 7:23 D&C 4 D&C 121:41–45 Articles of Faith 1:13 Philippians 4:8 2 Peter 1:5–8

### **Remember This**

- You need to be a Christlike missionary, not just do missionary things.
- · Learning to be like Christ is a lifelong pursuit.
- You follow Christ's example—develop His attributes—one action and decision at a time.
- Changing to become Christlike requires exercising faith, repenting, keeping covenants, receiving an increased measure of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end.

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### **Ideas for Study and Application**

### **Personal Study**

- · Prepare a five-minute talk on one of the attributes discussed in this chapter.
- Using the Topical Guide, look for ways the Savior has exemplified the attributes described in this chapter. Record what you learn in your study journal.
- · Periodically complete the "Attribute Activity" at the end of this chapter.
- Identify an attribute in this chapter. Ask yourself:
  - How can I develop this attribute?
  - What must change in my heart, mind, and actions to develop this attribute?
  - How will keeping covenants help me develop this attribute?
  - How will developing this attribute help me qualify for the Holy Spirit and become a more powerful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- Find examples of Christlike attributes in the lives of men and women in the scriptures. Record your impressions in your study journal.

### **Companion Study**

- Study references to Christlike attributes in the missionary library.
- Discuss relationships among different attributes. For example:
  - How does faith relate to diligence?
  - In what ways are humility and love related?
  - How does knowledge strengthen patience?

### **District Meetings and Zone Conferences**

 Several days before district meeting or zone conference, ask each missionary to select one of the attributes in this chapter or in the scriptures and prepare a fiveminute talk on that attribute, including scriptures that have helped him or her.

Allow time in the meeting for a few missionaries to share their talks.

 Divide the missionaries into three groups, and give them the following assignment:

*Group 1:* Read 1 Nephi 17:7–16 and answer the following questions:

- How did Nephi exercise his faith?
- What did Nephi do that was Christlike?
- What promises did the Lord make to Nephi if he would be faithful and keep the commandments?
- How does this account apply to missionary work?

*Group 2:* Read Jacob 7:1–15 and answer the following questions:

- Why was Jacob's faith strong enough to resist Sherem's attack?
- How did Jacob exercise faith when he talked with Sherem?
- How were Jacob's actions Christlike?
- What can we do to develop faith like Jacob's?

Group 3: Read Joseph Smith—History 1:8–18, and answer the following questions:

- In what ways did Joseph Smith exercise faith in Jesus Christ?
- How was his faith tried?
- What did he do that was Christlike?
- What can we do to follow Joseph Smith's example?

After the groups finish, bring the missionaries together and ask them to share what they discussed.

- Share an experience of when you were blessed or inspired by another person's faith.
- Have missionaries refer to the "Attribute Activity." Give each missionary a piece of paper on which to write his or her answers.

When they have completed the worksheet, invite them to set personal goals.

Ask a few of the missionaries to share what they learned and felt as they completed the worksheet.

Share your testimony concerning the importance of developing Christlike attributes.

### **Mission President**

- Ask missionaries to read one of the four Gospels in the New Testament or 3 Nephi 11–28. Have them underline what the Savior did that they can also do.
- Use goal setting and planning to teach missionaries about diligence. Show how diligence in focusing on people is an expression of love.
- During interviews, ask missionaries to talk about an attribute they are trying to develop.
- In a zone conference, invite missionaries to tell about Christlike attributes they admire in their companions.

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### ATTRIBUTE ACTIVITY

Read each item below carefully. Decide how true that statement is about you, and choose the most appropriate response from the response key. Write your response to each item in your study journal. Spiritual growth is a gradual process, and no one is perfect, so you should expect to rate yourself better on some items than on others.

3 = often

4 = almost always

5 = always

2 =sometimes

Response Key 1 = never

20. I look for opportunities to serve other Faith Humility people. (Mosiah 2:17) 1. I believe in Christ and accept Him as my 41. I am meek and lowly in heart. (Matthew 21. I say positive things about others. Savior. (2 Nephi 25:29) (D&C 42:27) 2. I feel confident that God loves me. 42. I rely on the Lord for help. (Alma 26:12) 22. I am kind and patient with others, even (1 Nephi 11:17) 43. I am sincerely grateful for the blessings I when they are hard to get along with. 3. I trust the Savior enough to accept His will have received from the Lord. (Alma 7:23) and do whatever He asks. (1 Nephi 3:7) (Moroni 7:45) 44. My prayers are earnest and sincere. (Enos 23. I find joy in others' achievements. 4. I firmly believe that through the Atonement (Alma 17:2-4) of Jesus Christ I can be forgiven of all my 45. I appreciate direction from my leaders or sins. (Enos 1:5-8) teachers. (2 Nephi 9:28) Virtue 5. I have enough faith in Christ to obtain 46. I strive to be submissive to the Lord's will, 24. I am clean and pure in heart. (Psalm answers to my prayers. (Mosiah 27:14) whatever it may be. (Mosiah 24:15) 24:3-4)6. I think about the Savior during the day and 25. I have no desire to do evil but to do good. Diligence remember what He has done for me. (Mosiah 5:2) 47. I work effectively, even when I'm not (D&C 20:77, 79) 26. I am dependable-I do what I say I will under pressure or close supervision. 7. I have the faith necessary to help make do. (Alma 53:20) (D&C 58:26-27) good things happen in my life or the lives 27. I focus on righteous, uplifting thoughts 48. I focus my efforts on the most important of others. (Ether 12:12) and put unwholesome thoughts out of my things. (Matthew 23:23) 8. I know by the power of the Holy Ghost mind. (D&C 121:45) 49. I have a personal prayer at least twice a that the Book of Mormon is true. (Moroni 28. I repent of my sins and strive to overcome day. (Alma 34:18-27) my weaknesses. (D&C 49:26-28) 50. I focus my thoughts on my calling as a 9. I have enough faith in Christ to accomplish 29. I feel the influence of the Holy Ghost in my missionary. (D&C 4:2, 5) anything He wants me to do-even life. (D&C 11:12-13) 51. I set goals and plan regularly. (D&C miracles if necessary. (Moroni 7:33) 88:119) Knowledge Hope 52. I work hard until the job is completed 30. I feel confident in my understanding of 10. One of my greatest desires is to inherit successfully. (D&C 10:4) gospel doctrines and principles. (Ether eternal life in the celestial kingdom of God. 53. I find joy and satisfaction in my work. 3:19-20) (Moroni 7:41) (Alma 36:24-25) 31. I study the scriptures daily. (John 5:39) 11. I am confident that I will have a happy and 32. I earnestly seek to understand the truth and Obedience successful mission. (D&C 31:3-5) find answers to my questions. (D&C 6:7) 54. When I pray, I ask for strength to resist 12. I feel peaceful and optimistic about the 33. I receive knowledge and guidance through temptation and to do what is right. future. (D&C 59:23) the Spirit. (1 Nephi 4:6) (3 Nephi 18:15) 13. I firmly believe that someday I will dwell 34. I love and cherish the doctrines and 55. I keep the required commandments to be with God and become like Him. (Ether 12:4) principles of the gospel. (2 Nephi 4:15) worthy of a temple recommend. (D&C **Charity and Love Patience** 14. I feel a sincere desire for the eternal 56. I willingly obey the mission rules and 35. I wait patiently for the blessings and welfare and happiness of other people. follow the counsel of my leaders. promises of the Lord to be fulfilled. (Hebrews 13:17) (Mosiah 28:3) (2 Nephi 10:17) 15. When I pray, I ask for charity—the pure 57. I strive to live in accordance with the laws 36. I am able to wait for things without getting love of Christ. (Moroni 7:47–48) and principles of the gospel. (D&C 41:5) upset or frustrated. (Romans 8:25) 16. I try to understand others' feelings and 37. I am patient and long-suffering with the see their point of view. (Jude 1:22) challenges of being a missionary. 17. I forgive others who have offended or (Alma 17:11) wronged me. (Ephesians 4:32) 38. I am patient with the faults and 18. I try to help others when they are weaknesses of others. (Romans 15:1) struggling or discouraged. (Mosiah 18:9) 39. I am patient with myself and rely on the 19. When appropriate, I tell others that I love Lord as I work to overcome my them and care about them. (Luke 7:12-15) weaknesses. (Ether 12:27) 40. I face adversity and afflictions calmly and hopefully. (Alma 34:40-41)