

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



Put God’s Laws First

“The word *religion* literally means . . . ‘to tie back’ to God. The question we might ask ourselves is, are we securely tied to God so that our faith shows, or are we actually tied to something else? . . . Many put other priorities ahead of God. . . . God’s laws must ever be our standard. In dealing with controversial issues, we should first search for God’s guidance. . . .

“The temptation to be popular may prioritize public opinion above the word of God. . . . Even if ‘everyone is doing it,’ wrong is never right. . . . I pray that you will be securely tied back to God, that His eternal truths will be etched on your heart forever.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “Let Your Faith Show,” *Ensign*, May 2014, 29, 30, 31.

Get ideas for evaluating your priorities at lds.org/go/prioritiesE814.

PROPHETIC PROMISE



Hope

“I suggest that you take both the short and the long view as you try to give the inheritance of hope to your family. . . . There are things you can do early, when those you love are young. Remember that daily family prayer, family scripture study, and sharing our testimony in sacrament meeting are easier and more effective when children are young. . . . After all we can do in faith, the Lord will justify our hopes for greater blessings for our families than we can imagine.”

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency, “A Priceless Heritage of Hope,” *Ensign*, May 2014, 25.

Find ways to leave a legacy for your family at lds.org/go/legacyE814.



GO AND DO

President Thomas S. Monson asked us to “take the time to read the conference messages when they . . . are printed in coming issues of the *Ensign* and *Liahona* magazines, for they are deserving of our careful review and study.”

From “Until We Meet Again,” *Ensign*, May 2014, 115.



FILL IN THE BLANK

1. “Coupled with prayer, _____ carries the power to protect families.” See lds.org/go/reevesE814 or Linda S. Reeves, “Protection from Pornography— a Christ-Focused Home,” 17.
2. “Knowledge . . . comes only through personal _____ and _____.” See lds.org/go/packerE814 or President Boyd K. Packer, “The Witness,” 94.
3. “The gospel ‘is not weight; it is _____.’ It carries us.” See lds.org/go/stevensE814 or Jean A. Stevens, “Fear Not; I Am With Thee,” 83.
4. “Obedience . . . is a choice between _____ and God’s unlimited wisdom and omnipotence.” Find out at lds.org/go/perryE814 or see Elder L. Tom Perry, “Obedience through Our Faithfulness,” 103.

Answers: 1. the Book of Mormon; 2. prayer, pondering; 3. wings; 4. our own limited knowledge and power

DRAWING PARALLELS



Love

Some of the most important topics are addressed by more than one general conference speaker. Here is what three speakers said about love:

- To youth: “Take heart. Pure Christlike love flowing from true righteousness can change the world.” —Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, “The Cost—and Blessings—of Discipleship,” 8.
- To women: “As we look beyond our differences in age, culture, and circumstance . . . , we will be filled with the pure love of Christ.” —Bonnie L. Oscarson, “Sisterhood: Oh, How We Need Each Other,” 121.
- To men: “We . . . have committed to be a people who love God and our neighbor and who are willing to demonstrate that love through word and deed. That is the essence of who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ.” —President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, “Are You Sleeping through the Restoration?” 61.

Learn about what President Monson and others had to say about expressing love to all at lds.org/go/loveE814.