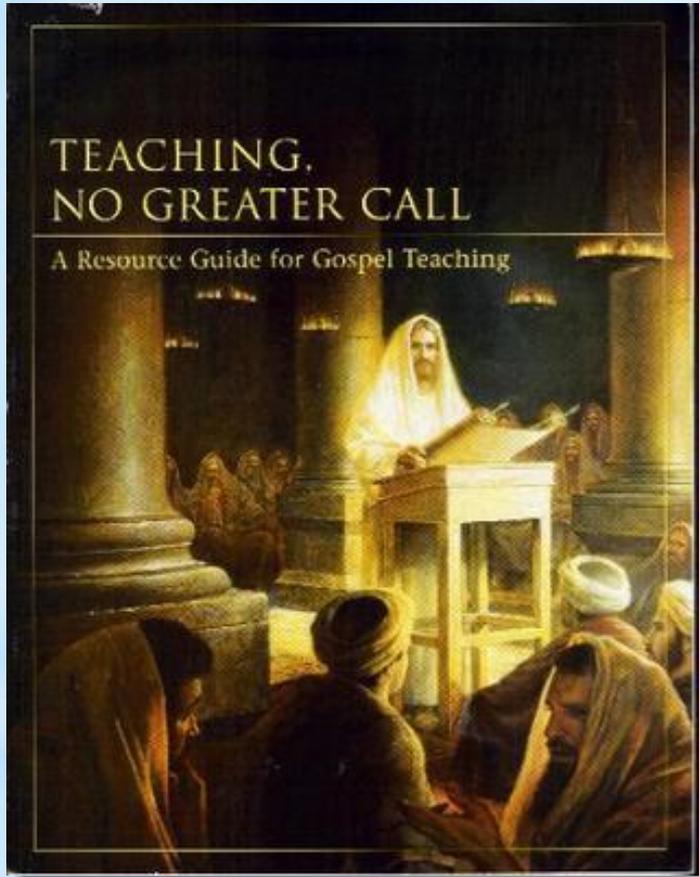


Teaching, No Greater Call: A Resource Guide for Gospel Teaching

Teaching the Gospel Course



Lesson 3: Teach by the Spirit

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Purpose

To help you seek the Spirit's guidance and teach in a way that will help others feel the influence of the Spirit.

***OUR OPENING PRAYER
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**Please ask in your Prayer for guidance of the
Holy Ghost during the lesson.**

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Look at this question
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you would answer it.

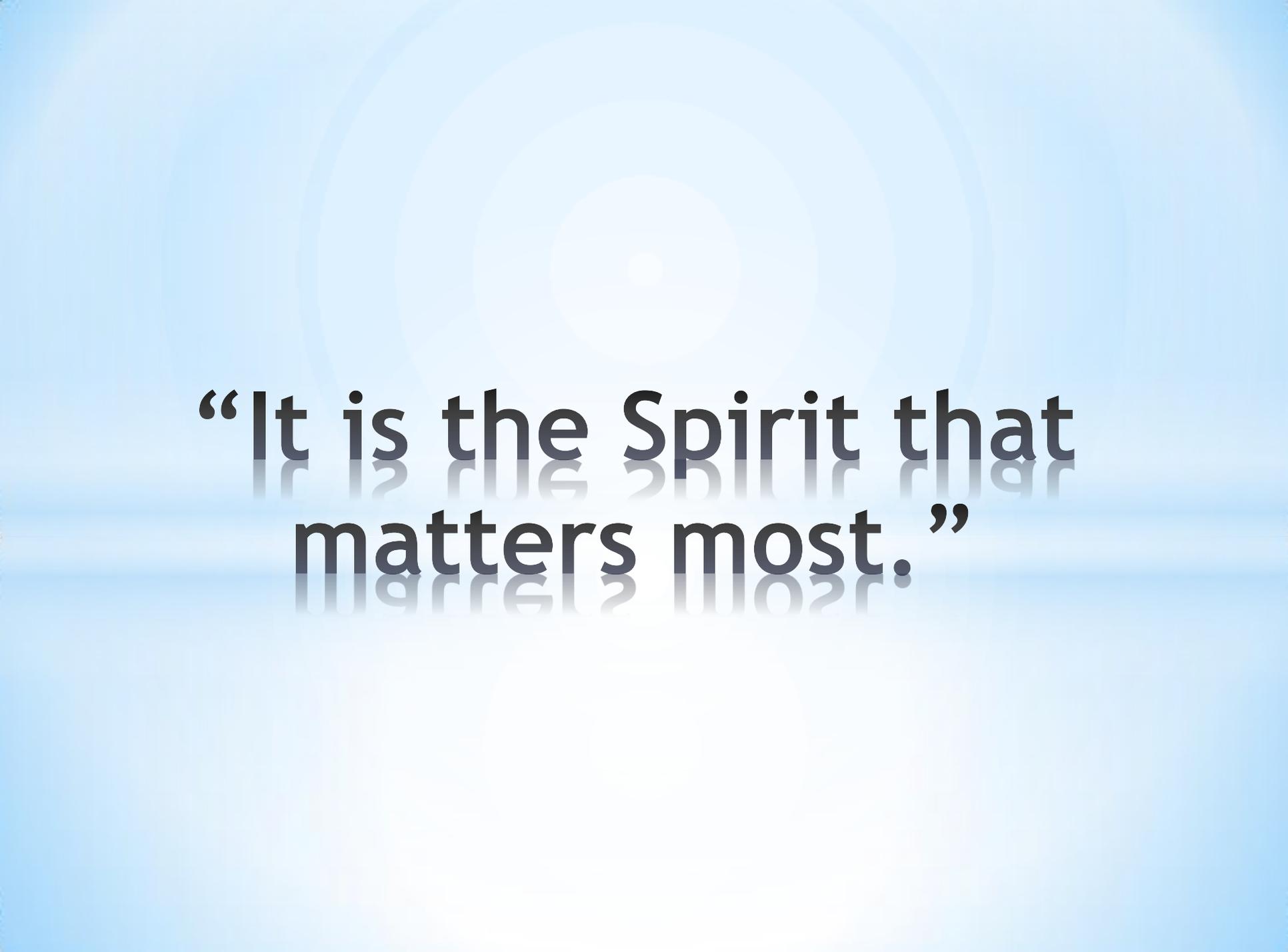
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An answer to the question
is found in the following
statement by President
Ezra Taft Benson:



“If there is one message I have repeated to my brethren of the Twelve, it is that it’s the Spirit that counts. It is the Spirit that matters. I do not know how often I have said this, but I never tire of saying it—it is the Spirit that matters most”

(mission presidents’ seminar, 3 Apr. 1985).



**“It is the Spirit that
matters most.”**

- * We often refer to the Holy Ghost as “[the Spirit.](#)”
- * Teaching by the Spirit is the most powerful kind of teaching because it is only through the influence of the Spirit that we can understand the things of God (see [1 Corinthians 2:11](#)).

- *The Spirit is usually manifested quietly and simply rather than in spectacular displays of power
- * (see [1 Kings 19:9-12](#)).

*Let's read the scriptures listed below.

*As you read the passage, see if you can explain what each passage teaches about how the Spirit can attend our gospel teaching.

* We need some volunteers to read the following versus from the scriptures.

* John 14:26

* John 15:26

* 2 Nephi 33:1

* D & C 6:14-15,22,23

* D & C 11:13

* D & C 50:21-22

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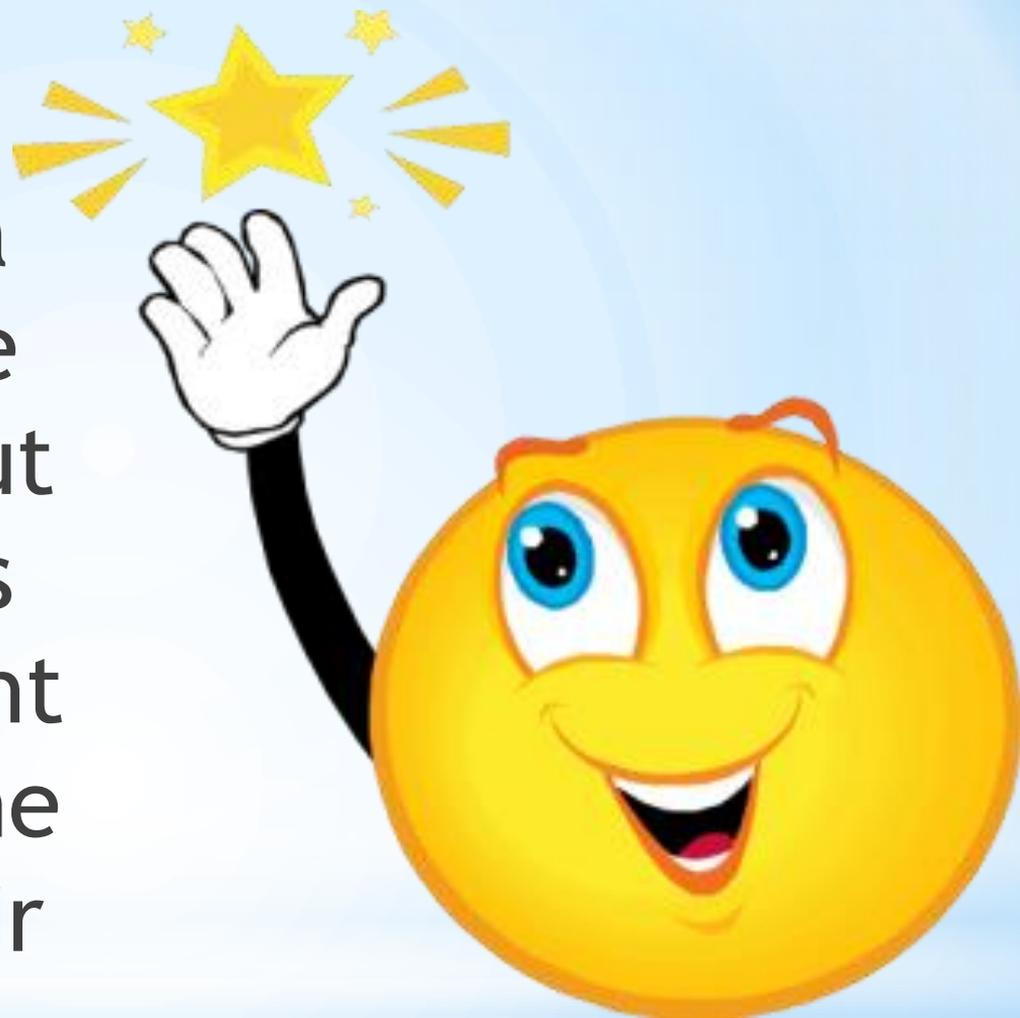
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- * Review of the principles in the passage that teaches about how the spirit can attend our gospel teaching.
- * a. John 14:26. (Teaches us all things and brings all things to our remembrance.)
- * b. John 15:26. (Testifies of Christ.)
- * c. 2 Nephi 33:1. (Carries the truth to our hearts.)
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Let's hear from a couple people we asked to talk about their experiences as they have sought the guidance of the Holy ghost in Their Teaching.



*What can we do in our teaching to invite the Spirit?

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*You may want to write these things in your notebooks.

* Here is a partial list of some items we could have included in our list.

* Pray

* Teach from the scriptures

* Testify

* Use Hymns, primary songs, and other sacred music

- * Here is a partial list of some items we could have included in our list.
- * Express love for others and for Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ
- * Share insights, feelings and experiences that relate to the principles in the lesson.

Which of these have
we done in class
today?





Have we done
anything else in class
to invite the Spirit?

Think about a
teaching opportunity
you will have soon.





Consider how you can use some of these suggestions as you teach.

Take a few minutes
to write your ideas in
your notebooks.





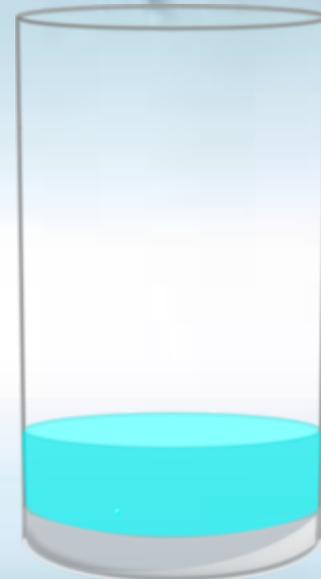
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Who can teach by the
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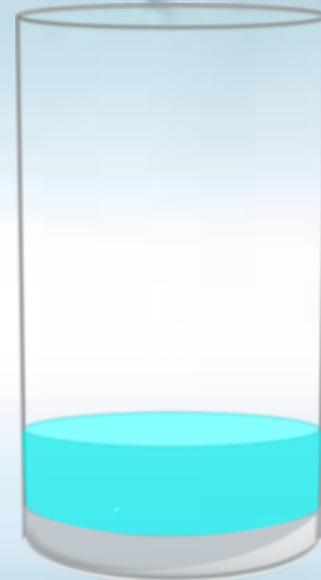


Here is a demonstration.



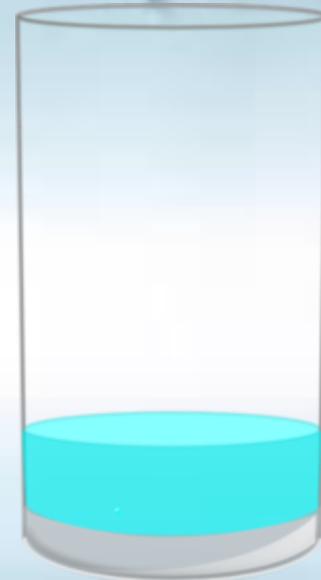


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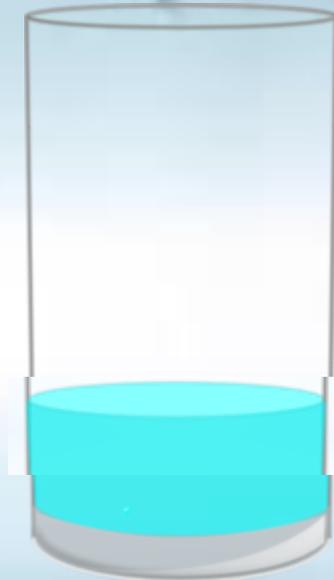


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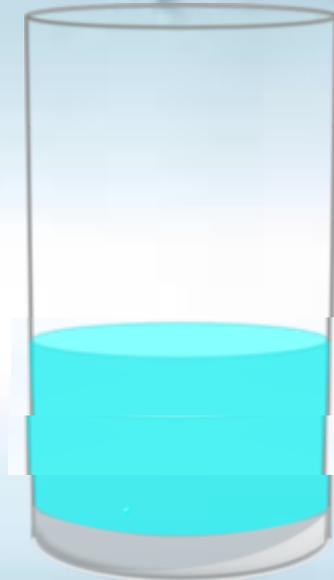


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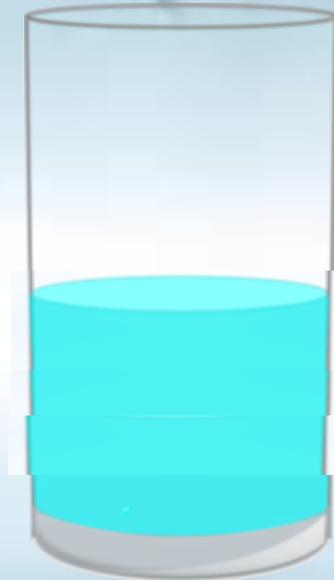


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You may think that we could be truly effective in our teaching if only we had more talents.



However, this glass cannot be filled by our talents alone.





To be truly effective teachers of the gospel, we must teach by the power of the Holy Ghost.





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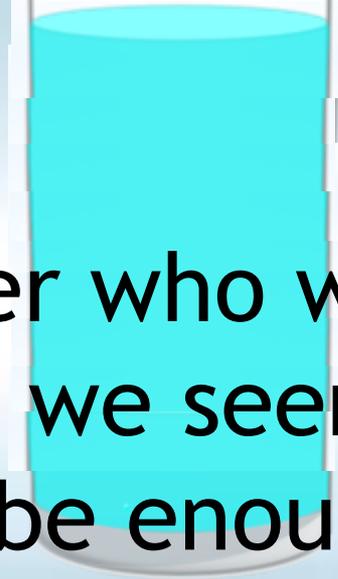
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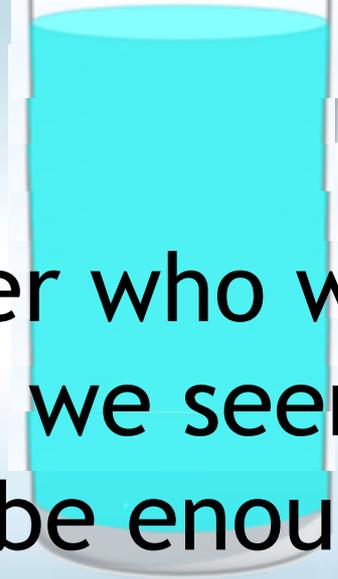
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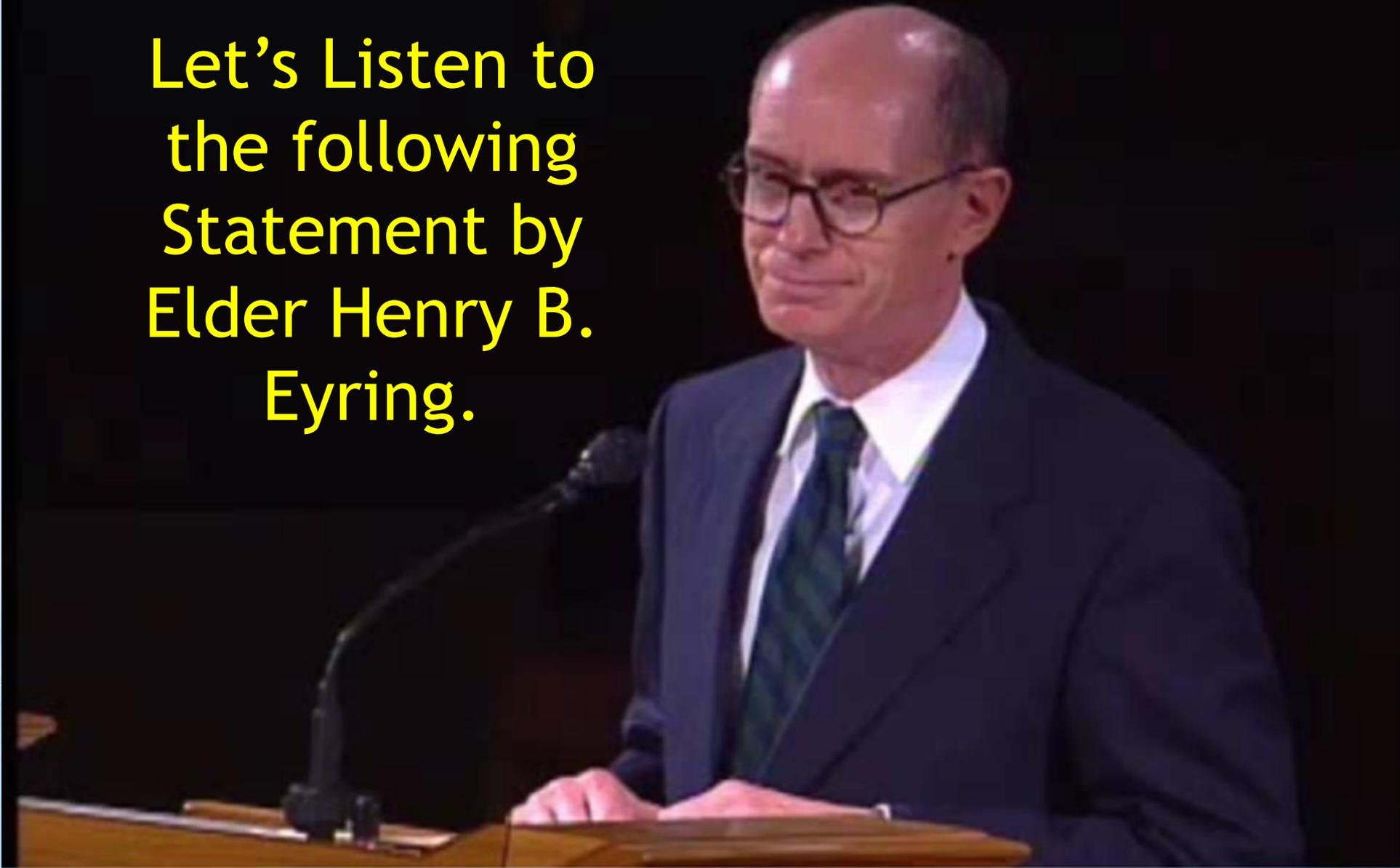


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Let's Listen to
the following
Statement by
Elder Henry B.
Eyring.





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Each of us can qualify
to teach by the Spirit.





Let's Read
Doctrine and
Covenants 42:14



14 And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach.

Pray in
Faith

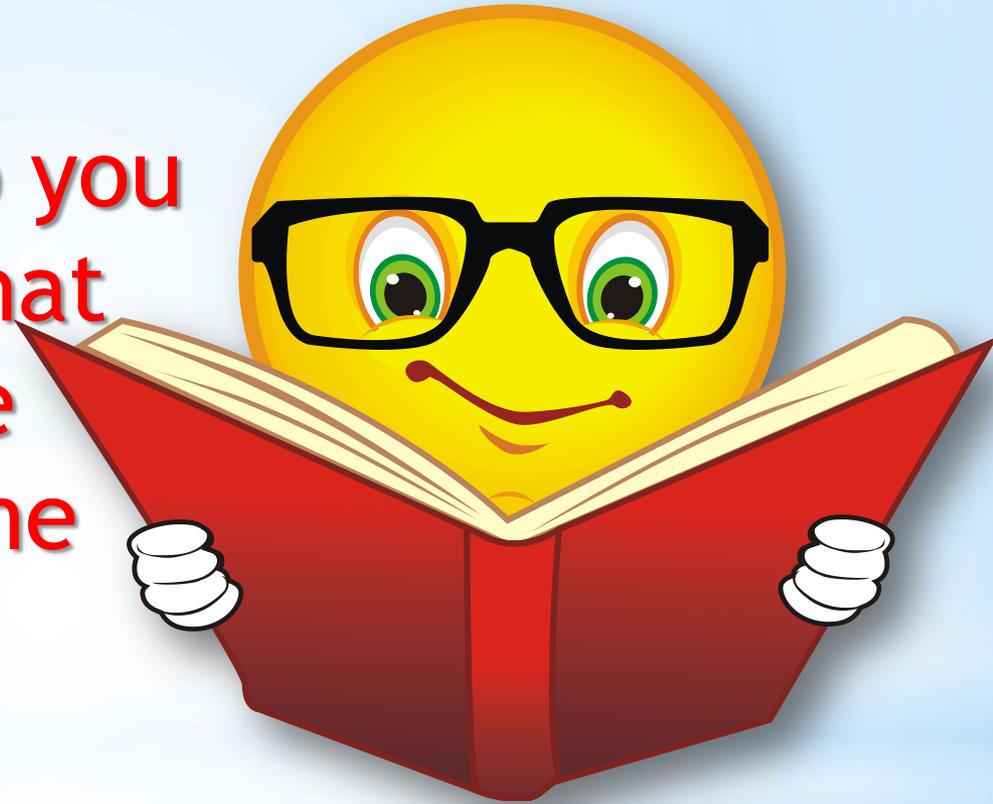


We receive
the Spirit

Let's Read
Doctrine and
Covenants
88:77-78



* 77 And I give unto you
a commandment that
you shall teach one
another the doctrine
of the kingdom.



* 78 Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand;



What does the Lord
promise if we
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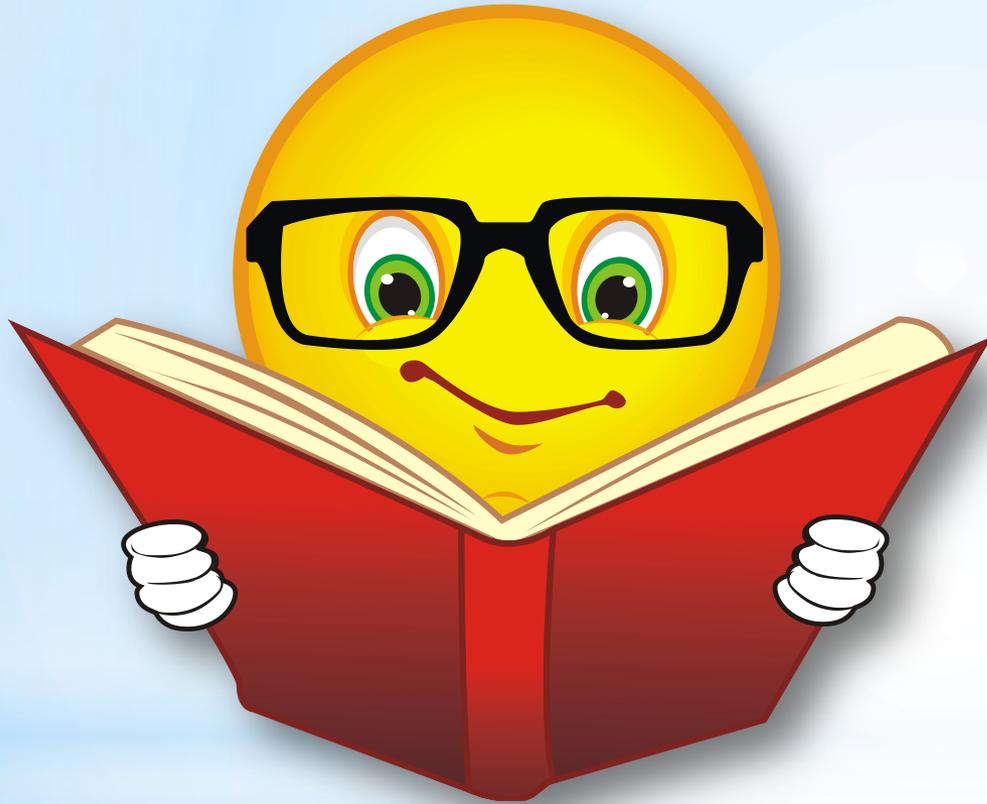


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- * Grace is an enabling power.
- * It is divine help and strength given through the mercy and love of God.
- * Through the Lord's grace, we can do good works that we cannot do on our own.



Let's Read
Doctrine and
Covenants
100:7-8.



7 But a
commandment I
give unto you, that
ye shall declare
whatsoever thing
ye declare in my
name, in solemnity
of heart, in the
spirit of meekness,
in all things.



8 And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth in bearing record unto all things whatsoever ye shall say.



What do these verses
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“In solemnity of heart,” and “in the spirit of meekness.”

Solemnity means reverence and
dignity.

To help you understand the meaning of the word meekness, let's read the following statement by President Gordon B. Hinckley:



“Meekness implies a spirit of gratitude as opposed to an attitude of self-sufficiency, an acknowledgment of a greater power beyond oneself, a recognition of God, and an acceptance of his commandments”

(“With All Thy Getting Get Understanding,” *Ensign*, Aug. 1988, 3-4).

What does the Lord
promise if we teach
His gospel with
solemnity and
meekness?



What does the Lord
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The Holy Ghost will bear
record of the principles
we teach.



Pray in
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We receive
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Diligently
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Notice the principles that are here.

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As we pray in faith and teach the doctrine diligently and in solemnity and meekness, we will receive the Spirit, which will bear record of the truths we teach.

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Would anyone like to tell about times when you or others have invited the Spirit by following these principles.

Today we learned that if we are worthy and do our best, the spirit will help us (fill our glass) and make us able to present our lessons with all the talents needed for the class.

Let's listen to the
following
Statement by
President Thomas
S. Monson:





***TESTIMONY**

I want to testify to you that if you will seek the guidance of the Holy spirit, he will help you to teach in a way that will help others feel the influence of the spirit.

* Assignments

* I want to encourage you to:

- * 1. Reflect further on the ideas about teaching by the Spirit that you have written in your notebooks. Use one of these ideas in connection with an upcoming teaching opportunity.
- * 2. Continue to record their progress in their notebooks.
- * 3. Review the principles taught in this lesson by studying the section of this book titled “Teach by the Spirit” (pages 40-48).

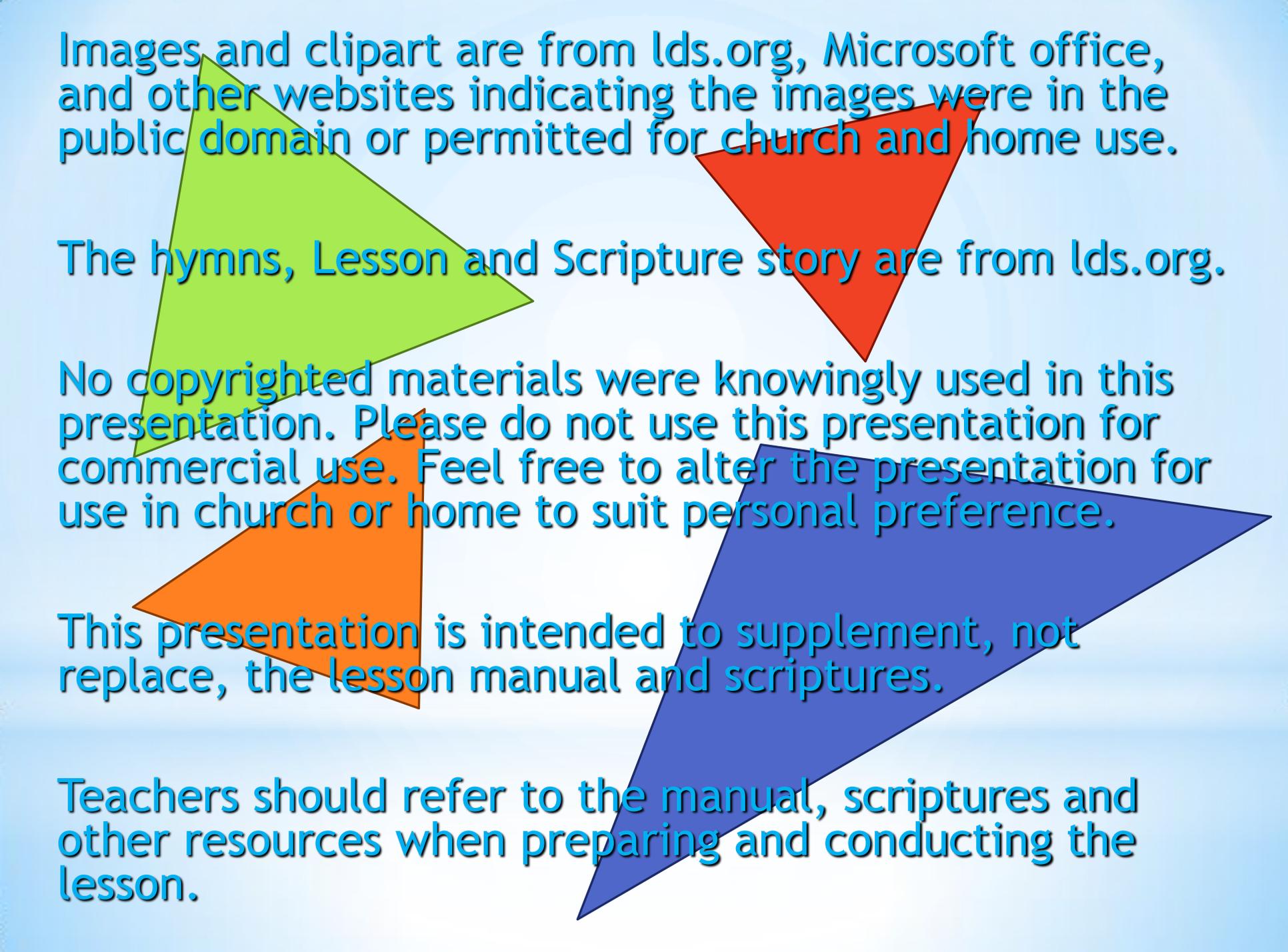
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