

Quote #1 (self-discipline)

Quote A

“Simply put, discipleship takes self-discipline.

“Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift, but receiving it is a conscious choice that requires a commitment of all our “might, mind and strength.” It is a practice of every day. Every hour. It takes constant learning and determined commitment. Our faith, which is our loyalty to the Savior, becomes stronger as it is tested against the opposition we face here in mortality. It endures because we keep nourishing it, we keep actively applying it, and we never give up.”

Quote B - The Opposite

“On the other hand, if we fail to use faith and its convincing power by acting upon it, we become less sure of things we once held sacred—less confident of things we once knew were true.

“Temptations that would never have enticed us begin to look less appalling and more appealing.

“The fire of yesterday’s testimony can warm us for only so long. It needs constant nourishment to keep burning brightly.”

Quote #2 (you)

“Oh, how I wish I could embrace you and help you understand this great truth: You are a blessed being of light, the spirit child of an infinite God! And you bear within you a potential beyond your own capacity to imagine.

“As poets have noted, you come to earth “trailing clouds of glory”!

“Your origin story is divine, and so is your destiny. You left heaven to come here, but heaven has never left you!

“You are anything but ordinary.

“You are gifted”!

Quote #3 (gifts)

See separate handout.

Quote #4 (stewardship)

“The day will come when we stand before our compassionate Father in Heaven to give an account of our stewardship. He will want to know what we did with the gifts He gave us—in particular, how we used them to bless His children. God knows who we truly are, who we are designed to become, and so His expectations for us are high.

“But He doesn’t expect us to take some grand, heroic, or superhuman leap to get there. In the world He created, growth happens gradually and patiently—but also consistently and unrelentingly.”

Quote #5 (jesus)

“We know that our efforts alone cannot make us celestial. But they can make us loyal and committed to Jesus the Christ, and He can make us celestial.

“Because of our beloved Savior, there is no such thing as a no-win scenario. If we place our hope and faith in Him, our victory is assured. He promises us access to His strength, His power, His abundant grace. Step by step, little by little, we will grow ever closer to that great and perfect day when we will live with Him and our loved ones in eternal glory.”