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2 Corinthians 8-13



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One of Paul's ongoing efforts during his missions was to gather a collection for the poor in Jerusalem (see Acts 24:17; Romans 15:25–32; 1 Corinthians 16:1–4). Paul wrote about this collection in 2 Corinthians 8–9. The churches in Macedonia had given generously to the cause, and Paul encouraged the Saints in Corinth to do likewise (see 2 Corinthians 8:1–7). Paul later wrote that the Corinthians had responded favorably to his request (see Romans 15:26).

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Paul explained in 2 Corinthians 8:12 that the willingness to give what one can is more important than being able to give in great abundance (see also Mosiah 4:24). In 2 Corinthians 8:14, Paul may have implied that the Corinthian Saints enjoyed great temporal abundance, which they should have been willing to donate in gratitude for the generous spiritual supply they received from Jerusalem (see Romans 15:27). When Paul spoke of “equality” among the Saints (2 Corinthians 8:14) he was not speaking of complete sameness. Latter-day revelation clarifies that in matters of temporal welfare, equality is determined in consideration of each person’s needs, wants, and circumstances (see D&C 51:3; 82:17).

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2 But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not ^awar after the flesh:

4 (For the ^aweapons of our ^bwarfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every ^athought to the ^bobedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all ^adisobedience, when your ^bobedience is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things after the outward ^aappearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we ^bChrist's.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our ^aauthority, which the Lord hath given us for ^bedification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* ^abodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech ^bcontemptible.

11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

13 But we will not ^aboast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ:

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16 To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, let him ^aglory in the Lord.

18 For not he that ^acommendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

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Maintain the simplicity that is in Christ—Satan sends forth false apostles—Paul glories in his sufferings for Christ.

21a TG Honesty.

6a TG Harvest.

Jacob 2:19 (17-19).

15a TG Thanksgiving.
b James 1:17.

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b 2 Cor. 7:15.

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Desire to give (“a willing mind” 2 Corinthians 8:12)

Mosiah 4:24

And again, I say unto the poor, ye who have not and yet have sufficient, that ye remain from day to day; I mean all you who deny the beggar, because ye have not; I would that ye say in your hearts that: I give not because I have not, but if I had I would give.

How much to give:

2 Corinthians 9:6

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Alma 1:30

And thus, in their prosperous circumstances, they did not send away any who were naked, or that were hungry, or that were athirst, or that were sick, or that had not been nourished; and they did not set their hearts upon riches; therefore they were liberal to all, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, whether out of the church or in the church, having no respect to persons as to those who stood in need.

Attitude in giving:

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Moroni 7:6–8

6 For behold, God hath said a man being evil cannot do that which is good; for if he offereth a gift, or prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with real intent it profiteth him nothing.

7 For behold, it is not counted unto him for righteousness.

8 For behold, if a man being evil giveth a gift, he doeth it grudgingly; wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift; wherefore he is counted evil before God.

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21 And now, if God, who has created you, on whom you are dependent for your lives and for all that ye have and are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right, in faith, believing that ye shall receive, O then, how ye ought to impart of the substance that ye have one to another.

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Sister Patricia T. Holland

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32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to^a apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

23b JST 2 Cor. 11:23 . . . so
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Paul is caught up The Lord gives them they may triumph manifests the sign

It is not expedient to glory. I will confess revelations of the Spirit

2 I knew a man fourteen years ago the body, I cannot tell out of the body, I knoweth;) such things to the third heaven

3 And I knew such things in the body, or cannot tell: God knows

4 How that he was in paradise, and heard words, which it is impossible for man to utter.

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e 2 Cor. 4:9.

27a GR toil, trouble.
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29a 1 Cor. 9:22.
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32a Acts 9:23 (23–25).
12 1a TG Boast.

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4a TG Paradise.
b GR ineffable.
c 3 Ne. 17:17; 19:34 (32–34).
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11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be

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12 Greet one another with an holy ^akiss.

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THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE GALATIANS

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6 I marvel that ye are so soon ^aremoved from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another ^bgospel:

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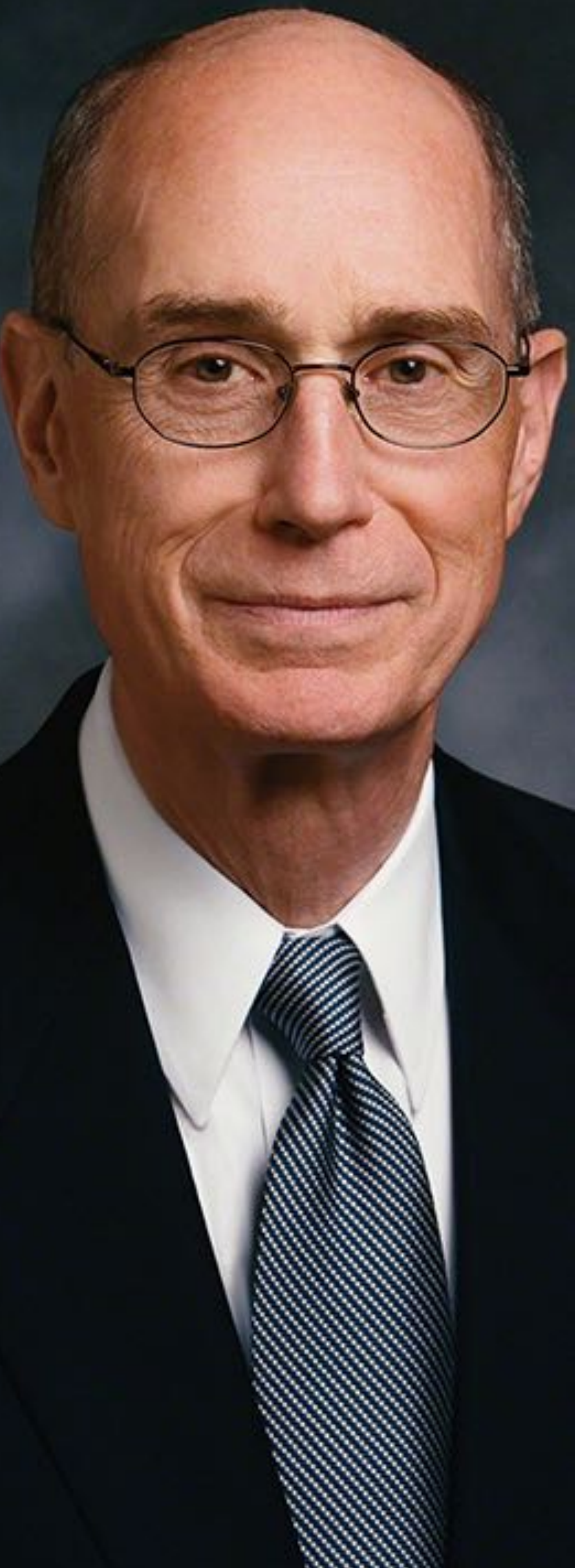
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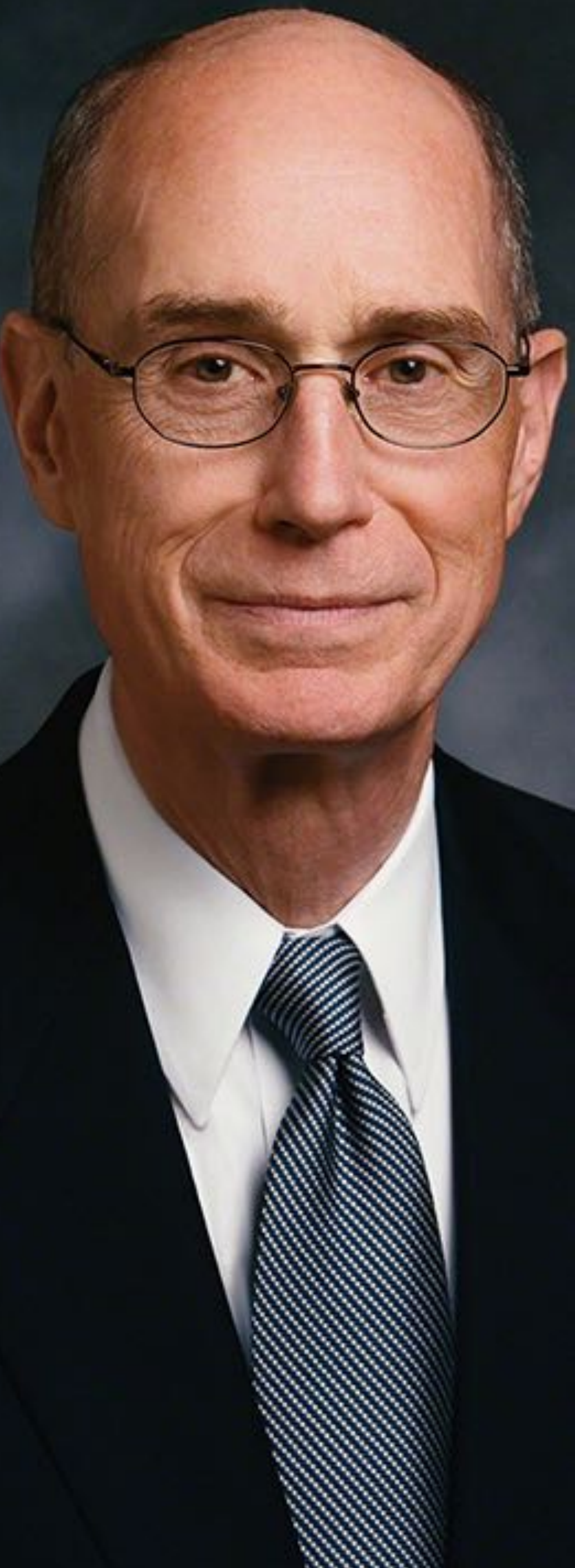


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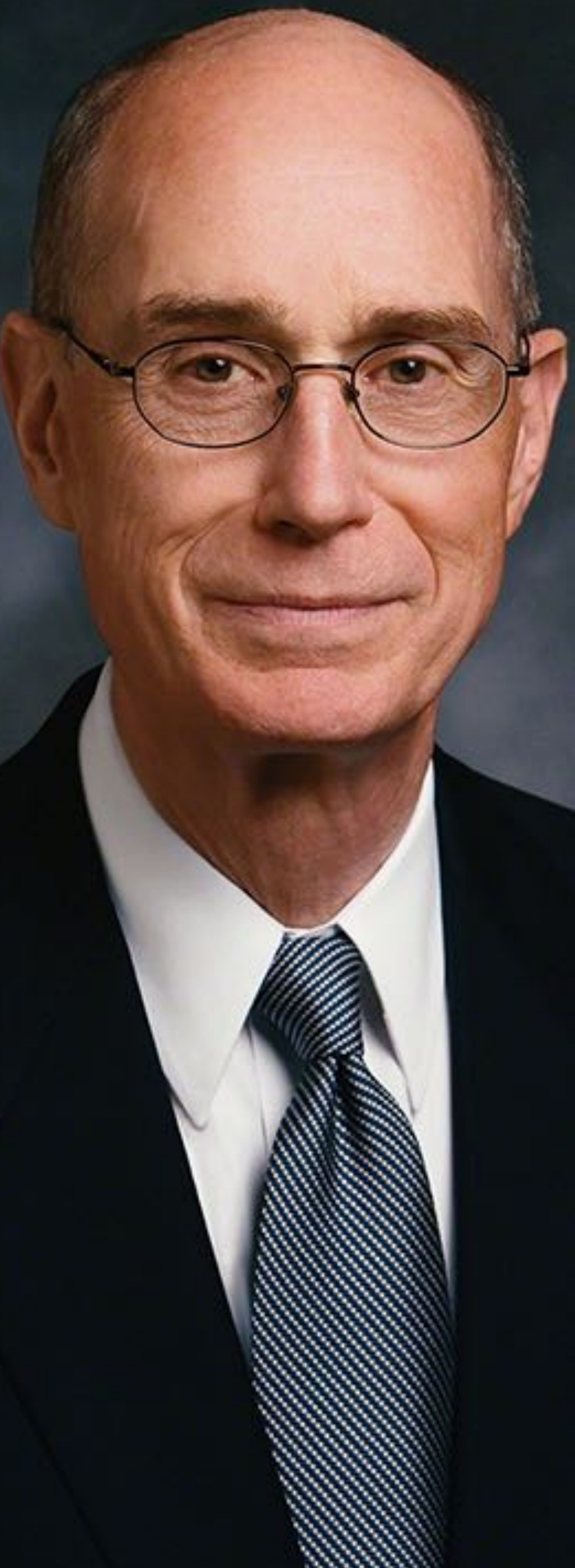
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("The Power of Sustaining Faith," April 2019 GC)



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8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad, when we are ^aweak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the ^apower which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be

^aperfect, be of good comfort, be of ^bone ^cmind, live in ^apeace; and the God of ^elove and peace shall be with you.

12 Greet one another with an holy ^akiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.

¶ The second *epistle* to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, *a city* of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE GALATIANS

CHAPTER 1

Preachers of false gospels are accursed—Paul received the gospel by revelation—He believed, was taught, and preached to the Gentiles.

PAUL, an ^aapostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 Who ^agave himself for our sins, that he might ^bdeliver us from this

present evil world, according to the ^cwill of God and our Father:

5 To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6 I marvel that ye are so soon ^aremoved from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another ^bgospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that ^atrouble you, and would ^bpervert the ^cgospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an ^aangel from heaven, preach any ^bother ^cgospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be ^aaccursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other

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9c 2 Cor. 13:9;
Ether 12:27 (26–28).
d D&C 39:12

13a 2 Cor. 11:9 (8–9).
14a 1 Cor. 10:33.
19a 1 Cor. 14:26

D&C 6:28.
TG Book of Mormon;
Witness

7a TG Honesty.
9a 2 Cor. 13:9

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h 2 Cor. 11:4