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Today's Word: panoply

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Lesson 39: "For the Perfecting of the Saints"

Are You:

- Being Diligent about Your Individual Scripture Reading and Prayers?
- Reading Scriptures Together as a Family?

Today's Scriptures

Ephesians

Next Week:

Lesson 40:

"I Can Do All These Things Through Christ"

Philippians,

Colossians, Philemon

President Spencer W. Kimball taught:

"Can you find in all the holy scriptures where the Lord Jesus Christ ever failed his church? . . . Was he faithful? Was he true? Is there anything good and worthy that he did not give? Then that is what we ask—what he asks of a husband. . . .

"Can you think of how he loved the Church? Its every breath was important to him. Its every growth, its every individual, was precious to him. He gave to those people all his energy, all his power, all his interest. He gave his life—what more could one give?

(*Men of Example* [address delivered to religious educators, 12 Sept. 1975], 4-5).

President Gordon B. Hinckley taught:

"You and I are experiencing the profound and wonderful blessings of the dispensation of the fullness of times. In this day and time there have been restored to the earth all of the principles, powers, blessings, and keys of all previous dispensations" (*Ensign*, May 1992, 70).

Questions to Ponder

- How has the Lord helped you to be of "good cheer" during difficult times?
- What attitudes or other problems keep people today from accepting the gospel of Jesus Christ?

In "The Family: A Proclamation to the World," the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught that "happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities" (*Ensign*, Nov. 1995, 102).



Put on the whole armour of God!



President Boyd K. Packer taught:

"The ministry of the prophets and apostles leads them ever and always to the home and the family. . . . The ultimate purpose of all we teach is to unite parents and children in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they are happy at home, sealed in an eternal marriage, linked to their generation, and assured of exaltation in the presence of our Heavenly Father" (*Ensign*, May 1995, 8).

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