

Dallin H. Oaks

Quotes

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A good marriage does not require a perfect man or a perfect woman. It only requires a man and a woman committed to strive together toward perfection.

~Dallin H. Oaks

You can never get enough of what you don't need, because what you don't need won't satisfy you.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Adversities are temporary. What is permanent is what we become by the way we react to them.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We should seek after spiritual gifts. They can lead us to God. They can shield us from the power of the adversary. They can compensate for our inadequacies and repair our imperfections.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the brightest light and the only hope for this darkened world.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Desires dictate our priorities, priorities shape our choices, and choices determine our actions.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Love is the most powerful force in the world.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Following Christ is not a casual or occasional practice but a continuous commitment and way of life that applies at all times and in all places.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Man's laws cannot make moral what God has declared immoral

~Dallin H. Oaks

The word sharing affirms that we have something extraordinarily valuable and desire to give it to others for their benefit and blessing.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I say, choose faith. Choose faith over doubt, choose faith over fear, choose faith over the unknown and the unseen, and choose faith over pessimism.

~Dallin H. Oaks

All of us should banish hateful communications and practice civility for differences of opinion.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The purpose of the gospel is to transform common creatures into celestial citizens, and that requires change.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Forgiving is divine. Plead for the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord to forgive wrongs, to overcome faults, and to strengthen relationships.

~Dallin H. Oaks

It's amazing how much you can get done if you don't worry about who gets the credit.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We should recognize that the Lord will speak to us through the Spirit in His own time and in His own way.

~Dallin H. Oaks

When we have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we must have trust in him. We must trust him enough that we are content to accept his will, knowing that he knows what is best for us.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The church doesn't seek apologies and we don't give them.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Faith is developed in a setting where we cannot see ahead.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Our lives of service and sacrifice are the most appropriate expressions of our commitment to serve the Master and our fellowmen.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Those who enjoy the blessings of liberty under a divinely inspired constitution should promote morality, and they should practice what the Founding Fathers called civic virtue.

~Dallin H. Oaks

If our bodies are sick, we seek to heal them. We do not give up. The same thing should be true of our marriages.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We have to forego some good things in order to choose others that are better or best because they develop faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen our families.

~Dallin H. Oaks

When we have a vision of what we can become, our desire and our power to act increase enormously.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Religious insights and values are just as important today as they were 50 or 100 years ago.

~Dallin H. Oaks

When we understand our relationship to God, we also understand our relationship to one another.

~Dallin H. Oaks

If we choose the wrong road, we choose the wrong destination.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The ultimate defining fact for all of us is that we are children of Heavenly Parents, born on this earth for a purpose, and born with a divine destiny.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We should recognize the reality that just because something is good is not sufficient reason for doing it. The number of good things we can do far exceeds the time available to accomplish them.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I believe many of us are overnourished on entertainment junk food and undernourished on the bread of life.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Let us give thanks for what we are and for the circumstances God has given us for our personal journey through mortality.

~Dallin H. Oaks

To achieve our eternal destiny, we will desire and work for the qualities required to become an eternal being.

~Dallin H. Oaks

It's wrong to criticize leaders of the Church, even if the criticism is true.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Our earliest efforts will be heard with joy by our Heavenly Father, however they are phrased.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I expect celibacy of any person that is not married.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Service that is given with little or no thought of personal advantage is an ideal to pursue for a lifetime.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Testimony is to know and to feel, Conversion is to do and to become.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The principles stated in the proclamation on the family are a beautiful expression of this gospel culture.

~Dallin H. Oaks

And young women, please understand that if you dress immodestly, you are magnifying this problem by becoming pornography to some of the men who see you.

~Dallin H. Oaks

When we give thanks in all things, we see hardships and adversities in the context of the purpose of life.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Having descended beneath it all, He is perfectly positioned to lift us.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Service to mankind must ever be the ideal of this great university. It was established in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life that all men might live.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Loving-kindness is required, but a follower of Christ-just like the

Master-will be firm in the truth.

~Dallin H. Oaks

To avoid all possibility for error is to avoid all possibility for growth.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Fear not little flock; do good; let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail. . . Look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Whoever functions in an office or calling received from one who holds priesthood keys exercises priesthood authority in performing her or his assigned duties.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Establish in the mind of a young person the powerful idea that he or she is a child of God, and you have given self-respect and motivation to move against the problems of life.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We should refrain from anything that seems to be a final judgment of any person...the Lord alone has the capacity to judge...And, in all of this we must remember the command to forgive.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The commandment to avoid contention applies to those who are right as well as those who are wrong.

~Dallin H. Oaks

...A man is not required to run faster than he is able but it is a requirement to run.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Even as we seek to be meek and to avoid contention, we must not compromise or dilute our commitment to the truths we understand.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Priesthood power blesses all of us. Priesthood keys direct women as well as men, and priesthood ordinances and priesthood authority pertain to women as well as men.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Let us all improve our personal behavior and redouble our efforts to protect our loved ones and our environment from the onslaught of pornography.

~Dallin H. Oaks

When all other hope is gone, our Father in Heaven provides the Lamb of God, and we are saved by his sacrifice.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We should remember that none of us is perfect and none of us has children whose behavior is entirely in accord with exactly what we would have them do in all circumstances.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I encourage you to seek the help of the Savior to resist temptation and to refrain from behavior that would cause you to have to repent or to have your Church membership called into question.

~Dallin H. Oaks

If you wish to marry well, inquire well.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Our Savior gave Himself in unselfish service. He taught that each of us should follow Him by denying ourselves of selfish interests in order to serve others.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Through the lens of spirituality, we see all the commandments of God as invitations to blessings.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The most powerful teaching of children is by the example of their parents.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Plan specifically so you can implement flexibly.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We must seek to be firmly rooted and converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Though we disagree, we should not be disagreeable.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The most effective missionsries always act out of love

~Dallin H. Oaks

Don't be dumb. (don't get a tattoo)

~Dallin H. Oaks

When I was 66, my wife June died of cancer. Two years later--a year and a half ago--I married Kristen McMMain, the eternal companion who now stands at my side.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The nature and extent of profanity and vulgarity in our society is a measure of its deterioration.

~Dallin H. Oaks

When we undertake to cover our sins, . . . behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man

~Dallin H. Oaks

The possession of wealth is not a mark of Heavenly favor and their absence is not evidence of Heavenly disfavor.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The ultimate treasures on earth and in heaven are our children and our posterity.

~Dallin H. Oaks

What does it mean to be true to the faith? That word true implies commitment, integrity, endurance, and courage.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Those who are used to a clergy take very lightly those who do not have a formal divinity degree: like Paul and Peter and James and John.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The Parliament in Canada and the Congress in Washington do not have the authority to revoke the commandments of God, or to modify or amend them in any way.

~Dallin H. Oaks

My experiences taught me firsthand that when a person is not performing well, there are many possible reasons, some not of his own choosing.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I am unpersuaded that relative poverty and hard work are greater adversities than relative affluence and free time.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We have the agency to choose which characteristics will define us; those choices are not thrust upon us.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The intensity of our desire to share the gospel is a great indicator of the extent of our personal conversion.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Become what our Heavenly Father desires you to become.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I just didn't spend enough time with my job.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Well-taught doctrines and principles have a more powerful influence on behavior than rules.

~Dallin H. Oaks

If you are trying to live with and maintain ascendancy over same-gender attractions, the best way to do that is to have groups that define their members in terms other than same-gender attractions.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Everyone has some challenges they have to struggle with.

~Dallin H. Oaks

If people want to legalize a particular relationship, we need to be careful if that kind of relationship has been disapproved for millennia.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The coup de grace which ends the patient's life altogether is quite equivalent to the drastic modification in the institution of marriage that would be brought on by same-gender marriage.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Law has at least two roles: one is to define and regulate the limits of acceptable behavior. The other is to teach principles for individuals to make individual choices.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We need to lay hold on the feelings and try to control them to keep us from getting into a circumstance that leads to sinful behavior.

~Dallin H. Oaks

I think it's important for you to understand that homosexuality is not a noun that describes a condition. It's an adjective that describes feelings or behavior.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Feelings can be controlled and behavior can be controlled. The line of sin is between the feelings and the behavior. The line of prudence is between the susceptibility and the feelings.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Alcohol is the number one addictive drug in our day.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Pray that you will have good and correct attitudes about all your experiences - be they good or bad.

~Dallin H. Oaks

We gain or strengthen a testimony by bearing it.

~Dallin H. Oaks

There is not a right and a wrong answer to every question.

~Dallin H. Oaks

It is not enough that we are under call or even that we are going in the right direction. The timing must be right.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Materialism, which gives priority to material needs and objects, is obviously the opposite of spirituality

~Dallin H. Oaks

We must change all elements of our behavior that are in conflict with gospel... covenants.

~Dallin H. Oaks

Given love and opportunity, every child and adult can recover. All who know this and have the capacity to help others should assist as they can.

~Dallin H. Oaks

In the acquisition of Sacred knowledge, scholarship and reason are not alternatives to revelation. They are a means to an end, and the end is revelation from God.

~Dallin H. Oaks

President Lorenzo Snow declared that it is "the grand privilege of every Latter-day Saint . . . to have the manifestations of the spirit every day of our lives."

~Dallin H. Oaks

Most angelic communications are felt or heard rather than seen.

~Dallin H. Oaks

The greatest power God has given to His sons cannot be exercised without the companionship of one of His daughters.

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