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LESSON 12:

# Developing Christlike Attributes

## Ponder: Drawing Near to Christ

Ponder the words of the following hymn.  
As you feel prompted by the Spirit you may sing it quietly:

### Nearer, Dear Savior, to Thee

- #99 Standard English Hymnbook -

*Verse 1:*

Nearer, dear Savior, to thee,  
Nearer, nearer to thee—  
Ever I'm striving to be  
Nearer, yet nearer to thee!  
Trusting, in thee I confide;  
Hoping, in thee I abide.  
Take, oh, take, and cherish me,  
Nearer, dear Savior, to thee.

*Verse 2:*

Nearer, dear Savior, to thee,  
Nearer, nearer to thee—  
Proved by my trials, I'll be  
Nearer, yet nearer to thee!  
Humbly I come to thee now;  
Earnest, I prayerfully bow.  
Take, oh, take, and cherish me,  
Nearer, dear Savior, to thee.

*Verse 3:*

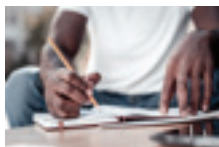
Nearer, dear Savior, to thee,  
Nearer, nearer to thee—  
Ever my anthem will be  
Nearer, yet nearer to thee!  
Loving thee, ever I pray,  
Aid me thy will to obey.  
Take, oh, take, and cherish me,  
Nearer, dear Savior, to thee.

*Verse 4:*

Nearer, dear Savior, to thee,  
Nearer, nearer to thee—  
Let me by holiness be  
Nearer, yet nearer to thee!  
When all my trials are done,  
When my reward I have won,  
Take, oh, take, and cherish me,  
Nearer, dear Savior, to thee.



*What is the relationship you desire to have with the Savior, and how do you feel about it?*



*Record Your Feelings:*

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## Study and Discuss: How Do I Develop Christlike Attributes?

- Study the following sections from *Preach My Gospel*, Chapter 6 “How Do I Develop Christlike Attributes?” including the scriptures referenced in each section.
  1. Ideas for Studying This Chapter
  2. Faith in Jesus Christ
  3. Hope
  4. Charity and Love
  5. Virtue
  6. Knowledge
  7. Patience
  8. Humility
  9. Diligence
  10. Obedience
  11. Developing Christlike Attributes
- Plan to discuss what you learn with your missionary preparation class, your Sunday School teacher, quorum or auxiliary leader, a family member, a class member, or a friend.
- Write down the impressions you feel and ideas you learn through these discussions about how you can become more Christlike.

## Prepare to Serve

- Review the section in *Preach My Gospel*, Chapter 6 “How Do I Develop Christlike Attributes? Ideas for Study and Application.” Do the exercises under the subtitle: “Personal Study.” Write down your answers in your study journal. Review your answers with your teacher or quorum / auxiliary leader. Add to your journal any new impressions and ideas you learn through these discussions. Make it a lifetime goal to be always striving to be better in at least one attribute that helps you to become more like the Savior. Choose an attribute and start working on it right away.
- Read and do all the exercises pertaining to the principle of self-reliance “Repent and Be Obedient” in Chapter 4 of the self-reliance booklet *My Foundation for Self-Reliance*. If you have not done so, ask your quorum or auxiliary leader about joining a self-reliance group in your ward or stake. Plan to complete the twelve-week group process as part of your missionary preparation.