
ON BECOMING

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Learning Outcomes

- Understand the concept of “becoming” as a long-term development of character rather than just compliance with rules.
- Align professional engineering decisions with the attributes of Jesus Christ, such as integrity and selfless service.
- Evaluate how daily safety and ethical choices contribute to one’s eternal potential and relationship with God.

Reading

- Foundations of Spiritual and Physical Safety: with Chemical Processes; Chapter 2, Sections 3 and 7.
- BYU President Shane Reese’s talk [Becoming BYU: An Inaugural Response](#)

1 Life After Death

We know relatively very little about life after death. Prophets have spoken that this life is a time to prepare to meet God.

2 Becoming

Becoming means that we strive to become ...

Quote by President Reese on becoming

The “Becoming” concept; aligning professional life with spiritual values (e.g., covenants, service); connection to safety culture.

3 Ethics and the Gospel of Jesus Christ

| Ethic | Gospel of Jesus Christ |
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| Deontology (Duty) | Obey the laws and ordinances of the Gospel |
| Virtue (Becoming) | Follow the Savior and become like Him |
| Contractarianism | Make and keep covenants |
| Utilitarianism | Love God and others for “[God] doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world.” |

4 Divine Command Theory

How the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints differs from other Christian theologies: God still has the choice to sin...

4.1 Euthypro Dilemma

5 Planning Your Life

Planning your life assessment.

Action Items

1. Complete the “Planning your Life Assignment” by creating a diagram of significant life events and key goals for one specific facet of your life, such as your professional or spiritual development.
2. Personal Reflection: Read Section II.7 in the sources and write two paragraphs describing who you want to “become” by the end of your earthly life, focusing on character traits rather than just career milestones.
3. Which scriptures emphasize that our decisions should be based on our eternal existence? Why did you choose those scriptures?
4. What specific benefits have you seen as you have honored covenants with God?
5. How is building relationships with others and God an ethical approach to those mentioned previously?