
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 On Becoming

President Dallin Oaks of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has said:

The Apostle Paul taught that the Lord’s teachings and teachers were given that we may all attain “the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”¹. This process requires far more than acquiring knowledge. It is not even enough for us to be convinced of the gospel; we must act and think so that we are converted by it. In contrast to the institutions of the world, which teach us to know something, the gospel of Jesus Christ challenges us to become something.²

¹Ephesians 4:13

²Dallin H. Oaks, “The Challenge to Become,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2000, 6.

2 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.

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
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?