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Joseph Smith, Teachings, p.345

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Jeffrey R. Holland, “The Hands of the Fathers,” *Ensign*, May 1999, 14

## Service

**GOD DOES NOTICE US, AND HE WATCHES OVER US. BUT IT IS USUALLY THROUGH ANOTHER PERSON THAT HE MEETS OUR NEEDS.**

President Spencer W. Kimball, *Ensign*, December 1974, p.5

## Humility, Pride, or Charity

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President Ezra Taft Benson, Beware of Pride, *Ensign*, May 1981, pp.4,5

## Satan

Who is it that whispers so subtly in our ear that a gift given to another somehow diminishes the blessings we have received? Who makes us feel that if God is smiling on another, then He surely must somehow be frowning on us? You and I both know who does this—it is the father of all lies. It is Lucifer, our common enemy, whose cry down through the corridors of time is always and to everyone, “Give me thine honor”.

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, *Ensign*, May 2002, 62

## Dating

There are many qualities you will want to look for in a friend or a serious date—to say nothing of a spouse and eternal companion—but surely among the first and most basic of those qualities will be those of *care and sensitivity toward others*, a minimum of self-centeredness that allows compassion and courtesy to be evident. There are lots of limitations in all of us that we hope our sweethearts will overlook. I suppose no one is as handsome or as beautiful as he or she wishes, or as brilliant in school or as witty in speech or as wealthy as we would like, but in a world of varied talents and fortunes that we can't always command, I think that makes even more attractive the qualities we can command—such qualities as thoughtfulness, patience, a kind word, and true delight in the accomplishment of another. These cost us nothing, and they can mean everything to the one who receives them.

Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, “How Do I Love Thee?” *New Era*, Oct. 2003, 4

## Revelation

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President Boyd K. Packer, *Ensign*, November 1991, p.21

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