

Doctrine and Covenants 58:26–29

"Anxiously Engaged in a Good Cause"

Prepare to study by listening to a hymn or song and saying a prayer. Create a note for this lesson in your seminary notebook. As you study, write any questions you have and look for answers.

Many Saints, including a group from Colesville, New York, had recently arrived in Jackson County, Missouri. They desired to help the Savior to build Zion, but they were unsure what to do. The Lord explained that they were expected to use their agency to find ways to help and serve. This lesson can help you understand how to follow the Savior's example of going about doing good.

Study the Scriptures

Consider the phrase "They go about doing good." Who do you know who fits that description? What have you seen them do?

[Acts 10](#) is a record of the Apostle Peter's teaching in Caesarea.

Read [Acts 10:38](#) to see who Peter says fits the description of "[going] about doing good."

Record what might it be like if Jesus had been born in our day, lived in your neighborhood, or attended your school.

- What do you imagine Him doing that could be described as "[going] about doing good"?

- How would it feel to spend an entire day with Jesus "[going] about doing good"?

- How might thinking about the Savior's example influence how you choose to spend your time?

When [Doctrine and Covenants 58](#) was received, Joseph Smith and some of the elders of the Church had recently arrived in Missouri. They desired instructions on how to establish the Church and build up Zion in the area. The Savior taught them how they could use their agency to do His work.

Using your agency to become ...

More like Jesus	Less like Jesus

Read [Doctrine and Covenants 58:26–29](#) to learn what the Savior taught the Saints about using their agency. Write in your chart actions that fit each column. *Note: “It is not meet” means it is not necessary or desirable.*

Look at each side of the chart you filled in. Think about which actions best describe you. Ponder how often you actively seek for ways to serve God and others without waiting to be told what to do. As you study, pay attention to ways you can strive to be more anxiously engaged in a good cause.

Complete the following activities to help you seek ways to serve God and others.

Examples from Jesus Christ

In [Doctrine and Covenants 58:27](#), we are invited to be “anxiously engaged in a good cause,” or actively seeking to do good. Jesus Christ is the perfect example of this. Watch the video “[Jesus Christ Has Compassion and Heals the People](#)” (6:32). Pay attention to what Jesus Christ does that helps you understand what it means to be “anxiously engaged in a good cause.”

Record in your chart column “More like Jesus” what you saw Christ doing in the video.

Create a modern-day scenario in which you feel that someone could act in a Christlike way. Record the scenario below.

