

Principles for Ensuring Doctrinal Purity

CHURCH MATERIALS AND MESSAGES SHOULD COMMUNICATE THE LORD'S ESTABLISHED DOCTRINE IN PURITY AND IN A WAY THAT INVITES THE CONVERTING POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST.

The First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have approved the following principles which provide a standard to ensure proposed content meets these aims:

1. Centered on Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Their Fundamental Doctrine

Materials and messages should be centered on Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Their fundamental doctrine to help individuals increase faith in Them, become converted to Them, and receive the blessings of eternal life (see 1 Nephi 15:14).

2. Scriptural and Prophetic Authority

Materials and messages should be grounded in the scriptures and teachings of latter-day prophets, which are the Lord's authorized sources of doctrine (see Doctrine and Covenants 28:2–3, 8).

3. Multiple Witnesses

Materials and messages should communicate only those doctrinal teachings which the Lord has established through multiple authoritative witnesses (see 2 Nephi 11:3).

4. Avoid Speculation

Materials and messages should not go beyond what God has established and should avoid introducing error through speculation, personal opinions, or worldly ideas (see 3 Nephi 11:32, 40).

5. Spiritual Edification

Materials and messages should be in harmony with the influence of the Holy Ghost in content and tone to help individuals experience spiritual edification (see Doctrine and Covenants 50:21–23).

6. Doctrinal Balance

Materials and messages should give appropriate focus or weight to a point of doctrine within the context of related gospel truths to avoid distortion and help cultivate a balanced understanding (see Matthew 23:23).

7. Clarity

Materials and messages should communicate truth with clarity to increase understanding and avoid potential misunderstandings (see Alma 13:23).

8. Accuracy

Materials and messages should communicate only accurate and reliable information to inform and strengthen God's children and to protect the integrity of the Lord's Church (see Doctrine and Covenants 93:24).

9. Non-Distraction

Materials and messages should avoid elements that could distract from the gospel truths they are intended to communicate (see Doctrine and Covenants 6:36).

