

We may adore physical strength, but the Lord knows what strengths his leaders need.

**Comment [1]:** Adore doesn't seem like quite the right word here. Can we find another word that can better capture what message you're trying to convey? Maybe, admire or esteem?

Seeing President Thomas S. Monson be able to give only two short talks at General

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Conference is concerning. His physical abilities are obviously declining. The weaknesses

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of old age are all too visible. But old age has its strengths → strengths so great that I am

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compelled to exclaim with President Gordon B. Hinckley about having an older

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leader, "What a blessing!"

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As President Hinckley points out in his talk "The Divine Genius of the Lord's

Church," there's the old proverb, "Youth for action. Age for wisdom." ↓ Wisdom should

**Comment [2]:** To ease reading, could we reword this sentence? Perhaps: "In his talk "The Divine Genius of the Lord's Church," President Hinckley points out an old proverb: "Youth for action. Age for wisdom."

guide one's actions. and the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve

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Apostles have gained that wisdom; they have treasured up over many years the words of

life. As such, they can preach the word "that [has] a great tendency to *lead* the people

**Comment [3]:** I feel like the sentence "Wisdom should guide one's actions" is such a strong, beautiful sentence. Is it okay to remove "In considering..." to help highlight this statement?

to *do* that which [is] just" (Alma 31:5, emphasis added).

But wisdom is not all our leaders have from their thousands of rotations around the

earth's axis. Because of their mature age and strong devotion to the Lord, President

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Hinckley's comment about future prophets surely applies to all fifteen of them. we can

**Comment [4]:** "Words of life" is not a phrase many LDS people are familiar with. Would it be clearer to say "Words of God"?

expect that their "faith has matured," that they've been "tried and tested," and that their

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"nearness to God has been cultivated." ↓ The Lord knows whom to call, and we

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should follow them.

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