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Preface: Life in the Law: Service & Integrity

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Preface

An ethical life in the law is both a process *and* a product. This collection of talks is designed to assist law students and attorneys in their work to be moral healers, professionals, and servants in the law. Some of the speeches focus on the process of being ethical or competent. They speak to the practical and spiritual decisions that professionals make to become better. Other talks touch on the results of moral choices for Christian lawyers, holding them up as worthy goals.

The book's categories, "Be Ethical," "Be Healers," "Be Professional," and "Be Servants" address what lives of service and integrity in the law can look like. Each of these categories has aspects of both process and product. Our hope is that the readers will become ethical lawyers, constantly striving in the process and always improving themselves as the product. In addition, at the end of this volume are a set of materials specific to J. Reuben Clark Law School, an institution founded to leaven the loaf of the legal profession and society, a continual process and a never-ending product.

This volume seeks to perpetuate the memory and name of J. Reuben Clark Jr., a man of integrity, who constantly improved himself throughout his life by serving others. This book is *not* about him, although seven photos are included and he is profiled substantially in two chapters. (See pages 225–238 and 287–289.) Rather, this volume shows the legacy being created by good men and women associated with the two institutions that carry his name: J. Reuben Clark Law School and the J. Reuben Clark Law Society. Most of these chapters originally were talks given at BYU Law School, at Clark Society events, or at Brigham Young University, and published in the *Clark Memorandum*. This book is a successor volume to an earlier compilation, *Life in the Law: Answering God's Interrogatories* (2002).

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