Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles





He keeps an
Oreo cookie in a display
case on his desk. It reminds
him of a young boy who
received a package of cookies
after his long journey to a
refugee camp in Lesbos,
Greece. The boy insisted that
President Ballard take the
very first cookie.



In college, friends called him "the bishop" because he always tried to choose the right.





He and his wife, Barbara, have 7 children, 43 grandchildren, and 95 great-grandchildren!

"Do the best you can do day after day."

President M. Russell Ballard

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