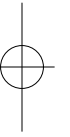
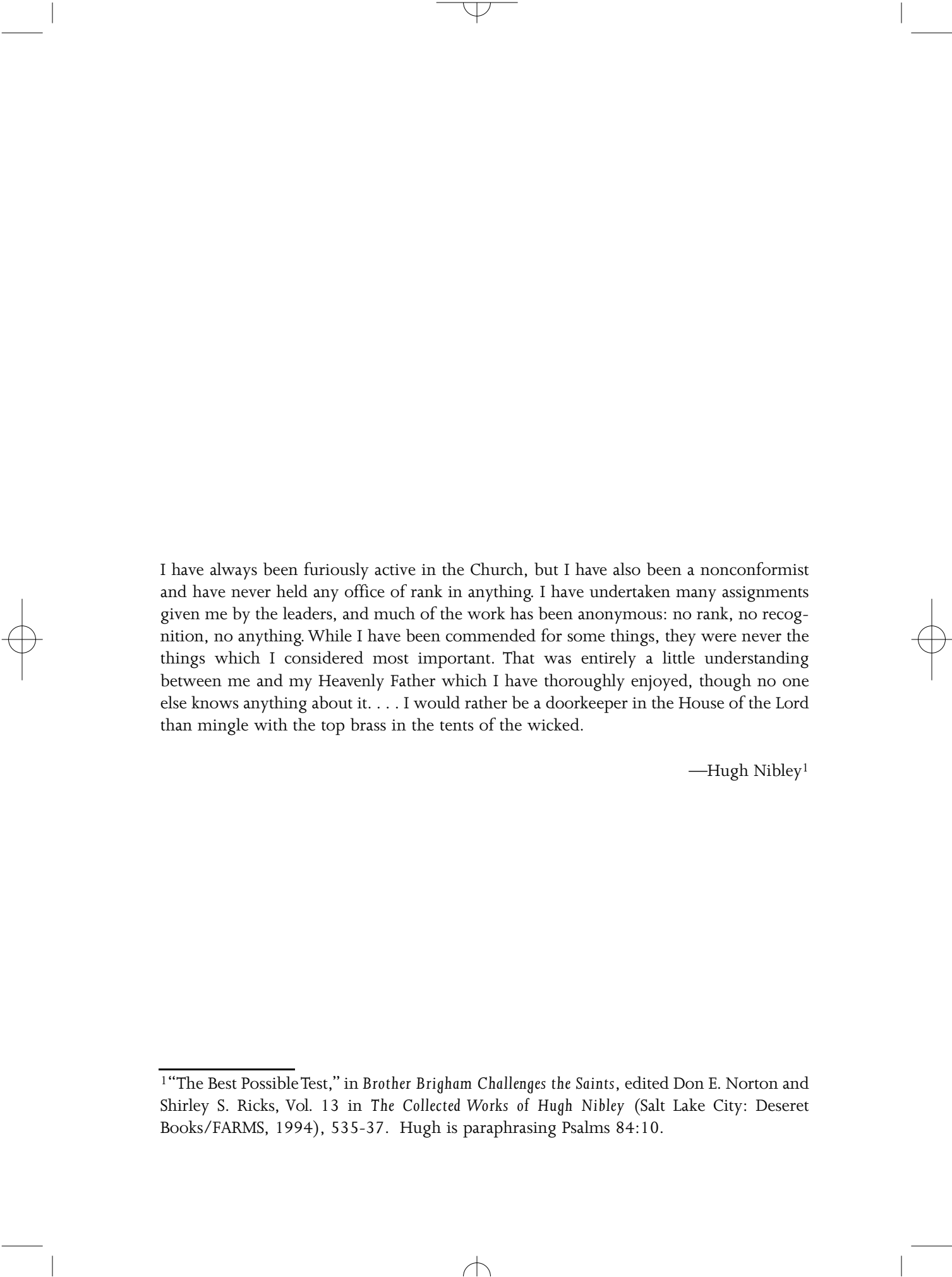


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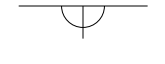





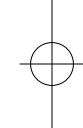
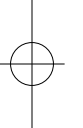
I have always been furiously active in the Church, but I have also been a nonconformist and have never held any office of rank in anything. I have undertaken many assignments given me by the leaders, and much of the work has been anonymous: no rank, no recognition, no anything. While I have been commended for some things, they were never the things which I considered most important. That was entirely a little understanding between me and my Heavenly Father which I have thoroughly enjoyed, though no one else knows anything about it. . . . I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of the Lord than mingle with the top brass in the tents of the wicked.

—Hugh Nibley¹

¹“The Best Possible Test,” in *Brother Brigham Challenges the Saints*, edited Don E. Norton and Shirley S. Ricks, Vol. 13 in *The Collected Works of Hugh Nibley* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Books/FARMS, 1994), 535-37. Hugh is paraphrasing Psalms 84:10.



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