

Living Closer to the Savior

HAVING A *Spiritual*, *HAPPY* AND *Productive* LIFE

THE FORMULA	DEFINITION	QUOTES	THOUGHTS/GOALS	PERSONAL THEME SCRIPTURE
<div>Love</div> <div>+</div> <div>Prayer</div> <div>+</div> <div>Service</div> <div>+</div> <div>Obedience</div> <div>+</div> <div>Study</div> <div>+</div> <div>Work</div>		<p>"God's children need to be loved, and to have someone to love. ... We have two great challenges, you and I, and the challenge never ends as long as breath lasts: to choose him and to love each other. Then we may be sure we will know him in this world and at last in that kingdom which is not of this world" (Marion D. Hanks, in Conference Report, Apr. 1980, pp. 42–44; or <i>Ensign</i>, May 1980, pp. 30–31).</p>		
		<p>"Sincere prayer is the heart of a happy and productive life. Prayer strengthens faith. Prayer is the preparation for miracles. Prayer opens the door to eternal happiness" (H. Burke Peterson, in Conference Report, Oct. 1973, p. 13; or <i>Ensign</i>, Jan. 1974, p. 19).</p>		
		<p>"To serve others willingly and unselfishly should be one of our greatest virtues. It is not even a matter of choice. It is an obligation, a sacred command. ... "Therefore, let us serve one another with brotherly love, never tiring of the demands upon us, being patient and persevering and generous" (Ezra Taft Benson, "Your Charge," <i>New Era</i>, Sept. 1979, p. 44).</p>		
		<p>"One goal that most of us share in this life is the desire to achieve true joy and lasting happiness. There is only one way to do this, and that is by being obedient to all the commandments of God. ... 'When the Lord commands, do it,' was a rule in the life of the first prophet of this dispensation. May that be the motto and practice of each of us" (Delbert L. Stapley, in Conference Report, Oct. 1977, pp. 26, 30; or <i>Ensign</i>, Nov. 1977, pp. 19, 21).</p>		
		<p>"When we follow the counsel of our leaders to read and study the scriptures, benefits and blessings of many kinds come to us. ... Where could there be more profitable use of time than reading from the scriptural library the literature that teaches us to know God and understand our relationship to him?" (Howard W. Hunter, in Conference Report, Oct. 1979, p. 91; or <i>Ensign</i>, Nov. 1979, p. 64).</p>		
		<p>"Energetic, purposeful work leads to vigorous health, praiseworthy achievement, a clear conscience, and refreshing sleep. Work has always been a boon to man. May you have a wholesome respect for labor whether with head, heart, or hand" (Ezra Taft Benson, "Your Charge," p. 44).</p>		