

Learning

President Kimball one time was asked "Elder Kimball, what do you do when you're in a boring sacrament meeting?" President Kimball thought a minute and then he gave a very profound answer. He said, "I don't know, I've never been in one." What he was really teaching, brothers and sisters, was about another meeting. If you're just in this meeting with me – this one we physically see – you're not in the meeting yet. The real meeting is the meeting between you and the Lord. And if you want to really get in the meeting and have the Lord work upon your heart, that will be up to you.

Elder Gene R. Cook, *Teaching By the Spirit and Learning How to Receive Blessings From the Lord*, CES and Institute Meeting, June 20, 1989

Agency

IN EVERY AGE WE ARE FACED WITH A CHOICE. WE CAN TRUST IN OUR OWN STRENGTH, OR WE CAN JOURNEY TO HIGHER GROUND AND COME UNTO CHRIST. EACH CHOICE HAS A CONSEQUENCE. EACH CONSEQUENCE, A DESTINATION!"

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, CR, Oct 2005, 18

Physical Health/ Word of Wisdom

The Word of Wisdom does not promise you perfect health, but it teaches how to keep the body you were born with in the best condition and your mind alert to delicate spiritual promptings.

President Boyd K. Packer, Ensign, May 1996, 17

ENTERTAINMENT AND THE MEDIA

Why not go through your collection? Get rid of the worst of it. Keep just the best of it. Be selective in what you consume and what you produce. It becomes a part of you... There is so much wonderful, uplifting music available that we can experience to our advantage. Our people ought to be surrounded by good music of all kinds.

PRESIDENT BOYD K. PACKER, ENSIGN, JANUARY 1974, 25

Service

Yes, men and women who turn their lives over to God will discover that He can make a lot more out of their lives than they can. He will deepen their joys, expand their vision, quicken their minds, strengthen their muscles, lift their spirits, multiply their blessings, increase their opportunities, comfort their souls, raise up friends, and pour out peace. Whoever will lose his life in the service of God will find Eternal Life.

President Ezra Taft Benson, Ensign, Dec 1988, 2

Missionary Work

PRESIDENT HINCKLEY DESCRIBED WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HEART OF EVERY MISSIONARY WHO COMMITS HIS OR HER LIFE AND WORK TO THE LORD WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT HIS OWN MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES. IT WAS EARLY IN HIS MISSION, AND HE WAS DISCOURAGED. THE WORK WAS HARD, AND THE PEOPLE WERE NOT RECEPTIVE. HOWEVER, THERE CAME A TIME WHEN DISCOURAGEMENT TURNED TO COMMITMENT. FOR HIM, THE BEGINNING WAS A LETTER FROM HIS FATHER IN WHICH HE READ: "DEAR GORDON, I HAVE YOUR LETTER. . . . I HAVE ONLY ONE SUGGESTION: FORGET YOURSELF AND GO TO WORK." IN DESCRIBING WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, HE SAID: "I GOT ON MY KNEES IN THAT LITTLE BEDROOM . . . AND MADE A PLEDGE THAT I WOULD TRY TO GIVE MYSELF UNTO THE LORD.

"THE WHOLE WORLD CHANGED. THE FOG LIFTED. THE SUN BEGAN TO SHINE IN MY LIFE. I HAD A NEW INTEREST. I SAW THE BEAUTY OF THIS LAND. I SAW THE GREATNESS OF THE PEOPLE. . . . EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME SINCE THAT'S BEEN GOOD I CAN TRACE TO THAT DECISION MADE IN THAT LITTLE HOUSE" (IN MIKE CANNON, "MISSIONARY THEME WAS PERVASIVE DURING VISIT OF PRESIDENT HINCKLEY," CHURCH NEWS, SEPT. 9, 1995, 4).

PRESIDENT HINCKLEY CONTINUED BY SAYING: "YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY? FORGET YOURSELF AND GET LOST IN THIS GREAT CAUSE, AND BEND YOUR EFFORTS TO HELPING PEOPLE" (IN CHURCH NEWS, SEPT. 9, 1995, 4).

TO EVERY YOUNG MAN I WOULD SAY, DO YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY? IF SO, COME AND JOIN WITH US, 52,000 STRONG AND COUNTING, AND SERVE YOUR FELLOW MAN AS A MISSIONARY FOR THE LORD.

Elder David F. Evans, CR, April 2006