

The Great Latter-day Work of Temples

PURPOSE: Help all members hold a temple recommend and participate in the important work of the temple.

WHY THIS TOPIC MATTERS: It is desired that the number of youth, young single adults, and families participating in temple work increases and that members have uplifting experiences each time they come to the temple.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Scriptures

Doctrine and Covenants 110:1–16

Doctrine and Covenants 127:5–6

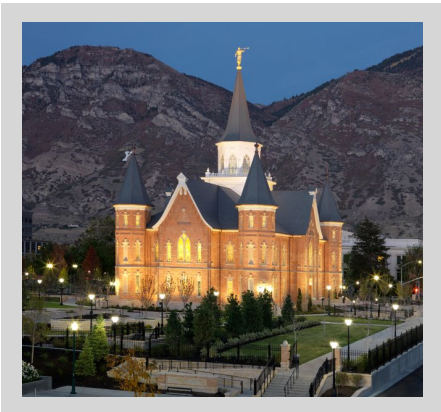
Doctrine and Covenants 138:53–54

Doctrine and Covenants 124:34–44

Messages

Thomas S. Monson, “The Holy Temple—a Beacon to the World,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2011, 90–94

Russell M. Nelson, “Prepare for Blessings of the Temple,” *Ensign*, March 2002, 16–23



PRINCIPLES

- The Lord has reserved the building of temples and the performance of temple ordinances as the great work of this final dispensation.
- Priesthood leaders can do much to help individuals, including the youth, receive a temple recommend, perform ordinances for their ancestors, and have uplifting experiences while serving in the temple.

APPLYING THESE PRINCIPLES

- A new limited-use recommend is now available online for all stakes. It has a bar code and allows bishops to track expiration dates.
- The General Temple Patron Assistance Fund is available for members internationally, and expanded use is encouraged.
- Patrons are now able to print family ordinance cards at home. They may select only those ordinances they wish to perform that day.
- Members are encouraged to “share” family ordinance cards with family, members in their ward or stake, or with the temple file system.
- White clothing is no longer required for proxy confirmations.
- For their first visit to the temple, recent converts are invited to schedule an appointment to perform baptisms to help ensure that they have a wonderful experience.
- All temples have family priority time when they may serve together in the baptistry.
- Prior to leaving for a missionary training center, newly called and endowed young missionaries may be recommended by their local priesthood leaders to serve as temple ordinance workers where feasible. Recently returned missionaries are also encouraged to serve when possible.

TEACHING OTHERS

- Priesthood leaders play a key role in teaching and inspiring other leaders to help individuals and families receive the blessings of the temple. In presenting this information to others, review and discuss the principles along with their application.

QUOTATIONS

“Those who understand the eternal blessings which come from the temple know that no sacrifice is too great, no price too heavy, no struggle too difficult in order to receive those blessings.”

Thomas S. Monson, “The Holy Temple—a Beacon to the World,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2011, 92.

Hastening the Work on Both Sides of the Veil

PURPOSE: When leaders and members **find** their ancestors, **take** their names to the temple, and **teach** others to do the same, the salvation of the living and the dead is enabled.

WHY THIS TOPIC MATTERS: Individuals and families receive blessings of protection. Greater conversion and retention will occur among converts, youth, young adults, and members.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Scriptures

Doctrine and Covenants 2:1

Doctrine and Covenants 110:13–16

Doctrine and Covenants 128:11, 15

Messages

Thomas S. Monson, “Hastening the Work,” *Ensign or Liahona*, June 2014, 4–6

David A. Bednar, “The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn,” *Ensign or Liahona*, November 2011, 24–27

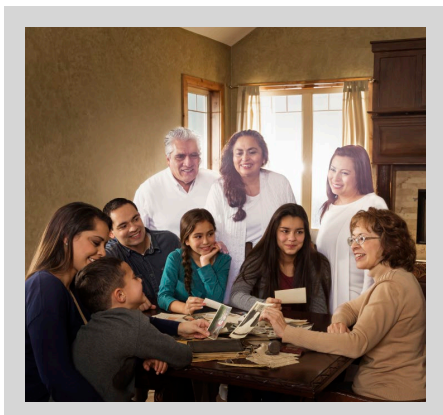
Quentin L. Cook, “Roots and Branches,” *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2014, 44–48

Videos

Video below can be found at:
[lds.org/medialibrary](https://www.lds.org/medialibrary)



Family History
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PRINCIPLES

- When priesthood leaders with keys focus on desired outcomes, teach the doctrine, and lead members, a turning of the hearts occurs and key indicators increase.
- As council members personally find their ancestors and take their names to the temple, they are able to teach and testify with power.
- Councils establish desired outcomes for family history and formulate and act on plans.

APPLYING THESE PRINCIPLES

- More members submitting family names to the temple.
- More families doing family history and temple work together.
- Councils work toward helping wards and stakes find as many names to take to the temple as ordinances they perform in the temple, and members teach others to find their own family names (sometimes referred to as temple self-reliance).

TEACHING OTHERS

1. Teach those holding keys their role in leading the work.
2. Invite priesthood leaders to teach and testify of the doctrine and of their personal experience.
3. Utilize stake and ward councils to set goals and create plans that lead to an increased number of submitters and families doing this work together, and help wards and stakes progress toward temple self-reliance.
4. Provide one-on-one assistance to help individuals and families find, take, and teach.

QUOTATIONS

“I promise you will be protected against the intensifying influence of the adversary. As you participate in and love this holy work, you will be safeguarded in your youth and throughout your lives.”

David A. Bednar, “The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn,” *Ensign or Liahona*, November 2011, 27