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Saints Cannot Plead Ignorance as an Excuse - A Constant E!fort Necessary - The Lord Does Not Expect Impossibilities of His Children - The Word of Wisdom'- Encouraging Home Industries.

pertunity of again assembling with the Latter-day Saints in general conference. I have listened with much interest and pleasure to the remarks that have been made thus far, and while I stand before you I most earnestly desire that the same good spirit that has inspired the remarks of the previous speakers may be with me. There is no other desire in my heart than that I may be able to say something that shall be beneficial to those who listen as well st to myself, and which may be calculated to strengthen our determination to serve the Lord. I believe that every true Latter-day Saint desires to know the mind and will of God and to have the strength of character to perform, in the daily walk of life, those duties that will tend to advance the cause of God upon the earth. If we have not tis desire in our hearts, then we are

mi true Latter-day Saints. We have the commandments of the los before us in the written word, and from time to time we have our minds refreshed by the outpouring of the Eoly Spirit upon those who are called upon to preach to us. There is therefore no excuse for the Latter-day Saint es not keep the commandments We cannot say that we do not know what our duties are, because they are so often and so forcibly brought to r minds by those who speak to us. I realize that it requires a constant ef-fort on the part of each and every one of us to make a success of our lives. It requires no effort at all to roll down the hill, but it does require an effort to the summit. It needs no eft to walk in the broad way that destruction; but it needs an effort to keep in the straight and narrow path that leads to life eternal, and we are told that but few find this path. The all-important thing for you and me discover whether we are walking in the straight and narrow path that eads to life eternal, and if we are not, wherein have we allowed the adversary o blind our minds and to cause us to depart from that path which will us back into the presence of God? Each one should search his own heart to find out wherein he has failed, and then he should diligently seek unto our heavenly Father for the assistance should His Holy Spirit, that he may come back into the straight path. By the assistance of our Heavenly Father there no obligation and no law in the nurch that we cannot I Lord will give us the strength and the ability to accomplish every duty and labor that rests upon us in an accepta-ble manner in His sight. The only question is, have we the disposition? I heard yesterday of a Bishop who said that he could not give up drinking cof-fee. I do not believe that that man fills the truth. I think he lacks the lisposition to try and give up the habit. believe emphatically in the statement of Nephi. If there is one character more than another whose history is re-corded in the Book of Mormon who has inspired me with respect and with desire to follow in his footsteps, that character is Nephi. When he came to is father's tent, after conversing with the Lord, his elder brethren were complaining against their father because had asked them to go back to Jerusalem for the plates of brass. They said that he required a hard thing of them. But when Nephi came, his father lessed him because he did not mur-The record says:

I rejoice exceedingly in having the | not true. It is like hearing a man say, "I killed John Jones in self-defense and then quoting him as saying, killed John Jones," and leaving the "self-defense" off. I say to the Lat-ter-day Saints that God will bless the man who is honest with Him, and that the nine-tenths will go further and will bring down upon his head the blessing of God more than though he robbed

of God more than though he robbed God and kept the ten-tenths. That is what I said, and I repeat it. I have heard taught to the Latter-day Saints all my life that they should obey the Word of Wisdom; and I say that a Bishop, a father of a ward, who so far forgets his duty and the example which he should set as to break the Word of Wisdom, is unworthy to occupy that position; and if he does not repent, it is only a question of a short time before his registration with he his resignation will be tendered to him, and he will have to accept it. The day is gone by when the Lord will triffe with the Latter-day Saints. He has said that His Spirit shall not always strive with man. In the very first sec-tion of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants the Lord says:

"For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; "Nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord

shall be forgiven; "And he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received, for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.

We have been letting out High Councilors and Bishops that were failing to keep the commandments of God, and there will be more of them let out unless they repent. It is a disgrace for a man blessed with the Priesthood of God and with a testimony that God lives burning in his heart, to be so weak that a little insignificant cup of coffee is his master. How he must swell up in vanity when he thinks what a won-In variity when he thinks what a won-derful man he is that a cup of coffee is his master!. The example is perilcious. Now we desire that the Latter-day Saints shall be free from the bondage of debt. The Prophet of God has sounded the key-note to the people, "Pay your obligations, and do not go in debt." We pray to God day after day

t." We pray to God day after day bless and prosper the Latter-day Saints, and then we squander our substance in breaking a commandment of God. There is today more money spent in breaking the Word of Wisdom than there is paid in cash tithing by the Latter-day Saints. Very few of the people stop to reflect upon what good that money would do in helping their broththat ers and sisters to pay their obligations. The Apostle James says that faith without works is dead.



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two dollars right by the door here and it is my money." They said all right, and he put it in his pocket. No sooner had he got it in his pocket than up jumped a nigger and said: "Look here. George Washington Jones, you owe me two dollars, new your kener. two dollars; pay your honest debts!" He handed the two dollars to him. Another nigger jumps up and says: "Look here, Julius Ceser Brown, you owes me two dollars: pay your debt." He got it, and in this way it went clear round. When the last man got it, up jumps George Washington Jones, and "Here, give me back the two savs dollars; you owes me two dollars. No sooner had he got it in his pocket than a fellow rushes in and said "which of you niggers has found two dollars?" George Washington Jones took it out of his pocket and said: "Here, take your money and go home; we've all paid our debts." I desire that the Latter-day Saints

should all pay their debts. One reason why I desire this is, I am in debt my-self and I want to pay my debts. I want to live to see the day when I shall owe no man anything. I want the Latter-day Saints to not only prav for me but to keep a little more money in the country so that I will stand a better chance to get some of it. If they will keep the commandments of God and do less praying, I will be obliged to them. I believe in the saying of the Savior:

"He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me! and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." If we keep the commandments of God He will love us, and the Savior will manifest Himself unto us. If we fail to keep the commandments of God. there is no promise made to us. The Savior said: "Not every one that say-eth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heavon." It is the heaving of the com-

grow and to become strong and power-ful in the Church and kingdom of God. God bless you all. Amen. Had to Conquer or Die.

heaven." It is the keeping of the com-mandments of God that causes men to

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A Fundamental Principle of the Gospel-The "Great and Marvelous Work"-How to Receive a Testimony-Union Among the Twelve-The Law of Tithing.

privilege of attending this conference, and I think we can congratulate each other for the great privilege that is vouchsafed unto us in the redemption that has been made for us by our Redeemer. Jesus Christ said, "No man cometh unto me, except the Father draw him." The fundamental principle of the doctrine of Christ was that those who would do the will of the Father should know of the doctrine. Apostle James said: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him." We have tested these principles and I think we are highly favored in having the privilege of living upon the earth in the dispensation of the fulness of times, when the Gospel is restored, I have proved in my experience that if we will ask, the Father will answer. Before the Church was established upon the earth, when it was known that there was a Seer in the land, men went to the Prophet Joseph and asked him what the Lord desired concerning them, and it was told them that a great and a marvelous work was about to come forth, and that all who desired to take part in this work had the opportunity. The promise was given that if we would ask we should receive; if we would knock, it should be opened unto us; if we sought, we should find. At that time there was but one man upon the earth who knew that God lived, and the revelations that came unto him were very simple, easy to be understood. The Lord told those who desired to know His mind and will concerning them that it would be impossible for anybody to be engaged in this marvelous work work save he was full of love and had faith, hope and charity, "being temperate in all things whatsoever shall be in-trusted to his care." When the Priest-hood was restored to the earth, those upon whom it was conferred were in-structed not to exercise unrighteous dominion, but, with all long-suffering, patience, and love unfeigned, preach the restored Gospel, entreat and warn the people. The Gospel came to me in a very sim

ple manner through a small tract--"The Only Way to be Saved." That, with the "Volce of Warning," gave me the first intelligence I had concerning this marvelous work. By the grace of God He led me into His Church, and gave me a testimony concerning this work. In my experience from that day to the present I have been enabled, in common with those who have taken the Lord at His word and have sought and found, to know that the work which we are engaged in is of God and that we are living in the dispensation of the ful-



I have a living testimony concerning this work and I persuade men to be reconciled to God, obey the Gospel, be kind to themselves, and make the record of a well-spent life. I show them the advantages that we have in being honored to assist in this marvelous work and a wonder. Who built the work and a wonder. Who built the Temples in St. George, Mantl, Salt Lake and Logan? Look at our meeting houses; look at our magnificent homes, Who has brought this to pass? Our Father in His glorious providences. If we cannot see and understand this, It is time that we had our eyes opened. He does not ask anything of us but what is consistent. I want to bear my testimony with regard to the law of tithing. I know that it is a correct prin-ciple. The Lord has done to me what He has said: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." In my experience I am a living witness that that is true. If any of us do not have this knowledge, it surely is a disgrace to us, because it has been decreed in the heavens from the beginning that whose would do the will of the Father should know of the doctrine, and that redeems us from doubt, ignorance and from death.

I rejoice exceedingly in these principles. I love my brethren. I love my President, and whenever he utters anything that he wishes me to do, by the grace of God, I hope to be able to do lt. The only way that the Kinkdom of God will ever be established upon the earth is by giving our hearts to God and by saying, "Father, thy will, not mine, be done," If we will listen to Him, keep His commandments, and walk humbly and faithfully before Him, He will lead us back into His presence in His glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Amen.



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is the spirit that should animate ery Latter-day Saint.

went up after the plates and The elder brethren driven out. when but. The enter father; but hi said unto them, "As the Lord h, and as we live, we will not go a unto our father in the wilderness we have accomplished the thing h the Lord hath commanded us." then gathered up their gold and silver and their precious things went up once more to try to get plates. Laban stole their wealth tried to destroy them. Nephi's commenced to murmur again and they took a rod and beat him with As they did so an angel of the Lord of before them, and he commanded m to go up again, promising that i should deliver Laban into their and, I call the attention of the young an and young ladies to this, for I "e heard many of them say, "Oh, if I a only see an angel, I would be and forever after be faithful! theing of an angel amounts to noth. mass you are keeping the commets of God. No sooner had hese eler brethren, who were lacking a fam and did not keep the comments of God, commenced to murises of the angel, they said Nephi, "How is it possible that and will deliver Laban into our ¹ Behold, he is a mighty man, ¹ Schn command fifty, yea, even he lay fifty; then, why not us?" Did discourage Nephi? Did he lack ² Not be believed No; he believed in the promises angel of God, and he said unto Let us go up again unto Je-em, and let us be faithful in keepe commandments of the Lord; for then why not mightler than all the and his fifty, yea, or even than his of thousands?" They went up and

has commanded the Latter-day ts to keep His commandments. since I can remember we have had ed unto us what our duties and ations are. Well do I remember, a a boy, hearing President Brigham thin the conferences that were held d bowery, teach the Latter-day ir duties and obligations. Nephi of old said, that God has In wephi of old said, that God nashied nothing at our hands save He grepare a way whereby we can ac-plish it. What does God require ar hands? He requires that we di overcome our selfishness; that we all be hopest in our deallage, with honest 'in our dealings with and that we shall pay an honest ng. I want to make a little ex-ation here with regard to my re-tes that were quoted by Brother ot. Any young man who would go

of. Any young man who would go and and make the statement that I inety cents would pay more debts one dollar, simply states what is

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and nave not works? Can faith save him' "If a brother or sister be naked, and

destitute of daily food, "And one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

The prayers do not amount to much of those Latter-day Saints who pray for the Lord to bless and prosper the Saints that they may get out from the bondage of debt, and who at the same time go on squandering their substance in breaking one of the commandments of God. What does money do? Why Why a dollar of money has the same effect as a drop of blood in the human body. It is a circulating medium. It goes over and over and over again. We find that the heart of man beats, on an average, about seventy-six times every minute, and that it handles four ounces of blood every time it beats. In other words, it andles nineteen pounds a minute. Multiply that by sixty, and you will find how much it handles in an hour. Mulby twenty-four, and you that

will find how much it handles in a day. Over twelve tons! I have figured this out since I have been sitting here on the stand. Over twelve tons in twenty-four hours, and yet there is only about eighteen pounds of blood in the human body; but it goes over and over again. It is exactly the same with a dollar. It is calculated that every dollar does at least twenty-five dollar's worth of work in a year, and I have known it to do more than that in a single week. Now we spend nearly a million dollars a year in breaking the Word of Wisdom, and every dollar of that money goes out of this country. God said that the Word of Wisdom was given to the Latter-day Saints for their temporal salvation, and I say that if we had obeyed it we would be the richest people in this inter-mountain country, because the millions upon millions that ve have spent since we came here in breaking the Word of Wisdom would have stayed right here in this country instead of being sent away as it has been, and we would have had more wealth than any of the intermountain States if we had obeyed this simple commandment.

I know that the policy of Pres-ident Brigham Young in advocating to the people that they support home manufacture and keep their money at manufacture and keep their money at home to build up the country, is the true policy for the Latter-day Saints to fol-low. I wear home-made clothes. I have done it ever since I was a little boy. Why? Because I believe it is better for this community that I pay twenty dollars for a suit of clothes than that the wool be sent East and bring only one dollar back only one dollar back. I believe it is better to have the nineeen dollars circulating around here.

heard Bishop Farrell some years ago in the Assembly Hall tell a very good story on home manufacture. He said he believed in home manufacture because it benefited him as well as other people. He said that when he was coming down to conference he met at the depot a brother to whom he owed

five dollars for making some shoes for his children. He gave this brother the five dollars, and he turned around and handed the money to another brother whom he owed, and he handed it to another, and he handed it to another, and the fourth brother came up and hander it back to Brother Farrell, saying "I owe you six dollars, here is five of it." and Brother Farrell put the money back into his pocket. That money paid five hundred per cent in debt there in just about the same length of time that it about the same length of time that it takes me to tell the story. But if the Bishop had bought the imported goods it would not have paid the five hundred per cent, because it would have gone out of the country. I went to a negro minstrel show once, and there were about the story officers on the stage. One minstrel show once, and there were about ten or fifteen on the stage. One of them rushed in with his hat off and said, "which of these here niggers am lost two dollars?" holding up a two dollar bill. There hadn't any of them lost two dollars. "Well," he said, "If none of you have lost it. I found these

LEGAL AID FOR THE POOR The Legal Aid siciety of New York,

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tion with the University settlement among the poor on the East Side. A woman's branch has been organized, with headquarters at the United Charities building, for the special purpose of rendering legal aid to women wage-earn-From the following statement, lished by Mr. von Briesen in the January Annals of the American Acadamy, one gets an idea of the indirect service rendered by the society:

It is not merely that we protect the weak from being wronged and defrauded of that which is their just due; that is a great deal, to be sure, but there other and collateral results which are of value to the community and the country. The society's work makes good citizens and arouses a sentiment of respect for the laws, and also, I may say, a sentiment of patriotism. Many our clients are persons of foreign birth-people, often, who are ignorant of the laws and how to set the machinery of the law in motion. They have some vague idea that there is law for the redress of wrongs, but they have heard that it is too costly a luxury for the poor: that it is law for the rich and not for the poor. They know they have been defrauded and wronged, but redress may seem to them hopeless. They have no money to secure it, and herefore they think it is not for them. The consequence is that they become bitter, not only against the particular person who has wronged them, but alo against society in general, against the country which permits society to be organized on so unjust a basis. Such persons-and they need not be confined to persons of foreign birth by any means-are ripe to listen to those social agitators and disturbers who are only too prevalent. They are ripe for enlist-ment in the ranks of those who are regarded as dangerous to the security of law and order. Now, it is to just such rsons as these that our society comes with its helping hand. We demonstrate to them that there is not only law in this country to redress wrongs and to protect people from cheating and fraud, but that it is law for the poor as well

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ness of times, and that this is the "marvelous work and a wonder" pre-dicted by the Prophet Isalah. In the 29th chapter of Isalah we read:

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"Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."

It had a very small beginning. Two men-Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowlery-were ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood by John the Baptist. They were ordained to the Apostleship by Peter, James and John. From that very small beginning, look at the wonderful work that our Father has done! This vast body of people here, in sol-emn assembly, members of the Church of Jesus Christ, is evidence of what the Lord has done. The Latter-day Saints have come from all parts of the earth, in fulfillment of the prediction that the Lord would gather His elect from the borth and from the south from the north, and from the south, from the east, and from the west, and deliver them from the hands of the enemy. What enemy? The prince of darkness. And God has given unto of darkness. And God has given unto us a living testimony. We are not de-pendent upon others. We have been taught of God, and He has given us the knowledge that we have concerning Him. For He is a God of revelation, and we know it. He promised that the signs should follow the believer, and they do. We know that it is by the grace of God that we have been put grace of God that we have been put in possession of this knowledge; and in our experience and schooling, referred to by our beloved President in the opening of the Conference, we know that the Lord has sustained and is capable of sustaining us through all the vicissitudes of life and through all the persecution and ridicule we may have to meet. We know that He lives, and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. I say there, fore that we can afford to be charit-able. We never would have known able. We never would have known what to do if we had not humbled ourselves before the Lord and sought Him for knowledge. We had to be converted to believe that we would re. ceive, if we asked in the proper man-ner. We were told to ask the living and true God, in the name of Jesus Christ, with humility in our hearts, and we would be answered. I know that that is true, for I asked and received. I know that the Church Christ is a church of revelation, and t the spirit of prophecy is in Church. Brethren are set apart that to go upon missions and prophecies are concerning them and their made missions, and when they return they invariably tell us that every word pre-dicted was literally fulfilled. Who in-spired those blessings? Our Father in spired those biessings. Our rather in heaven, by the power of His Spirit, for He is doing His own work. Man is a manifest failure without the Spirit of God. Take Paul for example, the great Apostle to the Gentiles. Under the do-minion of the Prince of Darkness he was a rabid persecutor of the Saints. But when he was under the influence of the Prince of Peace, Light and Truth, he was a very different man. While operating by his own wisdom, he was striving to bring men and women into trouble because they dared to worship the living and true God and testify of a risen Redeemer; but when he was under the influence of the Spirit of God, he was more valiant for the truth. Those was more valiant for the truth. Those who are opposed to us and misrepresent us, what influence are they under? What good does it do them? They waste a great deal of time and talent in vilify-ing the people of God and trying to make them a "stink in the nostrils" of all people. Do we vilify those who do not believe as we do? No, we have charity concerning them. We lay be-fore them the principles of the everiast-ing Gospel and plead with them to take ing Gospel and plead with them to take advantage of it. We are the friends of the people, and we have traveled a

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