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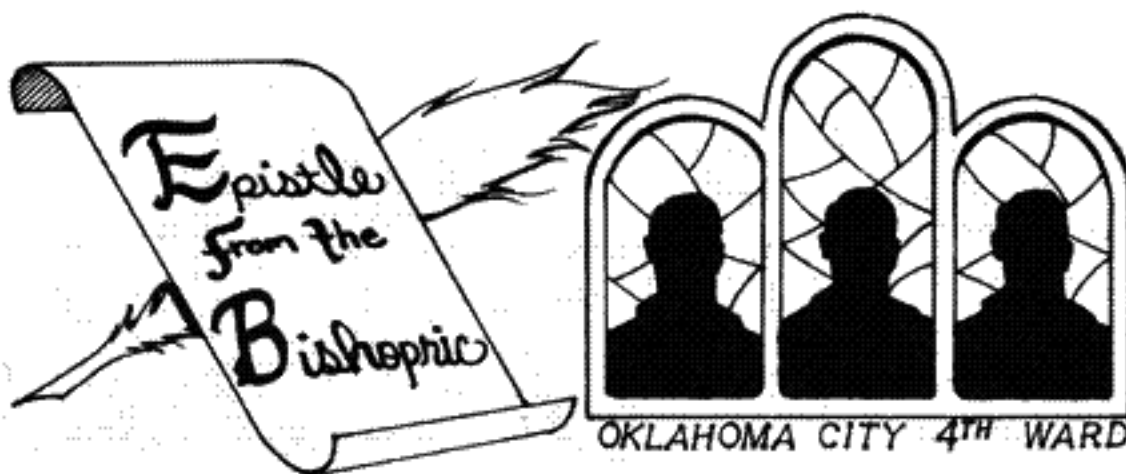
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Springtime is a special season of the year in which we observe the miraculous regeneration of the earth and its animals and plants. At this time of year, many of us plant seeds, plants, vines and trees with the expectation of their producing an abundant harvest at a later time.

In their teachings, the Savior and his prophets have frequently compared our individual growth to the Gospel and our productivity in serving others with the productivity of seeds, vines, trees and other plants. On several occasions, Christ condemned barrenness and emphasized the importance of bringing forth good fruits. Springtime is an appropriate time for us to examine our growth, commitment, and success in strengthening our testimonies and in serving our families, our brothers and sisters in the Kingdom of God and our fellowmen.

The prophet Alma likened our exercise of faith to the planting of a seed. (Alma Chapter 32) Both require a desire to see fruit, planting the seed and nourishment and care of the small plant. On going diligence is necessary even after the initial growth of the plant is recognized. The fruit is described as one that is most precious and filling.

In the parable of the sower, the Savior referred to influences which threaten the success and productivity of the spiritual seeds that we plant. (Matthew Chapter 13) These influences include Satanic attempts to pluck the seed from the heart in which it is sown, failure of the grain to establish adequate roots, and entanglement and strangulation of the young grain by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches. However, when those threats are overcome the seed is able to bring forth much fruit, "some a hundred fold, some sixty, and some thirty."

Finally, Christ taught the importance of our relying on him to bring forth good fruits when he said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15: 1-5) May we each recognize the fruits that we can bring forth in our personal lives, in our families, in our Church calling, and in our service to our fellowmen, and employ these principles which we have told will give us an abundant harvest.

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY !!!**

# LIAHONA STAFF MESSAGE

When the Lord commanded Lehi and his people to depart from Jerusalem and travel unto a new land, he did not leave them without guidance during their tenure in the wilderness, but provided them with a round brass ball of curious workmanship which they used as a type of compass. This mysterious device did not operate on the principle of magnetism as do modern day compasses. The Liahona (as it was called by the Nephites) simply reflected the spirituality and degree of faith which Lehi's people demonstrated. As long as they lived according to the commandments of the Lord the Liahona would mirror their faith by directing them on a straight course to the promised land...When they faltered and deviated from the ways of the Lord they could see their own dormant faith mirrored in the Liahona which refused to operate.

Centuries later the prophet Alma pointed to the example of the Liahona and said it was symbolic of the gospel of Christ: "For behold it is as easy to give heed to the word of Christ, which will point to you a straight course to eternal bliss, as it was for our fathers to give heed to this compass, which would point unto them a straight course to the promised land."

(Alma 37:44) Aside from following Christ ourselves the Lord has instructed us to be such exemplary members of his church as to influence others to follow him also. Anciently he told his saints: "Ye are the light of the world," and commanded them "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:14-16) Through the prophet Joseph Smith he commanded: "Strengthen your brethren in all your conversations, in all your prayers, in all your exhortations, and in all your doings. (D&C 108:7)

We don't possess a round brass ball of curious workmanship by which we may measure our Effectiveness or our spirituality as did Lehi's people, but we do have this publication. It's our express hope that this newspaper will capture the true spirit of the Liahona of old by reflecting the efforts of our ward's members- and as the Liahona of old, our operational effectiveness is dependent upon your personal experiences, testimonies, and insights.

Sincerely, The Staff of the Liahona.  
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## PRIMARY

Primary has alot of new teachers that were sustained in May. Sister Karen Sampson has been called as the CTR B teacher. Sister Anita Swinney has been called as the teacher for the Merrie Miss A class. Sister Leslie Hedrick was sustained as a teacher also.

The Cub Scouts and the Webloes have been busy this Spring with their First Annual Hike-A-Thon. Their pledges totaled \$772.80 as they ran over twenty-four laps at the Moore Park. Good Work!

Lallie Doshier, second counselor, was our Primary Preparation Meeting "Mystery Person". Her husband of fourteen years told us her favorite color is green--the color of money! Shortly after her marriage, she was State Archery Champion and as if that wasn't enough, she was first runner-up at her highschool Sweetheart Contest.

Also highlighted as the "Mystery Person" at Primary Preparation Meeting was Mary Hulsman. She was converted to the church in 1975. Mary is expecting her second child this fall giving her plenty of opportunity to work on her hobby embroidery. Since she is over the music it is only right that she was active in drama when she graduated in 1974.

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## OKLAHOMA'S MORMON HERITAGE

# Voices From Our Past

by Carol Coolsby



Orville and Gertrude Barlow

The column this month honors our second bishop Orville L. Barlow and his wife, Gertrude.

Orville was born Leonard Orville Barlow, son of Nelly Cordelia Murphy and William Anderson Barlow on 20 September 1913 in Borburg, Texas.

Gertrude was given the name Johnie Gertrude Coker by her parents Alverta May Thompson and Charles William Coker on the 9th of February 1917.

Both Gertrude and Orville grew up in Capitol Hill. They had known each other and been friends for over twenty years when Gertrude's best friend manipulated a double date and just six weeks later they were married on 15 July 1947 in Goinesville, Texas.

As often happens to very special people the Lord blessed them with children through adoption Letha was born 21 September 1950 and became their daughter one and a half years later.

They were happy and proud of their beautiful little daughter and were sure that nothing could make them happier.

During the summer of 1956 they traveled to California on vacation. On their return to Oklahoma they "passed through" Salt Lake City. They said they didn't leave their name or address, but the Lord's work will go forth.

A few weeks later, two very discouraged and weary missionaries knocked on their door and for the first time in a very long time were surprised and pleased to be warmly welcome in. They were baptized together on December 16, 1956.

Their home became a gathering place for missionaries and members alike as they both

plunged into the work to be done in the Lord's Kingdom.

They were sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple 2 June 1958 and just a few months later five month old Charles William joined their happy family.

The missionary that baptized them had prophetically told them that "Orville will be a bishop within five years." In fulfillment of that prophecy, Orville was ordained the second bishop of the Oklahoma City Second Ward, Oklahoma Stake by Elder Le Grand Richards on 14 June 1962, five years after the Elder's comment.

The tenure of the Barlows as church members is best described in terms of the children of the ward. Gertrude's favorite calling (and one in which Orville has very often assisted is that of nursery leader. She held that calling from the very first nursery until that practice was discontinued several years ago. And was delighted when allowed to resume that special position with the consolidation program.

The members of our ward in the early days had numerous callings simultaneously.

During the time that Orville was the bishop Gertrude served in many callings that is: All at the same time Secretary/Treasure of the Relief Society (a position she held for over ten years) Secretary/Treasure of the Primary Association. Teacher in Mutual, a visiting teacher, and she also attended Seminary.

Since then, she has served as Relief Society



President, Stake Board member of Relief Society garment representative and ward and stake genealogist.

She managed to be politically active in the Democratic party, work full time as a secretary to her husband and raise a number of foster children one of whom is our bulletin typist Sister Diane Davis.

Orville has served on several High Councils and is now serving as Quality Control Specialist, at our Regional Cannery.

At the age almost seventy nine he is building a duplex (one of many buildings he has built in his lifetime) almost singled handedly. He works for long distances works in the cannery and is helping two friends to build houses.

Every section in our ward building has known his workmanship. At least two sections have been built (at a very great savings to our members) by the Barlow Construction Co. (formed specifically for this purpose).

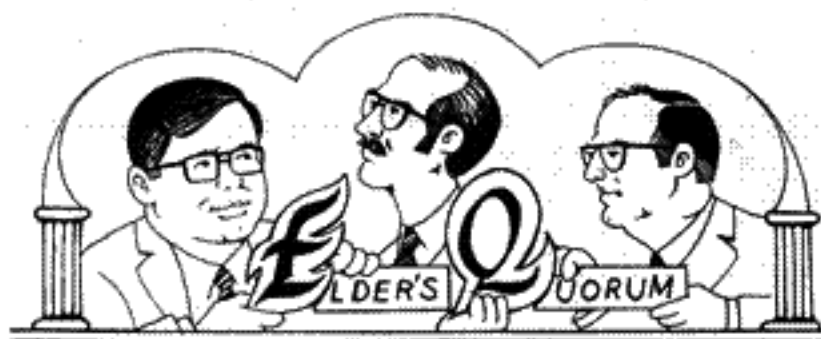
When we ask for a verbal picture of our Ward during his tenure, Orville related the following:

"The Church is true but it's the people that it make so much fun to work in." "They always come through."

The Church had an active membership of about twenty five people (approx. ten families) when we moved into our "new" chapel. The old building had been so bad, that we moved into the new one before it was finished. We had no heating so we rigged up an old barrel to the gas line like they do at outdoor construction sites and set up folding chairs and felt really blessed.

When we finished the building we owed \$10,000 that had to be paid before we could dedicate the building. All the members had already given so much that I just didn't have the guts to ask for any more. The time drug on until one Sunday morning I felt inspired to announce that I wanted to interview all of the priesthood that morning.

Before the morning passed, we had raised the full amount. And brethren, one of whom was totally inactive called afterward to tell me that they would both contribute additional amounts if I hadn't reached our goal. The people always come through."



#### HAVE I DENIED MY LORD TODAY?

I recall the Gospel account of Peter's strong profession of faithfulness to our Lord and Savior when Peter proclaimed that he would lay down his life for the sake of Jesus Christ. Our Savior answered him saying, "The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice." (St. John 13: 37-38.) Isn't this an interesting account of Peter whom Jesus called "the Rock," the one chosen to establish the Church?

How much are we like Peter, professing our loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and then turning around and denying that very profession of words by a much more convincing profession of actions?

How many times daily do we deny Christ by our actions? Do we respond to a call of a Brother to assist in administering to the sick, or do we make some excuse why we are unable to assist? Do we fulfill our Priesthood obligations as Home Teachers, or do we busy ourselves with other tasks thus not finding the time for this very important function of the Church? Do we take our Church calling seriously, or do we just go through the motions doing as little as possible?

These are measures of our faithfulness to our Lord and Savior. By answering these questions, we will have insight toward the truthfulness of our present commitment to our Redeemer. As we sow, so shall we reap, just as surely we will individually be judged by our every word thought, and deed.

The challenge is basic to eternal life, seek ye first the Kingdom of God. Just as surely as you seek the Kingdom of God your blessings will be as numerous as the sands of the sea.

The Elders Quorum Presidency

# SCRIPTURE QUIZ

BY G.J. SATTERLEE

## ISAIAH

THE MAN, THE PROPHET

WHO WAS ISAIAH'S FATHER?

ISAIAH MINISTERED DURING THE TIME OF WHAT KINGS?

WHO APPEARED TO ISAIAH IN THE TEMPLE?

WHAT ARE SERAPHIM?

ARE THEIR WINGS TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY OR SYMBOLICALLY?

WHAT DID THE LORD TELL ISAIAH ABOUT HIS MINISTRY?

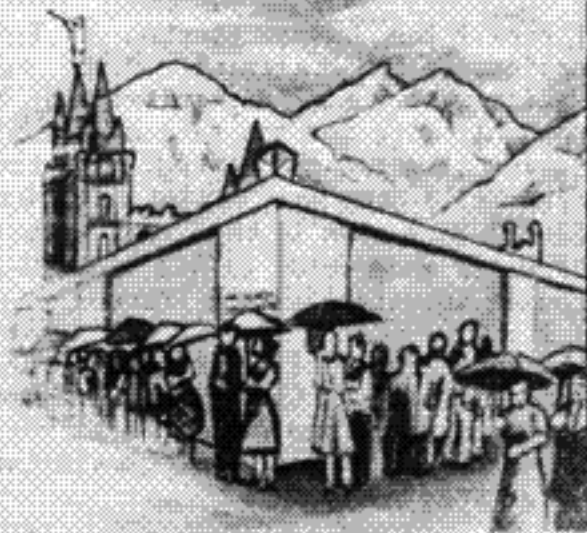
DID ISAIAH WRITE ABOUT ANYTHING IMPORTANT THAT APPLIES TO OUR DAY?

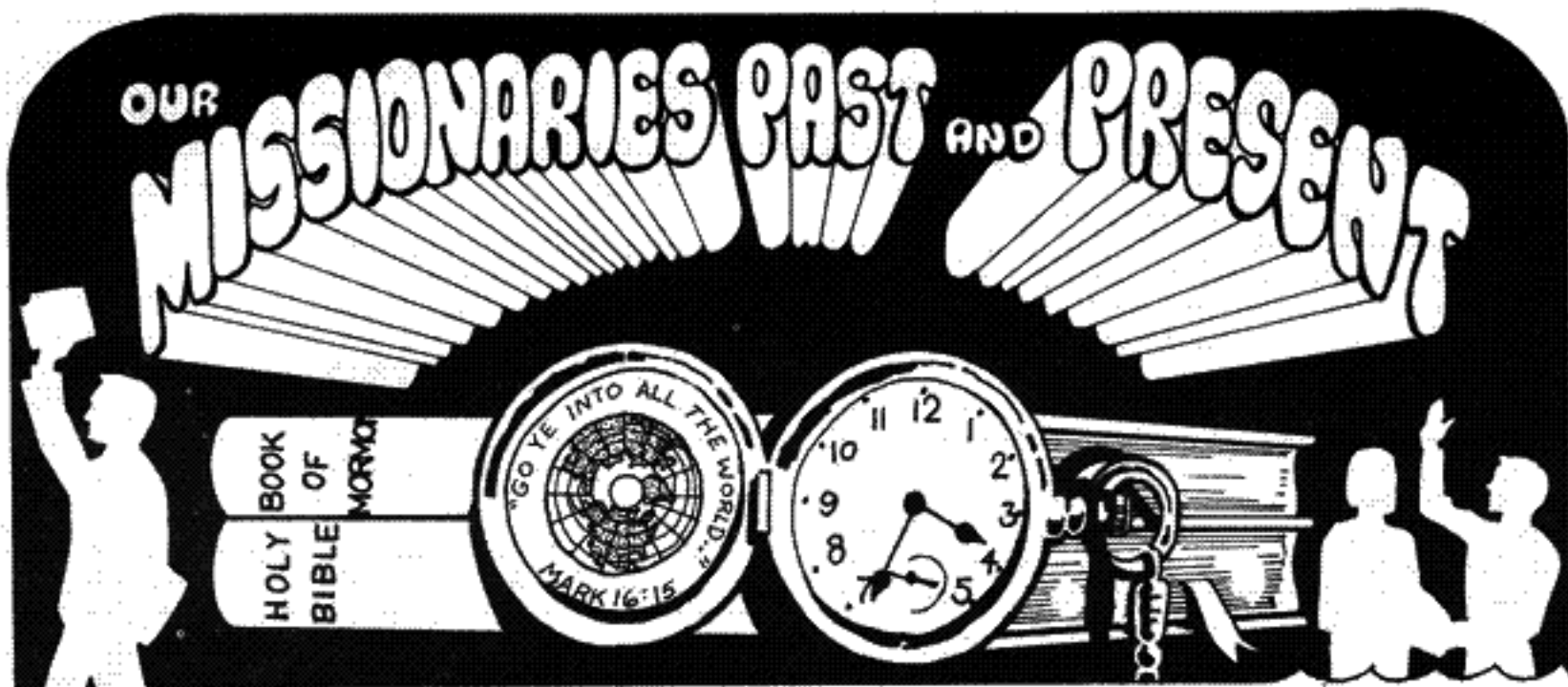


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Complete the Following:

"AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE \_\_\_\_ DAYS, THAT THE \_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_ SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE \_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_, AND SHALL BE EXALTED ABOVE THE HILLS; AND ALL \_\_\_\_ SHALL \_\_\_\_ UNTO IT. AND MANY \_\_\_\_ SHALL GO AND SAY, \_\_\_\_ YE, AND LET US GO UP TO THE \_\_\_\_ OF THE LORD, TO THE \_\_\_\_ OF THE \_\_\_\_ OF JACOB; ..."





## PAST MISSIONARY

Many are the ways in which the Holy Ghost may manifest our Heavenly Father's will to us, as I found out while serving my mission in the Buenos Aires Argentina South Mission. This particular instance occurred while I was in Balcare, a small farming town.

My companion, hermana (sister) Allsop and I were on our way to visit a family that lived in a villa (slum) just outside Balcare.

It was about 8 p. m. and the villa's only electricity was one street lamp for every two blocks. We had visited this family on several other occasions in the evening and had never had any problems.

On this evening, however, when we had almost reached the edge of town, all the electricity in that area and in the villa went out. We stopped walking and discussed if we should continue to the villa or to go back. Deciding it would be wiser not to continue on, we turned around and started back. We no more than took two steps and all

the lights came back again. With the lights on we turned back around and headed towards the villa. After taking about two steps all the lights went out again. Once again we started back for town and again after a couple of steps all the lights came back on. We then decided that the Holy Ghost was trying to tell us not to go to the villa this night so we continued back towards Balcare.

Shortly after reaching the downtown area, we saw the Branch President. He told us he had been looking for us to tell us not to visit our family that night because of a death and they were not prepared for the missionaries because of all the chaos.

Both hermana Allsop and I were truly glad we had given heed to the Holy Ghost.

Sara Cooke Foreman

Sister Sara Cooke Foreman served as a missionary in the Buenos Aires South Mission during 1976-77.

## PRESENT MISSIONARIES

Dear Liahona,

We have some great times here. We are teaching a part-member family who are super. We gave her a Book of Mormon. She hugged it. I was touched. It made me feel glad for my mission.

Sorry this is so short, but I got three baptisms to set up.

Love, Elder Mark Atchley

Dear Liahona,

Yesterday was a special day for us. The story goes: We helped teach Martina Gonzalez and she was baptized. We were taking her home after the baptism and she started to cry because she was so alone in the Church. Her mother did not come to her baptism, and I told Martina to be patient and be a good example to others and her mother would be baptized. Well her mother was baptized yesterday and both of them are happy as can be!



Something interesting about her mother is she had heard all the charlas (discussions), and was pretty sure that the Church was true but she had been a Catholic all her life and also had made a promise to her dying mother that she would pray in front of a statue every day. Then one day her brother who is also Catholic said, "I had a dream or a vision and a man is looking for you.....a man with a book." She remembered the picture of Joseph Smith on a pamphlet, so she cut it out and took it to her brother and he said, "That is the man!" She also was in the habit of when she passed the Catholic church, she would go in to pray or repeat a prayer. As she passed the Catholic church she started to go in but at the door she could not go in and she knew that she was meant to be a mormon. She called the elders and said she wanted to be baptized the next Sunday!! Isn't that great.

Love, Elder and Sister Atchley

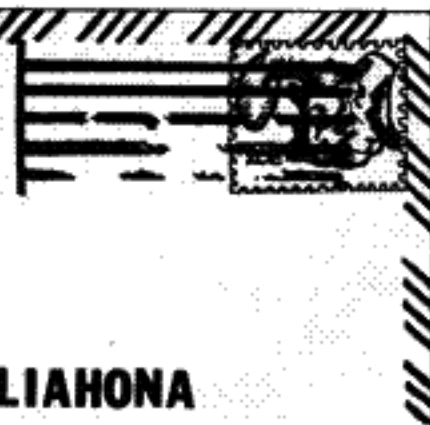
Dear Liahona,

As the time has come for me to write my letter of report to you, my heart is so impressed to share the message in my heart.

I'm certain that most of you that have served missions for the church have already felt these feelings that I am about to express. There are most likely many others that did not get the chance to serve, but have come to this same knowledge. I am so overwhelmed to realize how much our Heavenly Father loves us. His gospel plan shows us this again and again. He has given us prayer, the Holy Ghost, repentance, the temple, and inspired leaders. I could construct a lengthy list for you that would continue with these other principles, but that would not be that beneficial to you. You need to see and feel these principles in the privacy of your own heart. Only you can feel this in it's fullest by yourself. I feel so grateful that my Heavenly Father loves me enough to let me serve him here and now. I feel so infinitely small compared to all the many others that I see, but I am a part. I feel his love for me every time that I search for it and even when I don't. I always feel the spirit there ready to help me. I can hardly wait to be in the mission field and practice all that I am learning here and now. It's not that much farther away now. My next letter will be from Sweden. There I'll have the chance to relate to you those special experiences and times that I'll have there.

I love it here and I wish that everyone of you could one day experience these same feelings of being set apart as a representative of the Savior.

Love, Aldste Carlsen



TO:

**THE LIAHONA**

Dear Liahona,

The work is going slowly but surely. We had a goal to find a new investigator last week, so we went out tracting and street contacting all week when we didn't have an appointment. For six days we didn't have any success but we felt the Lord wouldn't let us down. We went out sunday and found a lady that said that she had never before let anyone she didn't know into her house, and she said she didn't know why she was letting us in! An answer to our prayers! We've learned that if its really a desire of ours to find and baptize someone and do all we can, the Lord will do that which we can't.

We have a lot of trouble with the Jehovas Witnesses, we have a lot here. Everybody thinks that we are them and therefore not too many people listen to us. But those that do listen make us forget all of the trouble.

I guess I'll see everyone about six months earlier than planned. There were alot of disappointed elders here but I figure that the Lord will fulfill his promises and that might mean we have to experience change. I think that after reading the reasons that this were, more foreign missionaries will serve. We have a lot of German missionaries and it's great to work with them, and see them take the gospel to their people.

Take care, Elder Tom Bauder

**WELCOME HOME  
SISTER KATHRYN DAVIS  
AND  
SISTER JANET BAKER**



# RELIEF SOCIETY

In Relief Society, we are currently being urged by our Stake Leadership to work on the "Celestial Arts" degree. For those who are not familiar with this program, it is a plan through which we can improve ourselves in several different areas, including home beautification, self-mastery, money and time management, stitchery and crafts, serving, cooking whizzery, and spiritual mastery. (The sheets explaining the program may be picked up from Alice Brooks.) Projects such as the Celestial Arts degree serve as incentives for greater growth, if utilized properly. Certain rules must be followed whenever we set goals for ourselves:

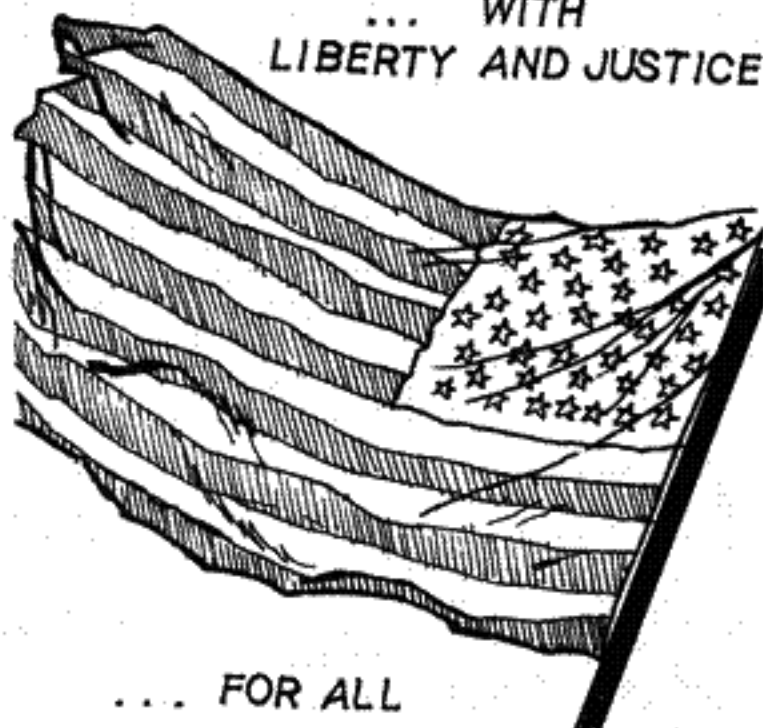
1. Don't overdo. Set goals high, but not impossibly so.
2. Pick goals that are really what you want to achieve. Just because your neighbor makes her own curtains, doesn't mean you have to.
3. Allow for the unexpected—or be flexible. This may be the day you've set aside to accomplish the goal of volunteering community service and your kids come down with the flu. Your goal may have to be postponed or maybe even completely changed.
4. Set priorities. The goals themselves aren't necessarily as important as the growth you experience. If accomplishing a goal carries so much stress for you that you are in turn hateful to your family, that goal simply isn't worth it.
5. Don't be afraid to fail. To fail does not mean you are a failure. Try again when the time is right.

In a recent issue of Exponent II, a publication concerning Mormon women, deals with goal-setting and priorities. The author states, "There are certain touchpoints (in the Church) for us all—baptism, temple marriage, and raising children, these blessings should be ours but in spite of these similarities, there are vast differences." She then tells of an experience related to her by Sister Barbara B. Smith, Relief Society General President. Sister Smith had been to a quilt show on the west coast where one L.D.S. woman had won many prizes. When Sister Smith complimented the woman on her beautiful

quilts, she answered modestly that she "just told all the women that they could do the same thing." Barbara Smith replied that she must stop saying these things; that these talents had been perfected since childhood, and indeed all the women could not do the same thing. She made a statement that seems so very significant. She said she "wished the women of the Church could rejoice in the accomplishments of their sisters without feeling that they must do the same thing."

May we all remember this as we strive for improvement in our lives.

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## SCRIPTURE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. AMOZ (Isaiah 1:1)
2. UZZIAH, JOHAM, AHZ, and HEZEKIAH. From about 740-697 B.C. (Isaiah 1:1)
3. JEHOVAH/JESUS CHRIST (Isaiah 6:1)
4. Part of the Angelic Host.
5. Their wings are symbolic of power. (see D&C 77:4 and MORMON DOCTRINE pg. 702) In this scripture each seraph has 6 wings. With 2 they cover their eyes (In respect for Deity) with 2 more they cover their extremities (Symbolizing Chastity) And remaining 2 symbolizing their agility.
6. The people would reject Isaiah's message.
7. Read: 3 Nephi 23:1-4
8. Compare: Isaiah 2:2-3

## THE MASTER'S TOUCH

It was battered and scarred and the auctioneer thought it hardly worth his while to waste much time on the old violin and he held it up with a smile  
"what am I offered good folk, "he cried," who will start bidding for me?  
"A dollar, A dollar, now 2, only 2? 2 dollars and who'll make it 3?  
3 dollars once, 3 dollars twice, and going, and going..." but no.  
From the room far back an old gray haired man came forward and picked up the bow and whiping the dust from the old violin and tightening up all the strings  
He played a melody sweet and pure as sweet as the Angels sing.  
The music ceased and the auctioneer said in a voice that was quiet and low,  
"what am I offered for the old violin?" and he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars? and who'll make it two? 2 thousand and who'll make it 3?  
3 thousand once, 3 thousand twice and going and gone," said he.  
The people cheered but some of them said "We don't quite understand"  
"what change the worth," the man replied, "was the touch of the Master's hand."  
There is many a man whose life's out of tune  
who's auctioned off cheap by the thoughtless crowd much like that old violin  
a mass of pottage, a glass of wine, a game and he travels on.  
He's going once, he's going twice, he's going and almost gone.  
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd can never quite understand  
the worth of the soul and the change that is wrought by the touch of ...

the Master's hand.



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JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY  
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"And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord said unto him: Look upon the ball (Liahona), and behold the things which are written. ...and there was also written upon them a new writing, which was plain to be read, which did give us understanding concerning the ways of the Lord; and it was written and changed from time to time, according to the faith, and diligence which we gave unto it. And thus we see that by small means the Lord can bring about great things." 1 Nephi 16:26, 29

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