

“Love Life and Learning”



18. *Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life; it will rise with us in the resurrection.*

19. *And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come. (D&C 130:18-19)*

“The Church from the beginning has been committed to the principle that ‘the glory of God is intelligence.’ (D&C 93:36.) We therefore encourage our people to study and prepare to render service with their minds and with their hands. Some are inclined toward formal university training, and some are inclined more toward the practical vocational training. We feel that our people should receive that kind of training which is most consistent with their interests and talents. Whether it be in the professions, the arts, or the vocations; whether it be university or vocational training, we applaud and encourage it” (Spencer W. Kimball, in Conference Report, Oct. 1977, pp. 4–5; or *Ensign*, Nov. 1977, p. 4).

“Education has always been recognized by the Church as the number one obligation of each generation to its successor and of each individual to himself. Each one of us is a divinely endowed, eternal, and intelligent being. It is incumbent upon us, therefore, to encourage and keep alive the questing spirit, to learn and continue to learn everything possible about ourselves, our fellowmen, our universe, and our God” (Hugh B. Brown, in Conference Report, Apr. 1968, p. 101; or *Improvement Era*, June 1968, p. 34).

Elder Richard L. Evans taught: “There are some things you can give another person, and some things you cannot give him, except as he is willing to reach out and take them, and pay the price of making them a part of himself. This principle applies to studying, to developing talents, to absorbing knowledge, to acquiring skills, and to the learning of all the “True education consists not merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature or art, but in the development of character. ... True education trains in self-denial and self-mastery. True education regulates the temper, subdues passion and makes obedience to social laws and moral order a guiding principle of life. ...

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"... The objective of education is to develop resources in the student that will contribute to his well-being as long as life endures". (*Secrets of a Happy Life*, comp. Llewelyn R. McKay [1967], 46-47).

"There are impelling reasons for our sisters to plan toward employment. ... We want them to obtain all the education and vocational training possible before marriage. If they become widowed or divorced and need to work, we want them to have dignified and rewarding employment. If a sister does not marry, she has every right to engage in a profession that allows her to magnify her talents and gifts" (Howard W. Hunter, *Ensign*, Nov. 1975, p. 124).

"Too great care cannot be taken in educating our young ladies. Great responsibilities will devolve upon them. To their hands will be mainly committed the formation of the moral and intellectual character of the young. Let the women of our country be made intelligent, and their children will certainly be the same. The proper education of a man decides his welfare; but the interests of a whole family are secured by the correct education of a woman" (George Q. Cannon, *Gospel Truth*, sel. Jerreld L. Newquist [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1974], 2:138).

Sister Camilla Kimball said, "What we must be concerned with is preparation for life, and that preparation is continuing education. Whether it is to earn a living or to rear a family, men and women both need to have the knowledge that enhances their natural talents" (address at Spencer W. Kimball Tower dedication, Brigham Young University, 9 Mar. 1982).

Ideas For Your Daily Educational Journey:

- σContinuing Education Classes with BYU or a Community College
- σCommunity Library Classes
- σSelf Help Books
- σInstitute Classes
- σBook Clubs
- σLocal Parks Dept. Class
- σCPR and First Aide Trainings
- σOnline Courses
- σKBYU Devotionals, Broadcasts
- σAerobic/ Nutrition/ Weight class
- σ Rec. Center Classes
- σEnrichment Activities

