

WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD

OCTOBER 2011

CONSECRATION

Form Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Talk given in October 2010. Due to space I will touch on just a few of his points regarding consecration.

To consecrate is to set apart or dedicate something as sacred, devoted to holy purposes. True success in this life comes in consecrating our lives—that is, our time and choices—to God's purposes (see John 17:1, 4; D&C 19:19). In so doing, we permit Him to raise us to our highest destiny.

I would like to consider with you five of the elements of a consecrated life: purity, work, respect for one's physical body, service, and integrity.

As the Savior demonstrated, the consecrated life is a pure life. While Jesus is the only one to have led a sinless life, those who come unto Him and take His yoke upon them have claim on His grace, which will make them as He is, guiltless and spotless. With deep love the Lord encourages us in these words: "Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day" (3 Nephi 27:20).

Consecration therefore means repentance. Stubbornness, rebellion, and rationalization must be abandoned, and in their place submission, a desire for correction, and acceptance of all that the Lord may require. This is what King Benjamin called putting off the natural man, yielding to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and becoming "a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord" (Mosiah 3:19). Such a one is promised the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit, a promise remembered and renewed each time a repentant soul partakes of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see D&C 20:77, 79).

Elder B. H. Roberts once expressed the process in these words: "The man who so walks in the light and wisdom and power of God, will at the last, by the very force of association, make the light and wisdom and power of God his own—weaving those bright rays into a chain divine, linking himself forever to God and God to him. This [is] the sum of Messiah's mystic words, 'Thou, Father, in me, and I in thee'—beyond this human greatness cannot achieve."

These words from B.H. Roberts are beautiful. They are well worth reading and pondering.

A consecrated life is a life of labor. Beginning early in His life, Jesus was about His Father's business (see Luke 2:48–49). God Himself is glorified by His work of bringing to pass the immortality and eternal life of His children (see Moses 1:39). We naturally desire to participate with Him in His work, and in so doing, we ought to recognize that all honest work is the work of God. In the words of Thomas Carlyle: "All true Work is sacred; in all true Work, were it but true hand-labor, there is something of divineness. Labor, wide as the Earth, has its summit in Heaven."

God has designed this mortal existence to require nearly constant exertion. I recall the Prophet Joseph Smith's simple statement: "By continuous labor [we] were enabled to get a comfortable maintenance" (Joseph Smith—History 1:55). By work we sustain and enrich life. It enables us to survive the disappointments and tragedies of the mortal experience. Hard-earned achievement brings a sense of self-worth. Work builds and refines character, creates beauty, and is the instrument of our service to one another and to God. A consecrated life is filled with work, sometimes repetitive, sometimes menial, sometimes unappreciated but always work that improves, orders, sustains, lifts, ministers, aspires.

Having spoken in praise of labor, I must also add a kind word for leisure. Just as honest toil gives rest its sweetness, wholesome recreation is the friend and steadying companion of work. Music, literature, art, dance, drama, athletics—all can provide entertainment to enrich one's life and further consecrate it. At the same time, it hardly needs to be said that much of what passes for entertainment today is coarse, degrading, violent, mind-numbing, and time wasting. Ironically, it sometimes takes hard work to find wholesome leisure. When entertainment turns from virtue to vice, it becomes a destroyer of the consecrated life. "Wherefore, take heed ... that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God" (Moroni 7:14)

We hope that as you consecrate your life to God in such things as keeping the Sabbath Day holy, paying fast offerings, temple service, accepting call to serve, talk and teach ... you will find an increase in your faith and will know that the more you consecrate to God ... the greater your happiness and peace will be.

Love, your Bishopric

YOUNG WOMEN

October 4 Baptisms for the Dead
 October 5 Pennies By the Inch
 October 9 Combined YW
 October 9 BYC 12:10
 October 11 Combined YMYW Sandy Veg. Garden 6-8pm
 October 19 PJ'S—Prayers, Journals, and Scriptures
 October 20 – 21 UEA—Fall Recess—No School
 October 23 Stake Conference
 October 26 Festival of the Trees—service project

YOUNG WOMEN CONT.

October 30 YW Sacrament Meeting—Theme: 13th Article of Faith

October 31 Happy Halloween

Happy 18th birthday to Emily Lloyd on October 31.

Happy Belated Birthday to Georgann Lloyd whose birthday was on September 29th.

RELIEF SOCIETY

What a wonderful Conference last weekend. How inspiring it was to hear all of the talks given. Now it is time to take what we are giving and move forward. Isn't nice to be able to feast at the feet of a Prophet and Apostles and hear what Heavenly Father has to tell us.

We would like to thank Kara McLeskey for the wonderful class she did on sprouting. Those who attending really enjoyed it. We have some wonderful activities coming up in the near future. On Thursday October 20th, there will be a Media Safety class at 7:00. You may invite your neighbors and family members to this class. It will help all of us become more aware of the dangers of digital media and how to help protect our children and family members. In November, we will be doing mints again. The date for this has not been set yet. We will let you know when it is.

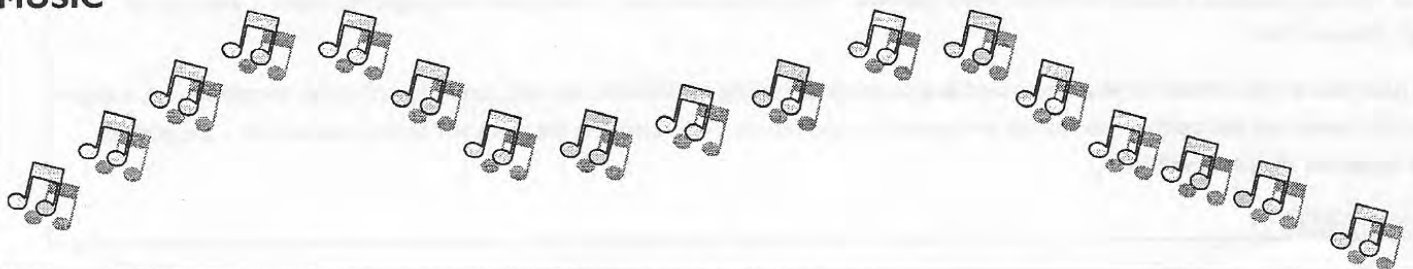
If you feel like you need a boost and some time away from home, Time Out For Women is November 18-19th. This is presented by Deseret Book. For more information, see Deseret Book or their website. New for this year is Time Out for Girls on November 19th. This for girls ages 12-17.

There is a calendar on ldschurch.org under tools. You will need to log on to the site and go to calendars. This will show you a calendar for the Stake and Ward. We will begin to use this calendar for all of our activities. If you would like to know the upcoming events, you can check for it there.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP:

One very important aspect of temporal preparedness is our finances. Both husband and wife in a marriage need to have an understanding of their personal finances. If one or the other partners hasn't paid much attention to this, the loss of a spouse becomes even more difficult. The first question on the mind of the surviving spouse might well be "Do I have enough money to live on?" This could be terrifying not to know. You need to sit down as a couple and discuss important topics such as, your annual income and what does it cost to live? How to handle existing investments. Where are your bank records, key to safe deposit box, passwords to online accounts, social security numbers, retirement plans, insurance policies, wills, trusts, deeds, existing loans, employee benefits, names of financial advisers, brokers, insurance agents etc. As a couple, you should do everything you can to skip the terror stage and go directly to peace of mind.

MUSIC



MISSIONARIES

Elder Richard Rawlings

Ohio Columbus Mission
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MEX-MORE 0917
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Elder Kenneth Milne

MTC MAILBOX 205
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2005 No. 900 E.
Provo, Ut. 84604

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: I Know the Scriptures are True

October Theme: Prayer is reverent communication between God and me

October Scripture: "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." (James 1:5)

We are really excited for our Primary Activity on October 15th at 10:30 to 12 pm. This is going to be a very fun missionary activity. Watch for information to come to your house this week. Also, coming up is our Primary Sacrament meeting program on Sunday, November 13th. Your child's part should be given to you very soon. Hopefully they have listened and learned the music and will be well prepared.

A Big Thanks to Malorie Laukat for being our primary pianist. You were such a great part of our primary and will be missed very much. We are so glad to welcome Diane Clark to be our new pianist and are so glad she gets to be in primary with us.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11 Stephen Horatmahoff
- 12 Wanda Glover
- 14 Lars Johnson
- 17 Kelly Johnson
- 18 J.J. Rigby
- 19 Doug Milne
- 21 Amy Clegg—Scott Anderson
- 22 Brent Parsons—Jennifer Anderson
- 23 Ariana Pendleton
- 25 Tessa Fritzsche
- 28 Darlene Visser
- 30 Ashley Thompson
- 31 Nelson Leshner - Emily Lloyd

NOVEMBER

- 2 Richard Haight
- 3 Sydney Eby
- 5 John Mahler—Debra Hawkins

**NON EMERGENCY NUMBER
AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
801-743-7000**

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Our Neighbor Lynn Hall who lives on Shoshone Ave. passed away Wednesday evening. Those who knew him will miss him. He took extremely good care of his yard and while he did not come to church he was a good neighbor. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

CHOIR

We are going to miss Marie France and wish her and Kirk all the best on their mission. We will continue to meet on Sundays at 1:00 at Mary Bye's. We always welcome any who wish to sing with us. We are getting a nice group of youth joining us and we can always use more.

Remember "The Song of the Righteous is a Prayer Unto Me."

RoNee Scott is our new choir director and she is well qualified to do so. Come and support her in her new calling.

Many thanks to all who contribute each month to the newsletter. It would not be possible if All of you did not help to make this happen. Please keep up the good work.

WARD SEALING SESSION at the Draper Utah Temple on Tuesday **OCT 18th @ 6:00pm**. Please arrive by 5:30 to be ready by 6:00pm.

Visit the temple for Endowment or Initiatory work sometime this month.

THE NEXT DRY PACK

CANNERY DATE IS TUESDAY NOV. 1ST FROM 5PM TO 9PM.

EMPTY NESTERS:

Will meet this month on October 10th at 7:00pm at the home of Terry and Jane Johnson. All Empty nesters welcome!

Willow Canyon 1st Ward Calendar

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CONF.
2 CONF	3 FHE	4	5	6	7	8
9 Fast Sunday	10 FHE	11 Veg Proj 6:00pm	12	13	14	15 Primary Activity Day 10:30
16	17 FHE	18 Temple Sealing 6:00pm	19	20 UEA	21 UEA	22
23 Stake Conference 10:00AM	24 FHE	25	26	27	28	29
30 YW SAC. MTG	31 FHE Halloween	1- Dry Pack Cannery 5-9pm.	NOV 2- R.S. Service Project 3-9pm	3	4	5

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