

Visiting Teaching Message: Seek Education and Lifelong Learning (August 2009)

Why Should I Continually Seek Spiritual and Secular Education?

“The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth. Light and truth forsake that evil one.” . .

D&C 93:36–37



The Lord has told us that our time should ‘be devoted to the studying of the scriptures’ (D&C 26:1) and that ‘the Book of Mormon and the holy scriptures are given . . . for [our] instruction’ (D&C 33:16). Every woman can be a gospel doctrine instructor in her home, and every sister in the Church needs gospel knowledge as a leader and teacher. If you have not already developed the habit of daily scripture study, start now and keep studying in order to be prepared for your responsibilities in this life and in the eternities.



My Soul Delighteth in the Scriptures, Liahona and Ensign, May 2004, 107–8
Julie Beck,
Relief Society General President

Beyond our study of spiritual matters, secular learning is also essential. . . . I urge you to pursue your education—if you are not already doing so or have not done so—that you might be prepared to provide if circumstances necessitate such.

Your talents will expand as you study and learn. You will be able to better assist your families in their learning, and you will have peace of mind in knowing that you have prepared yourself for the eventualities that you may encounter in life.

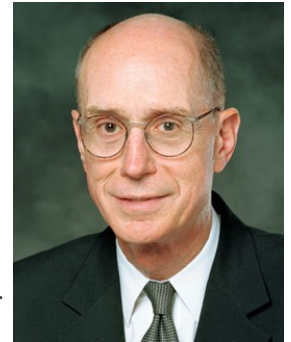


Three Goals to Guide You, Liahona and Ensign, Nov. 2007, 119
President Thomas S. Monson

How Can I Be a Lifelong Learner?

We will have to make some hard choices of how we use our time. . . . But remember, you are interested in education, not just for mortal life but for eternal life. When you see that reality clearly with spiritual sight, you will put spiritual learning first and yet not slight the secular learning. . . .

. . . And since what we will need to know is hard to discern, we need the help of heaven to know which of the myriad things we could study we would most wisely learn. It also means that we cannot waste time entertaining ourselves when we have the chance to read or to listen to whatever will help us learn what is true and useful. Insatiable curiosity will be our hallmark

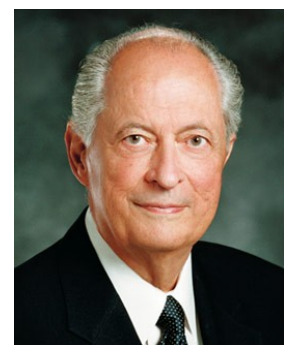


Education for Real Life,” Ensign, Oct. 2002, 18, 19
President Henry B. Eyring,
First Counsellor in the First Presidency

A few of the basic attributes needed to become a lifelong learner are courage, faithful desire, humility, patience, curiosity, and a willingness to communicate and share the knowledge that we gain.

My dear sisters, don’t ever sell yourself short as a woman or as a mother. . . . Do not let the world define, denigrate, or limit your feelings of lifelong learning and the values of motherhood in the home—both here mortally and in the eternal learning and benefits you give to your children and to your companion.

Lifelong learning is essential to the vitality of the human mind, body, and soul. It enhances self-worth and self-actuation. Lifelong learning is invigorating mentally and is a great defense against aging, depression, and self-doubt.



The Journey of Lifelong Learning, in Brigham Young University 2008–2009 Speeches [2009], 2, 8–9
Elder Robert D. Hales,

