Whenever the Lord’s Church has been established, the Lord has called prophets and apostles. Their sure witness of the living Christ is one of the greatest blessings to the Church and to the world.

Along with the scriptures and the gift of the Holy Ghost, the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles make known the Lord’s specific concerns for us and what we need to do.

We have the responsibility to listen and to follow, and we have a promise that blessings will come as we believe and act on the prophets’ words.

If we will be attentive to the prophets’ words, we will forever remain safely on the path leading to the tree of life.

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