

# Special Witness Cards

Use these cards to learn more about the members of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. You could also copy the cards and create a matching game. Print more copies at [friend.lds.org](http://friend.lds.org). Laminate your cards or use contact paper.



**President Boyd K. Packard**  
*President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Overcame polio as a child
- Studied to become a teacher
- Likes to carve and paint wooden birds



**President Dieter F. Uchtdorf**  
*Second Counselor in the First Presidency*

- Fled with his family to West Germany as war refugees
- Is an airplane pilot
- Enjoys skiing with his children and grandchildren



**President Henry B. Eyring**  
*First Counselor in the First Presidency*

- Played basketball in high school
- Learned physics from his father on their basement chalkboard
- Was president of Ricks College, now BYU-Idaho



**President Thomas S. Monson**  
*16th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

- Was called at the age of 22 to serve as bishop of a ward with many widows
- Worked in newspaper publishing and printing
- Was a mission president in Canada



**Elder M. Russell Ballard**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Was nicknamed “the bishop” in college because of his high standards
- Ran a car dealership
- Encourages members to be missionaries



**Elder Dallin H. Oaks**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Cleaned a radio repair shop as a first job
- Became a lawyer and Utah Supreme Court judge
- Was president of BYU



**Elder Russell M. Nelson**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Was a heart surgeon
- Served as a doctor in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan
- Has 10 children—9 girls and 1 boy



**Elder L. Tom Perry**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- As a boy, encouraged friends to play fair at sports
- Helped rebuild churches in Japan after World War II
- Asked his children to help time his talks





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**Elder David A. Bednar**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Was a quarterback on his high school football team
- After serving a mission, baptized his father a member of the Church
- Was president of Ricks College, now BYU-Idaho



**Elder Richard G. Scott**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Was raised by good parents who weren't active in the Church
- Served a mission in Uruguay
- Became a nuclear-submarine engineer



**Elder Robert D. Hales**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Grew up in New York
- Pitched for his school's baseball team
- Was a jet fighter pilot in the United States Air Force



**Elder Jeffrey R. Holland**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Was a mission companion with Elder Cook in England
- Worked for the Church Education System
- Was president of BYU



**Elder Neil L. Andersen**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Grew up on a dairy farm in Idaho
- Served as a missionary and mission president in France
- Helped direct the launch of Mormon.org



**Elder D. Todd Christofferson**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Baked homemade bread for his family growing up
- Participated in the Hill Cumorah Pageant as a teenager
- Served a mission in Argentina with Elder Scott as his mission president



**Elder Quentin L. Cook**  
*Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

- Gained a testimony after praying with his older brother
- Was student-body president in junior high, with his future wife, Mary, as vice-president
- Served as a Church leader in the Philippines and Pacific Islands

