

QUOTES FROM CONFERENCE

“What a blessing it is to have the account of the mission of our Lord and Savior declared in the Book of Mormon to add a second witness to the doctrine declared in the Bible. . . . Both the Bible and the Book of Mormon are necessary for our salvation and exaltation.”

Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “The Power of Deliverance,” *Ensign*, May 2012, 96.

KEEPING THE TEMPLE IN SIGHT

When my family went to the Los Angeles California Temple, I was thinking about all I’ve been taught about the temple. “Always look to the temple” kept coming to my mind. I came up with this camera angle and took a picture of the temple reflected in my sunglasses. I looked up and thought again how we must enter the temple with a pure heart and a burning testimony of and love for the gospel of Jesus Christ. This picture describes what we must do—always look to the temple.

Kandace M., 16, California, USA

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MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

James 1:5 “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.”

This is my favorite scripture because when I read it I feel good because the Prophet Joseph Smith read that verse. It also tells that every time I have problems

I can ask for help from Heavenly Father and the Savior.
Bryson R., 12, Utah, USA



Tell us about your favorite scripture in a paragraph or two. Send it to us, along with a photo, by going to newera.lds.org and clicking “Submit Material.”

SPELLING OUT “MORMON.ORG”

My friend Ashley and I came up with an idea for a spirit day held at our junior high school in Washington. The theme was “Scrabble Day,” where students wear a letter on their shirt and mix up, spelling different words throughout the day and taking pictures with different students. So the night before, we got a group of youth from the stake and our seminary classes to each wear a different letter in “Mormon.org.”

Little did we know that morning when we lined up to take a picture that it would bring so much positive attention to us as youth of the Church and how far our message of standing for what we believe in would travel. As soon as we lined up, a huge crowd formed; hundreds of students circled around and watched us and read the message on our shirts.

We were being a standard to our peers, because they know what kind of people we represent at school. The best part was that after taking the picture, throughout the school day we each were asked questions and got complimented for our spirit-day idea. Kids who didn’t know we were Latter-day Saints before were asking us about our faith, and we were able to answer their questions with confidence.

Maddie M., 15, Washington, USA



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CHURCH DANCE SURVEY RESULTS

The *New Era* recently held a survey on Church dances. We asked teens who subscribe to the *New Era* newsletter and on our Facebook page to tell us about Church dances in their areas. Here are some interesting things we found out:

- About 40% of you have heard of non-LDS teens who have sought out LDS Church dances.
- Over 84% of you hold dances at least twice a year, with 42% of you holding them more than six times a year.
- Some of you wish your adult leaders would pay closer attention to the lyrics of the songs and do something about it when inappropriate songs are played.
- You much prefer Church dances to other kinds of dances because of the standards that are kept and because there's less drama and more fun.

If you'd like to join our e-mail list and get regular newsletters, usually sent monthly, just say so in an e-mail to newera@ldschurch.org.



5 POEMS

QUOTED BY PRESIDENT MONSON

- "Maud Muller," by John Greenleaf Whittier
- "The Gate of the Year," by Minnie Louise Haskins
- "Little Boy Blue," by Eugene Field
- "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood," by William Wordsworth
- "Woody and Won," by Gerald Massey

SEARCHING FOR PROGRESS AND DUTY



See if you can find each of these topics discussed in the *Personal Progress* or *Duty to God* booklets.

Faith	Accountability	Priesthood Duties	Ordinances
Divine Nature	Good Works	Physical Health	Learn
Individual Worth	Integrity	Education	Act
Knowledge	Virtue	Family	Share
Choice	Spiritual Strength	Friends	

BY THE NUMBERS

Approximate number of individual devices (computers, phones, etc.) streaming live video feeds of the April 2012 general conference. You can view conference at conference.lds.org.

667,000

WE'VE GOT MAIL

Ready for General Conference

Last conference I wrote down some questions I had about things happening in my life and prayed to receive answers during general conference. During conference I took notes, and when I reviewed my questions, I realized that all my questions had been answered. Some were simply reminders of what I already knew, and some were answered in unlikely ways. General conference is a blessing in so many ways.

Grace H., 18, Taiwan

Promise to Heavenly Father

I really love the gospel because it helps me to do and be what the Lord expects. Sometimes I feel it is hard for me to act as the Lord expects, but the scriptures and my patriarchal blessing remind me of who I am and what I promised to do before I was here on earth. I will not fail in that promise to Heavenly Father.

Jay Ann B., 19, Philippines

Strength through Trials

Reading about other teenagers going through everyday trials helps me get through my own. It's good to know that we're not alone and others are going through what we are. When you share an experience, it helps everyone who reads it.

Ty C., 16, Utah, USA

Dating and Relationships (from youth.lds.org)

I am 15, almost 16, and I really needed this message [see "But We Were in Love" at lds.org/go/02L]. There is this guy I have had a "special interest" in since I met him at my first stake dance. Living on the East Coast, my opportunities to date other LDS members are limited, but I still didn't want to start "dating" the day I turned 16. Overall, I wasn't sure how to handle a future situation that could have turned into one like in this story. This article answered my prayers about this guy and relationships in general.

Marissa Lynn C., 15, USA