

Gordon B. Hinckley

President of the Church, 1995–2008

President Hinckley had great love and concern for all: “I plead with our people everywhere to live with respect and appreciation for those not of our faith. . . . We live in a world of diversity. We can and must be respectful toward those with whose teachings we may not agree. . . .

“I love the youth of the Church. I have said again and again that I think we have never had a better generation than this. How grateful I am for your integrity, for your ambition to train your minds and your hands to do good work, for your love for the word of the Lord, and for your desire to walk in paths of virtue and truth and goodness. . . .

“This church does not belong to its President. Its head is the Lord Jesus Christ, whose name each of us has taken upon ourselves. We are all in this great endeavor together. . . .

“We have nothing to fear. God is at the helm. He will overrule for the good of this work. He will shower down blessings upon those who walk in obedience to His commandments” (“This Is the Work of the Master,” *Ensign*, May 1995, 70–71).

Under the direction of the First Presidency, President Hinckley dedicated more temples than any other General Authority (see *Deseret News 1995–1996 Church Almanac* [1994], 329–30).

- 1910 Born to Bryant Stringham Hinckley and Ada Bitner Hinckley on June 23 in Salt Lake City
- 1919 Age 8, baptized by his father on April 28 in Salt Lake City
- 1930 Age 20, his mother dies
- 1933–35 Ages 23–25, serves a mission to England
- 1935 Age 25, hired as executive secretary of the Church Radio, Publicity, and Mission Literature Committee; he works in various capacities for the Church until he is called as an Assistant to the Twelve in 1958
- 1937 Age 26, marries Marjorie Pay on April 29; called to serve on the Sunday School general board
- 1961 Age 51, ordained an Apostle on October 5
- 1982 Age 72, called as a counselor to President Kimball; later called as a counselor to Presidents Benson (1985) and Hunter (1994)
- 1995 Age 84, sustained as President of the Church on April 1, with Thomas S. Monson and James E. Faust as counselors

Summary

Gordon B. Hinckley, 15th President of the Church, had a great love and concern for all people. He traveled all over the world to meet with the Saints and to tell them that God “will

shower down blessings upon those who walk in obedience to His commandments.” President Hinckley dedicated more temples than any other General Authority.

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