

Howard W. Hunter

President of the Church, 1994–95

“Look to the temple of the Lord as the great symbol of your membership,” President Hunter urged. “It is the deepest desire of my heart to have every member of the Church worthy to enter the temple” (“Exceeding Great and Precious Promises,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1994, 8).

“Let us follow the Son of God in all ways and in all walks of life. Let us make him our exemplar and our guide. We should at every opportunity ask ourselves, ‘What would Jesus do?’ and then be more courageous to act upon the answer. . . .

“What manner of men and women ought we to be? Even as he is” (“What Manner of Men Ought Ye to Be?” *Ensign*, May 1994, 64).

“I invite all members of the Church to live with ever more attention to the life and example of the Lord Jesus Christ, especially the love and hope and compassion he displayed. I pray that we will treat each other with more kindness, more patience, more courtesy and forgiveness” (“Exceeding Great and Precious Promises,” 8).

1907 Born November 14 in Boise, Idaho, to John William (Will) Hunter and Nellie Marie Rasmussen Hunter

1920 Age 12, baptized on April 4 in an indoor swimming pool in Boise, Idaho; ordained a deacon by his bishop on June 21

1931 Age 23, marries Clara (Claire) May Jeffs on June 10; she dies in 1983

1959 Age 51, ordained an Apostle by President David O. McKay on October 15

1989 Age 81, dedicates the BYU Jerusalem Center, marking the completion of a decade-long endeavor

1990 Age 82, marries Inis Bernice Egan on April 10

1994 Age 86, sustained as President of the Church on October 1, with Gordon B. Hinckley and Thomas S. Monson as counselors; dedicates the Orlando Florida Temple on October 9; age 87, presides over creation of the Church’s 2,000th stake, the Mexico City Mexico Contreras Stake, on December 11

1995 Age 87, dedicates the Bountiful Utah Temple on January 8; dies at home in Salt Lake City on March 3 after nine months as President of the Church

Summary

Howard W. Hunter, 14th President of the Church, encouraged each member to live worthy to receive the blessings of the temple. He told

us to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to “treat each other with more kindness, more patience, more courtesy and forgiveness.”

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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS