



Elder O. Vincent Haleck

Of the Seventy

From a young age Elder Otto Vincent Haleck paid tithing, fasted, and studied scriptures—and then he met the missionaries and was baptized.

Elder Haleck's mother was a member of the Church but hadn't attended in years. His father wasn't a member of the Church. Yet the family paid tithing, fasted weekly, read the Bible daily, and gave of what they had to those in need. Elder Haleck comes from a legacy of faith.

Elder Haleck was born in January 1949 in American Samoa. His parents, Otto and Dorothy Haleck, sent him to school in California, USA. At the age of 17, he noticed that some friends in student government were different from other students. "They invited me to Mutual, and the rest is history," Elder Haleck says.

Elder Haleck received a bachelor's degree in advertising and marketing from Brigham Young University. He owns a number of businesses in American Samoa and is involved in philanthropic work. Elder Haleck and his wife, Peggy Ann Cameron, were married on June 29, 1972, in the Provo Utah Temple. They are the parents of three children.

Eventually Elder Haleck's whole family found the gospel. Elder Haleck had the privilege of baptizing his 80-year-old father and seeing his mother return to Church activity after 50 years of marriage.

Prior to his call to the Second Quorum of the Seventy, Elder Haleck served as a full-time missionary in the Samoa Apia Mission, bishop, stake high councilor, patriarch, stake president, and most recently, president of the Samoa Apia Mission.

Elder Haleck believes that all his life experiences have led him to where he is now. "I look back on my life, and I can say that I can see the hand of the Lord," Elder Haleck says. "I'm grateful and honored by the confidence the Lord has placed in us. I love the Lord and hope to be a good instrument. I know the Lord will help me." ■



Elder Larry Y. Wilson

Of the Seventy

Balancing the demands of work, Church, and family responsibilities has been a challenge for Elder Larry Young Wilson, but he has made sure family members know how important they are to him.

"The most formative experience I have had is being a husband and a father," Elder Wilson says. "I rarely missed a child's performance in an athletic, musical, or other event. I read them bedtime stories and said prayers with them before tucking them into bed at night. It is so important to be there."

Elder Wilson knows well the demands placed on one who has leadership roles in all aspects of life. He was born in December 1949 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, to George and Ida Wilson and grew up in Pocatello, Idaho, USA. He received a bachelor's degree in English and American literature from Harvard University and later a master's degree in business administration from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Elder Wilson has spent his career as a consultant and executive in the health care industry. Although his career was demanding, Elder Wilson made sure it never took over his life.

"You have to establish boundaries around your work life," he says. "Otherwise, it will swallow everything else. Practically speaking, the areas of work, church, and family time have to take turns being put on hold. Pray to be guided and you will know which one takes precedence on any particular day."

Elder Wilson served diligently as a missionary in the Brazil Central Mission and as bishop, stake president, and Area Seventy before being called to the Second Quorum of the Seventy.

Helping Elder Wilson find that important balance in all his service is his wife, Lynda Mackey Wilson, whom he married on July 10, 1974, in the Logan Utah Temple. The Wilsons raised four children.

"Whenever I left for Church meetings, she would say, 'Good-bye, honey. Go serve the Lord,'" Elder Wilson says. "She was teaching our children the deeper meaning of my service. Before long they would say, 'Good-bye, Daddy. Go serve the Lord!'" ■