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returned from the missions on the east coast, and we bring greetings from the missionaries to their families and friends. There are now twenty stakes on the east coast with over 2,000 missionaries in the eight missions. The field is white and is being harvested there. Convert baptisms continue to increase.

Remember the Lord has said, ". . . the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, . . .

"And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, . . ." (D&C 1:4-5.)

Our missionaries are going forth and none shall stay them. Our proselyting program is based upon, "every member sharing the gospel with his neighbor." Our Prophet David O. McKay has counseled, "Every member a missionary." As a result today, many thousands of members are responding by living exemplary lives; by asking the golden questions; by holding group meetings in their homes; and by taking their friends and neighbors with them to attend church services and activities. This type of sharing is "Every Member a Missionary" in action.

At this conference several stake presidents and bishops have told me of the group meetings they are holding in their homes and the convert baptisms that are resulting therefrom. As we leaders set the pattern, every member will be a missionary. And each member should be mindful of his responsibilities and opportunities to spread the gospel.

### ELDER BERNARD P. BROCKBANK

*Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

Brothers and sisters, it is a humbling and frightening experience to be in this position and one of great responsibility. We have so many interesting things happen to us these days that we little realize some of the great circumstances we find ourselves in.

As I was reflecting just a moment ago, I think two of the greatest missionaries that the world has ever known are right here today—our Prophet David O. McKay and our Tabernacle Choir. It is good to be in the presence of good

I love and support our great prophet. He is indeed one of the great missionaries of all time.

Yes, the purposes of the Lord are being accomplished today, and prophecy is being fulfilled. The Spirit of the Lord is being poured out on our Father's children, and the gospel is rolling forth in order to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

May the kingdom of God continue to go forth that the kingdom of heaven may come, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**President David O. McKay:**

Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve, has just addressed us.

The Choir and congregation will now sing "Come, O Thou King Of Kings," conducted by Elder Jay E. Welch.

After the singing Elder Bernard P. Brockbank will come forward.

The congregation joined with the Tabernacle Choir in singing the hymn, "Come, O Thou King Of Kings," with Jay E. Welch conducting.

**President David O. McKay:**

Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, Assistant to the Twelve, will now address us.

He will be followed by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve.

people. I am going to take just a moment and reflect on one or two of the simple important teachings of Jesus Christ.

In preaching to the missionaries many times I have said that these commandments are the test of a missionary. I believe also they are the test of a Saint. The Savior had the ability to put many volumes and many sermons into few words, and we find ourselves taking inventory when we read into the depth of his great counsel. These command-

ments have been mentioned many times. You are well-acquainted with them.

Jesus said, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies." That's not just so many words, you know, that's a responsibility placed on a Saint. Quite often if we have an enemy, "Well, if he doesn't like me I don't like him. I can get along without him." There is no Christianity in this attitude. When Christianity is shown, it's when the individual says, "Well, I love you no matter how you act or feel toward me." When one does this, the tide of evil, the tide of degeneration is stopped, love takes the place of enmity. Wouldn't it be great if we were all Christians with love for all in our hearts; there would be no enmity.

"Bless them that curse you." Have you ever had someone curse you, and it made you angry, so you cursed them back? You showed them how to curse. Satan enjoys that; there's no Christianity in cursing back. There's a responsibility if someone curses you, and in this Church it is not so unusual to be cursed or spoken against. "Bless them that curse you," a responsibility as a Christian—a follower of Jesus Christ. We must bless them that curse us. Wouldn't it be great if you would visit and bless them. "God bless you, I want you to know you have my blessings." Can you see the tide of Christianity turning back the evil trend of cursing among God's children.

It's not too easy to be a Christian. I'm only on one verse here of the Savior's many verses. There are four commandments in one verse. (See Matt. 5:44.)

"Do good to them that hate you." Do we always practise this commandment? Well, it is not easy. "And pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you." Did the Savior practise this? You know, to be a Christian, we must follow the Savior. It is easy to hide behind Christianity, but it is not easy to be a Christian. Let's see whether the Savior practised what he taught.

I'm not going to take time because the time is very short, but remember when the Savior was hanging on the cross, his accusers, his murderers at his feet; he could have said something

rather severe and scolding, but no, he practised what he preached. "Father in heaven, forgive them." (See Luke 23:34.) He prayed for those who persecuted him and bitterly abused him.

I'm going to turn over a page to hurry, in this same great sermon. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat": (Matt. 7:13.) It's real wide, the gate's wide, and there is a great multitude headed for it and many there be which go in thereat. These are the words of the Savior. "... strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (*Ibid.*, 7:14.) Not many will find the gate to heaven.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (*Ibid.*, 7:15.) A false prophet will teach false doctrine. Any false teacher is in that category.

Now the Savior gives us many wonderful keys here. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" (*Ibid.*, 7:16.) What if you saw figs growing on a thistle? You'd know they were out of place, wouldn't you? Grapes growing on thorns, it's just as obvious and just as easy to tell a true prophet as it is to tell that figs are out of place on a thistle bush.

Well, a God without body, parts, or passions, uncreate—and the Prophet Joseph Smith introducing back again a God with body, parts, and passions. Man saying the Godhead is three in one and one in three—most difficult to explain and understand. Joseph Smith restoring the knowledge of three separate Personages. You know the agnostic could say they are both wrong, but it is obvious they are not both right. It's as obvious as a fig on a thistle that one is opposite the other.

Jesus had Twelve Apostles—many churches do not have apostles. Our message is not a difficult one to deliver to the world as soon as we can prepare the world for it. Then the Lord clarifies this, "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil

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fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (*Ibid.*, 7:17-18.) President McKay does not build the kingdom of Satan, he builds the kingdom of God. He teaches the same gospel and doctrines that Jesus Christ and the apostles taught.

Our prophet has asked us all to be missionaries—every member a missionary. That's the way to build this Church. Wouldn't it be great if all two million each brought one soul into the Church. How many of you brought one new member into the Church last year? The prophet asked us to do it under the inspiration of the Lord because the Lord knows how to build his Church.

What if it meant your life if you did not bring a soul in this coming year? You'd have him or her, wouldn't you?

#### ELDER GORDON B. HINCKLEY

##### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

My beloved associates in the work of the Lord. Within the hour all who are assembled here will be journeying to their homes. I am reminded in this thought of an experience at a newsstand the other day. I walked about observing the magazines. I was intrigued by the number of those devoted to the restyling and beautification of our homes. Done in four-color printing on good paper, their titles alone were enough to excite the imagination in the direction of improvement, and their contents was a most compelling display of suggestions on how to dress up the old place or plan for a new one.

Then my eyes drifted to the news magazines. Boldly printed on the cover of one of these was a shocking question: "Will city streets ever be safe again?" Inside I read a provocative interview between the editors of the magazine and the president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Stanley R. Schrotel of Cincinnati. The interview describes what we have read so frequently of late—the rising tide of assault, robbery, and other serious crimes inflicted on unsuspecting people by criminals, who, for the most part,

You'd bring your soul in. This is just a little way for the Lord to test and tell whether we love our neighbor as ourselves. We'd do pretty nearly anything to save and preserve our own lives.

I bear witness that God lives, that David O. McKay is his prophet and mouthpiece. It is good to be in your presence. May the Lord bless each one, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### President David O. McKay:

Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, one of the Assistants to the Twelve, has just spoken to us. He is just recently from Scotland, that's why he was so brief.

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve will now address us.

are young men, many of them yet in their teens. News stories indicate that one cannot safely walk the streets of some of our proudest cities. This is not only in the United States; the same problem is also felt across the world.

I quote from the interview with Chief Schrotel:

"Q. Are you saying that parents are to blame, really, for juvenile delinquency?"

"A. I'd have to say that there is a woeful need today for greater strength in the home, greater respect for parents as the authority symbol, and more parental guidance."

I find only one interpretation of this—serious failure in the homes of the people. There is failure in cultivating those virtues which lead to respect for law, respect for associates, even respect for self.

Other symptoms, less dramatic, but equally far-reaching in their consequences, are found in the rising toll of domestic tragedies, the broken homes, the children cast adrift from the ties that should give security and stability to their lives. Add to this the cases of warped integrity, of malfeasance, of