

beauty of orderliness and your need of the savings bank will be less and less, for you will be your own riches. I say, if you can, for this procedure takes wisdom, and wisdom is the fruit which ripens slowly. Perhaps you are not yet wise; perhaps you are still incapable of self-analysis; perhaps you are confused amid the surfaces and appearances of life; perhaps your code of conduct is based upon the customs of the times and the sayings of the alleged sages; perhaps you are disheartened and discouraged—even in frenzy of retreat before the things in your life which seem to oppose you and beat you back. But even so, this is but a condition or mood which is not final—the condition will right itself, the mood will pass.” (Richard Wightman, *The Speakers Desk Book* [Maxwell Drake, 1937], p. 686.)

### Words of a missionary

To this I might add, you will achieve ultimate success if you will align yourself to the discipline required by the narrow way which leads to eternal life. There is great joy and satisfaction in the realization of so embarking, as evidenced by the words of a missionary in the mission field:

“... I have come to an understanding of the meaning of life—why I am here and where I want to go.

“It amazes me how little I knew about the gospel before. Sure, I had a lot of facts down, but I just hadn’t caught the vision. I had heard people say that the gospel was and is a message of happiness and good news, yet I didn’t understand why. It is here that I have begun to feel the joy that the gospel was established to give to man.

“Here, material and worldly things

have taken on a second importance; and because I attach a greater importance to what is important, I am happier than before. Christ promised that if we seek first his kingdom, all other things will be added unto us. I know this is true.

“At home when I didn’t like something, I went away from it; here I can’t. I have to face it, learn to get along in situations and with people that are hard to get along with. How great it is to find that you have conquered something that you otherwise would run away from!

“Every day is spent trying to be more successful, doing things that are hard, and growing from it.” (Willard Mitt Romney, “Without a Worry in the World,” *Era*, January 1969, p. 75.)

### The proven way

Many parents and youth of the Church are securing their lives against the forces of evil by following the counsel of the Savior.

No one, it would seem, would knowingly follow a “calf-path” through life, yet carelessly they may do just that.

We must not be deceived. That established by the Savior is the only proven way; it is the only way that can stand the test of the eternities. May we follow him into the joy of eternal life. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### President Hugh B. Brown

Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve, will now address us.

He will be followed by Elder Loren C. Dunn of the First Council of Seventy, who in turn will be followed by Elder Marion D. Hanks, Assistant to the Twelve.

## ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve

My dear brothers and sisters, I rejoice to be with you today. I have been inspired and strengthened by the beautiful music and the messages of Presi-

dent McKay and our other leaders.

We are living in a remarkable age, the dispensation of the fullness of times, and I am grateful for the knowl-

edge that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

I also bear my witness to you that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored in its fullness through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and that there is a Prophet of God on the earth today, our beloved President David O. McKay. May the Lord bless and sustain him.

Despite the fact that we are living in a wonderful age, as has been stated, we are living in a troubled world with an abundance of problems. In reality, this is one of the great purposes of life, to meet challenges and obstacles and learn to overcome them. Meeting obstacles and learning to overcome them give us experience, and each experience should be for our good.

Today we hear much about the need to "tell things as they are," the need for honesty and consistency in living, and the need for greater freedoms.

### True and false freedoms

Someone has said, "There are two freedoms: the false freedom where one is free to do what he likes, and the true freedom where one is free to do what he ought to do."

I think it is appropriate and timely to discuss some things as they are and can be, as well as to consider the difference between loyalty and disloyalty as pertains to the true and false freedoms.

First, loyalty to true freedom principles or causes embraces love, dedication, faith, allegiance, willingness to sacrifice, and many other qualities that contribute to achievement and happiness.

Disloyalty to true freedom principles or causes embraces betrayal, unfaithfulness, disaffection, sedition, infidelity, and other qualities that contribute to failure, destruction, and unhappiness.

Loyalty to false freedom principles can only bring delusion, a counterfeit happiness, and eventual destruction. False freedom principles include such things as the abuse of one's body by the use of drugs, liquor, and tobacco, as well as sexual immoralities. False freedom principles likewise include the spread of communistic doctrine and

protest by force.

In reality, true freedom can only exist in doing what is right, in being loyal—yes, in doing what we ought to do.

### Principle of loyalty

Let me be more specific and identify some things we ought to do to enjoy true freedom.

We should be loyal to ourselves, our family, friends, employers, our God, church, and country.

Insofar as loyalty to oneself is concerned, the great poet Shakespeare gave some sage advice when he said, "This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man." (*Hamlet*, Act 1, Sc. 3.)

One is true and loyal to himself:

When he develops himself mentally, physically, and spiritually;

When he develops a proper standard by which all decisions are made and unswervingly follows the standard;

When he keeps his self-respect and the respect of others by being noble and consistent in his ideals, acts, words, and thoughts;

When he combines faith with works in serving his God and his fellowmen.

Loyalty to one's family and friends is likewise basic and paramount. It indicates love and affection.

President McKay has said that no other success can compensate for failure in the family.

The Church provides a family home evening program, which gives the family an opportunity to understand the principle of loyalty and how to make it a part of their lives.

President McKay has promised that as family home evenings are held, great blessings will result, in that there will be love at home, and obedience to parents will increase, and faith will develop in the hearts of the youth.

Family loyalty means for each member to support and sustain every other member. Loyalty in the family embraces love and appreciation and is evidenced by a willingness to sacrifice for and serve one another.

Loyalty to friends makes it possible for them to rely on you and you on

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them, and what a wonderful sense of security this brings.

In one's business relations, loyalty to an employer is most vital. Loyalty here means to be faithful and trustworthy and to give the best of your ability, recognizing that your employer's success is reflected in your welfare. Loyalty produces power and effectiveness. An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

### Loyalty to God

What does loyalty to God and church imply?

Simply stated, it would seem to be doing God's will without reservations.

Our Lord and Savior set the pattern of loyalty in Gethsemane when in his prayer to the Father he said, "Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." (Mark 14:36.)

Judas set the pattern of disloyalty as he betrayed his Master, the Christ. He became madly remorseful, but under the influence of Satan, he hanged himself, the final chapter of his disloyalty.

The great dedication of the Prophet Joseph Smith and other mighty men of modern Israel illustrates the meaning of loyalty to God and to church.

And the Lord has told us: "Let no man be afraid to lay down his life for my sake; for whoso layeth down his life for my sake shall find it again.

"And whoso is not willing to lay down his life for my sake is not my disciple." (D&C 103:27-28.)

An interesting experience is told of Brother J. Golden Kimball in speaking to a meeting of Saints on the subject of tithing. He said, "All of you who would be willing to die for the gospel please put up your hands." Nearly every hand in the congregation was raised.

Then he said, "All of you who have been paying an honest tithing please raise your hands." It seems that only a few hands were raised.

Brother Kimball turned to the bishop and said, "See, they would rather die than pay their tithing."

Tithing, of course, is only one of God's commandments that tests our

loyalty. Loyalty is truly one of the great eternal principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Loyalty to country

Now with respect to being loyal to our country:

It is traditional that those elected or appointed to important governmental positions take an oath of allegiance. Public servants must be loyal to the office to which they are elected or appointed. Disloyalty results in distrust and can result in impeachment or dismissal.

We know that the Constitution of our country is a divinely established document, and in the words of modern-day scripture we recognize that it "should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles." (D&C 101:77.)

The position of the Church in this matter is clearly stated in the twelfth Article of Faith: "We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law."

### Choice for loyalties

Now in considering things as they are, in considering the need of honesty and consistency in living, and in considering the need for greater freedoms, never let us forget that we must choose where we place our loyalties.

As Joshua of old declared, ". . . choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Josh. 24:15.)

There are many today who have chosen to serve the Lord and are giving much, yes, even their lives, for true freedom principles that bring us real happiness, growth, and development. On the other hand, there are others who are loyal to false freedom principles that would, if they prevailed, destroy us as individuals and as a country.

Always remember that what we do, far more than what we say, shows where our loyalties are.

### True freedom

My counsel to you is to live for

true freedom, choose the right, do what you ought to do, and make the choice that Joshua did—to serve the Lord.

Never give your loyalty to a cause that will bring you a false freedom of delusion, counterfeit happiness, failure, and eventual destruction. Your loyalties set the pattern for your life and eventually become a way of life for you.

Be loyal to yourself, your family, your God and church, your country, friends, and employers. This will assure you true freedom and independence and result in peace, great achievement, happiness, and eventually eternal life. It has been said by W. H. Murray that until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. The moment one definitely commits himself,

then Providence moves too. I know this is true.

Let us all, as in the words of our glorious hymn, commit ourselves to be "True to the faith that our parents have cherished, True to the truth for which martyrs have perished, To God's command, Soul, heart, and hand, Faithful and true we will ever stand." (*Hymns*, No. 157.)

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### President Hugh B. Brown

Elder Loren C. Dunn of the First Council of Seventy will now address us. He will be followed by Elder Marion D. Hanks, Assistant to the Twelve, who will be our concluding speaker.

Elder Dunn.

## ELDER LOREN C. DUNN

### Of the First Council of the Seventy

By invitation I recently attended a conference on drug abuse that was called by a group of concerned citizens.

Speaking at this gathering were experts in this field from throughout the United States. Their messages were in accordance with that which has been echoed by almost every group investigating this problem, and that is: Drug abuse is on the increase, especially among our youth.

#### Availability of drugs

Despite the valiant efforts of law enforcement, the availability of drugs is increasing. In fact, according to youthful offenders, drugs are readily available through what they term as "the underground" in most of our high schools.

It is evident that this is a fast-growing problem within the United States and Canada, and it is also having its effect on many countries throughout the world.

There is a great need for us as Church members to support efforts in our communities to strengthen law en-

forcement and encourage other programs designed to deal with the drug abuse problem.

In listening to a group of youthful former drug users, they stated that it frightens them to think that possibly as many as 50 per cent of their fellow high school students might at least try marijuana at some time with a smaller number continuing on to other drugs.

These are students who evidently come from all backgrounds and economic levels of life.

Should these young people be correct in their estimates, we would have to face the realization that each of our children sometime is going to be faced with the temptation of drug use.

#### Reason for drug use

The reason most youthful offenders start on drugs gives us some idea as to what we might do to prevent this disastrous situation. When one group was asked why they started, they said without exception, "We were alienated from our parents."