

chapter of 1 John, verse 19. It is only eight words long—listen carefully: “We love him, because he first loved us.” This will cause a change to happen because it is right. Do you get the message? “He first loved us.” Your children will love you; your brothers and sisters will love you; your eternal companion will love you—because you first loved them. Now I don’t mean it will all happen in a day, a week, or a year. But it will happen if you do not give up.

Be sincere

If you haven’t been in the habit of expressing your love regularly, start out easily—maybe only as much as an eyedropper or two at first. At the beginning of this new approach even a glassful could cause a drowning. Build up the dosage as tolerance to accept it grows.

Whatever you give, be sincere and honest in your expression.

Impossible mountains are climbed by those who have the self-confidence that comes from truly being loved. Prisons and other institutions, even some of our own homes, are filled with those who have been starved for affection.

In a world and society where Satan is launching his most vicious attacks ever on the children of men, we have no greater weapon than pure, unselfish, Christlike love.

“Love one another”

Now I know for some this may not be an easy thing to start—our backgrounds, customs, and cultures are

different. Regardless of whether it is easy or hard for you, the Master gave the commandment to all—not to a few in one land or a handful in another, not just to a family here or there, but to all his children, everywhere. Express love now! Show it now, that we might enjoy the eternities together as families.

He told us, as we read in John: “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:34-35.)

We can all be his disciples.

Two weeks ago President Kimball passed me as we were rushing to a meeting. He stopped, took my hand, looked me in the eye, put away all of his other cares, and said simply, “I’m sorry we’re sometimes so busy. I guess I haven’t told you lately how much I love you and appreciate you.”

I felt his spirit; I believed him; my spirit soared to a new height.

If it comes from the heart, it will work, brothers and sisters. It will bring peace and happiness to a troubled soul. Please try again . . . and again . . . and again. I know he who set this pattern lives. I know Jesus is the Christ. Of this I testify in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

Bishop H. Burke Peterson, First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, has just addressed us. We shall now be pleased to hear from Elder Richard G. Scott, a new member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

Elder Richard G. Scott

It is understandable that deep feelings of personal inadequacy accompany

the awesome recognition of the privilege of bearing testimony of Jesus

Christ and upbuilding his kingdom for the rest of my life. I deeply love and respect these brethren with whom I will share the balance of my life, and I respect the sanctity of their callings. I feel as a sprouting acorn in a forest of giant, stalwart, noble oaks.

Gratitude

The wellsprings of gratitude and love overflow within me.

Gratitude for exceptional, beloved parents who have given their five sons the priceless heritage of a righteous example; and to those four brothers, for their strength and testimony.

Gratitude to a beloved, cherished companion and wife and to our lovely children. Jeanene has ever been a model of pure testimony, love, and devotion; she is a tower of strength to me.

Gratitude to the precious youth that I know, especially those met in missionary service.

Among these I find some of my most cherished personal friends.

And gratitude to these brethren and to our beloved prophet, who I know is the mouthpiece of God to all His children on earth. I deeply love President Kimball.

Commitment to serve

Despite feelings of personal inadequacy, I am at peace. For the Lord has said, "And if men come unto me I will show unto them their weakness. I give unto men weakness that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak things become strong unto them." (Eth. 12:27.)

And again, "I will tell you in your mind and in your heart, by the Holy Ghost, which shall come upon you and shall dwell in your heart." (D&C 8:2.)

I know the reality of the promptings of the Holy Ghost. In times of urgent need, after meditation and prayer to receive confirmation of a selected course of action, those promptings have given the comforted feeling that it was right. Other times, without beckoning, counsel and instruction and assurance have come through the power of the Holy Ghost; and then, at times, there have flooded into my mind and heart warnings of impending danger that would have otherwise overtaken me.

Yes, I know that Spencer W. Kimball is a prophet of God. I know that Jesus Christ lives and loves each one of us. I know that God our Eternal Father answers prayer, unmistakably, when we live worthy of such answers. I publicly commit my life, my energy, all that I am to the service of the Master and to the building of His kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

We have just listened to Elder Richard G. Scott, a new member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

The Choir and congregation will now join in singing, "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet."

After the singing, Elder Thomas S. Monson of the Council of the Twelve Apostles will speak to us.

The Choir and congregation sang the hymn, "We Thank Thee O God, For A Prophet."

President Tanner

Elder Thomas S. Monson of the Council of the Twelve will be our next speaker. He will be followed by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve.