

3. The process described works for all men, young and old, who qualify with "faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God" (D&C 4:5). You young men, encourage your fathers and companions to hold such visits. You have a right to be shown how, and to motivate and teach us as well.

4. Remember, these suggestions are not meant to change the processes for home teaching, visiting teaching, or auxiliary visits, but are a suggested *means* for bringing the Spirit into all such visits.

5. The process described for inviting the Spirit works the same with—

- a rebellious child at home,
- a discouraged individual,
- an associate, and
- even yourself,
- as well as in visits to homes.

6. Let us commit as one leader did: "There will not be one less-active member who has turned from God in my quorum or class. I will do all in my power to see that mighty change come into his heart."

In conclusion, may I remind each of us that our motivation must not be just for duty, for the Church, or as a result of a calling we have, but our *divine motivation* must be for the love of God. Then will the miraculous results occur.

I bear witness from the Book of Mormon that *for our labor*, we will—

- "Wax strong in the Spirit, . . .

- "Teach with power and authority from God" (Mosiah 18:26),

- "Receive the grace of God" (v. 26), and

- Be restored unto the grace we once had (see Helaman 12:24).

And then, with that grace or enabling power of God, we might thereby obtain charity (see Ether 12:34, 36), "even the pure love of Christ" (Moroni 7:47).

May that gift, even charity, be ours. May we give of ourselves to the spiritually needy the spiritual gifts Christ gave. I know of no greater joy that can come to man than "the soul that repenteth" (D&C 18:13; see also vs. 15–16). May the Lord bless us to learn how to bring men to Christ, and, in the process, *find Him ourselves*, I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

President Hinckley

Elder Gene R. Cook of the First Quorum of the Seventy has just spoken to us. We shall now invite the four brethren who were sustained this afternoon as new members of the First Quorum of the Seventy to each give us a few words of testimony or whatever they wish to say as they are guided by the Spirit: Elder Monte J. Brough, Elder Albert Choules, Jr., Elder Lloyd P. George, and Elder Gerald E. Melchin, in that order, please.

Elder Monte J. Brough

I can tell you now, after about a hundred minutes of experience, that these big red chairs are not really as comfortable as they look.

On Thursday afternoon, my family and I were celebrating my child's birthday at a rather loud and noisy gathering in our home when the phone rang. A woman's voice said, "Brother Monte Brough, would you hold the phone a moment? President Hinckley would like to speak with you."

I said, "President Hinckley!" in order to gain some attention from my rather raucous family. They quieted rather quickly, I can tell you.

President Hinckley came on the phone and said, "Brother Brough, would it be convenient for you to come and see me?"

In a rather stilted way, I responded for a moment or two to a couple of questions, then said, "President Hinckley, you have given me a rather frightening phone call."

He said, "Oh, don't worry about it. We're just going to give you a new broom and let you sweep the steps in front of the office building."

President Hinckley, I want you and these Brethren to know that I would be honored to take up that broom and sweep those steps where you have walked, where President Benson has walked, and where all these men whom I admire and love with all my heart have walked.

Mothers' love

A few years ago while I was presiding over the mission in Minneapolis, Minnesota, an interesting event took place. I would like to use that experience to bear my testimony. A rather severe tornado hit the area. It was severe enough that it came to the attention of the nightly news broadcast over the national networks to California, Arizona, Utah, and Idaho. Before long, the telephone started ringing in our office there at the mission home. This went on for two or three hours, with parents calling from many areas wondering about their Johnny or Richard.

I recall later walking across the parking lot from the mission office to the mis-

sion home saying to myself, "You know these Mormon mothers. They just won't undo the apron strings. They just won't let their boys go." As I walked into the mission home, the phone again was ringing. I picked up the phone and guess who? My mother! She was wondering how her missionary was doing under these circumstances.

I learned a great and deep lesson. A mother's love and concern never ceases—nor should it.

I have no memory of my father. I was not raised in a home where the priesthood was strong. A bishop in Randolph, Utah, and mission presidents later on are responsible for my being here tonight.

A willing heart

In reference to Elder Marvin J. Ashton's talk, I have work to do on my heart—but one thing I do have is a willing heart. I am willing to do anything and everything that I can to help in this great cause. I bear witness that I know this is God's work. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Elder Albert Choules, Jr.

I remember sitting in this hall years ago and listening to Elder Hartman Rector, Jr., give his first talk in a general conference. His first words were, "This is a traumatic experience for a convert." Elder Rector, this is not an insignificant experience for one born and reared in the Church, either. I am grateful for that rearing.

Last Wednesday I was in Idaho and telephoned to Phoenix and learned that President Hinckley was trying to reach me. I called him that morning and made an appointment to see him Thursday afternoon. Wednesday afternoon I joined with other members of my family at the

funeral of my mother, who had passed away here in Salt Lake City the previous Sunday at the age of ninety-five. She joined my father, who had preceded her twenty-two years ago, and my wife, who had joined him four years ago.

I am grateful for them. I have prayed since Thursday afternoon that a kind and loving Heavenly Father would let them who had been such an influence in bringing me to this position be aware of it. I am confident they were.

Choose the Church

I remember as a young boy about to receive the priesthood my father calling