

Temple Presidents

Over the years I have had the chance to meet a few temple presidents and their wives. Without exception I can tell you each has been some of the most spiritual and caring people I have ever met. They have the awesome responsibility of keeping the House of the Lord a sacred and holy place to which each of our Heavenly Father's children can come.

I can imagine that the leaders of the church are careful whom they call to this very important position. Undoubtedly, these individuals have to be humble. They have to have pure thoughts. They have to love the work and have a heart intent on service. They are committed to moving the work forward. They are careful not to offend the spirit. They are loving and kind to all that enter the temple. They preside over the temple with the objective of making it worthy to actually have the presence of the Lord there.

The thought has come to me that each of us has been called to be a temple president. We each have an earthly tabernacle that is the temple of our spirit. We each have been called to preside over these temples. We are each responsible to insure that the profane of the world does not come into our temples. We are responsible for the appearance of our temple. We are responsible to make our bodies worthy for the companionship of the Holy Ghost. We are the ones to make sure our temples have pure thoughts and that the words emanating from "the temple" reflect feelings of love and care for those around us.

Perhaps we would do well to think of ourselves as "President Daniel Stevenson" or "President Elizabeth Roberts". Just like the temple president that is called by the leaders of the church, we have an equally important responsibility to preside over the temple assignment given us by Heavenly Father. We want to magnify our calling and be worthy to receive revelation from heaven. We truly want to make our earthly temples a "House of the Lord".