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No.1 (Elden Kingston):

My brothers and sisters I can assure you I am glad to be back here today and have this privilege of standing before you. I realize that since the first of the year many of us have had our lives changed to a certain extent and we are striving a lot harder to do better. Brothers and sisters one of the first things I want to do this morning is to put up a few yellow lights before you. I don't want to scare you and get you all excited, but I would like to get you all interested, interested in the things that were brought before you on New Year's Day. Those of you who are successful in taking hold of those things, you will find out it won't be because of any easy task on your part that you have been able to take hold of them.

I will repeat the same as I did then, when you come to that knowledge and are able to practice it you will know how you have obtained it. So in order to help center your interest and make these things appear a little more serious before you and cause you to continue to strive, I want to put up these yellow lights in front of you, so you will be able to get the benefits of that caution which will be a great benefit to you in getting acquainted with the law which you must get acquainted with before you can fit with others and have the same knowledge which is necessary to have in order to get along with them in a condition of oneness. That is the next very necessary step for us as a people to come to. Oneness, not with ourselves, not with any individual, but with the Lord. That is the only place, only individual, we can get any place with being one with, is the Lord; and of course if we are one with Him we are one with all who are one with him.

Brothers and sisters, we are going to find out a lot of our prayers are going to be answered, maybe a lot more in the future than they have been in the past, where we ask the Lord to bring us to these truths and we ask him to do certain things, if we don't. We will find out those things are going to be fulfilled and if we realize those blessings in a true light, we will appreciate them and we will make them a part of our lives.

I am going to tell a couple of dreams which are in harmony with a lot of other dreams you have had, not that you have told me necessarily, but I know they have existed among you. I know that without you telling me. Most of them bring out the fact that we are natural people, natural men and women. The reason we are natural, is because we have the seeds of death within us. These seeds of death, which are with us, is the power of the evil one to pull us down and keep us from eternal life. If we can realize that and fit that one thing with a lot of these dreams, it will clear that up before us and it will be of much value to us and of course along with this meaning, the facts are brought out that in order to rid ourselves of these seeds of death or to get rid of our natural self, we must put forth a striving on our part. In other words the Lord has put the power within us

to do that if we will use that power in that way. But if we neglect using that power and go along in a foolish way, not realizing it is there, the first thing we know the Lord will cease striving with us and of course the time must come some time when those seeds of death will be successful in stamping out those seeds of life the Lord has put within us and eternal life is beyond any question, because our life is spent and wasted away.

The first dream I am going to tell, I am going to tell it in the form of a joke on Brother 7, maybe because he is not here, but I know his wife will tell him about it and I hope she will. Brother 7 has been helping us a lot down there at Elmo; he said that I came to him in a dream and told him, Brother 7 it is time for you to start living the law. He told me about it. I never said anything about it. Of course I thought quite a bit about it.

The day before I came up the last time we were sorting spuds in the cellar. I said, Brother 7 do you remember that dream you told me about a month ago. I said does that dream mean the same to you now as it did a month ago. I said does that dream mean the same to you now as it did a month ago? He thought of that for a while and began to laugh. He could see it. Brother 7 isn't the only one those things have slipped up on. Practically everyone of us, we have not known how to live the law. We have not within ourselves put forth the striving and we have not directed our energy the right way; we have not been able to understand so we could put it into practice. If I can just get that one point across to all of you brothers and sisters this morning, where you need to strive and find out these things, we will all be well paid by coming here this morning.

Another dream I am going to tell is one that Sister 2,4,1 had, one of the sisters of the order. She had this one, about a week ago. She dreamed she was in a Memorial Park where there were a number of graves and she walked over to a certain grave. It happened to be Abraham Lincoln's grave. She knew Abraham Lincoln was buried in that grave. As she stood there thinking about Abraham Lincoln, thinking of what he did while he was here in this life, he appeared to her right by the grave. And when he appeared to her, she realized he was still in the grave and yet he was there talking to here. The course of his conversation was on government, and of course, he was talking to Sister 2,4,1 and all who were there to hear. As he talked on government he walked back and forth and he walked over toward this grave. He sat on the foot of it. He just sat on it enough to put some of his weight on the grave. As soon as he let some of his weight go on this grave, the dirt caved. As soon as that dirt went down, he raised up. Then he came back, continued to talk, and in a minute he went to this grave and sat on it again just a little farther from where he sat before. The dirt he leaned some of his weight on crumpled and went down. He continued to do that during his talk until the top of the grave which was rounding in the first place had all crumpled down in from the foot to the breast of the body that was in this grave. As soon as the dirt had crumpled up that far, it seemed like a body appeared. This dirt that had crumpled went right down around the body and the body appeared up as far as the breast and when this body appeared, Abraham Lincoln disappeared.

The dirt crumpled off of the breast and the body was laying on its left side. She could see where the right breast of this woman's body had been spurting forth milk and in the dirt around this body there was a pool of milk about two feet in diameter, that had seeped there and went all in the dirt. As soon as she saw that, the impression came very strong, no wonder this white dove that is here

is so fat and healthy, it has had a means of getting this milk, it has been feeding upon this; this white dove has had access to this milk in the ground, no wonder it is so fat and sleek and pretty. She never saw the white dove but that impression was put to her in that way. As soon as that impression was given to her and that picture that was before her, there were two other girls standing by the side of 2,4,1. As soon as the picture opened up that far to them, as well as to her, these two women ran over to the grave and started digging. They started digging where the dirt had ceased caving. The digging was very easy, but when they started with their hands, it looked like they were going to have quite a job. The head was soon uncovered. As soon as the face of this woman was uncovered a very angry look came over her face. She looked as though she would have sooner remained in the grave. She started to look around and as she observed this and that, a pleased look came on her face and she was very happy. The grave and her all disappeared.

Sister 2,4,1 went to another part of this park and she saw soldiers dressed in uniform, they had cement helmets and cement cloaks over them. The natural person would be unable to carry such a uniform let alone be in the standing army under those conditions. That is the condition all these soldiers were in, they were all there in a solid condition. They were all there where they received their instructions and orders. If anyone else tried to tell them anything, they could not even hear them, let alone decide to do it. They were practically deaf and dumb as far as these others were concerned; but they were in such a condition that when the order came from those who were able to give them orders; they were ready to act and do what came before them. She looked at those soldiers in that condition and marveled and wondered how it was possible for an army to be put in such a condition as that. As she walked away from these soldiers a lot of seagulls flocked around. As these seagulls came into sight, the impression came that is the Utah State Bird, and at the end of that dream closed.

Brothers and sisters, I am sure you all realize there must be a meaning attached to this dream. I hope it will be the means of stimulating your interest a little more and urging you on to use all the energy you can in that direction to put you in a condition so you know what you are doing; so you will know you won't be making mistakes.

The interpretation to this dream as I understand it, Abraham Lincoln when he was speaking there on government represented myself on New Year's Day. Him leaning on this grave caving all this down, represented what had to be done here on New Year's Day, uncovering something we had been feeding off of, giving us power, but we could not get the power in the condition that we must get it in the future. It shows what has to be done, cave all of this covering down, cave it loose, so we could get to the actual being in other words. When it was caved off as much as possible by Abraham Lincoln—in other words it was impossible for him to cave all of it in. I or no one else can take all of these things and lay them out before you because they are fixed in such a way that we must put forth certain strivings. And when we understand that clearly, we will thank God for it, because it makes us appreciate it a lot more. We get a lot more from it and it puts us in a condition so we will be able to see those yellow lights a lot oftener.

This body when it was uncovered had an angry look come on its face, which represented the natural person's feelings when gaining a knowledge of eternal life.

These two women, represent the first two men that are here to uncover it for themselves. There are two men here who are going to be successful in doing that for themselves first. When they do that, their example will be a big help to you, but they won't be able to uncover it for you. But if you have the privilege of being around them, the example they set will be a big help for you. If you take it and look at it in that way, the more you can understand it the bigger help it will be to you. Now we come to the next main part where the face was uncovered and this angry look appeared. This body represents the true and also the natural to a certain extent, the natural part of us when certain things are uncovered to us we can always see the bad first and we say well we don't want anything to do with that, we are through, we don't want it.

Now if we let that get us down and keep us there, we will always be down. We will never see the good and we should thank God for that for we will never have the privilege of seeing the good and making light of it. Under those conditions this angry look represents the feelings that will come up in me and you and everyone of us because in our natural condition we are always prone to criticize first and see the evil. But if we realize the spirit of the Lord is working then we can see the good we can receive through the sacrifice of the evil. If we sacrifice the evil the good causes a bright and a very pleasant look to come on our face and we would not think of keeping these things around we felt bad about giving up, so we could receive the other.

So brothers and sisters, let us be careful and see that we keep our eyes on these yellow lights, so we do not run up against things of that nature and let them be stumbling blocks to us so we are blocked and cannot see the advantage of taking the next step. Because if we go about digging these things out the natural way, it will appear like digging through a cement wall. But when we take one step, the next step will appear and it will be easy if we are willing to put the time in and really go through it; and after we will thank God that He has outlined His truths in that way. We will be able to see many of the reasons, not all; but we will see enough that we will be able to appreciate the fact that God was a wise God to do it in that way.

Now we go on to the next part where she saw this army, these individuals clad in this way. Just as soon as you, or we, are in a condition to bind Satan when we come to the condition we spoke about that we must be before this new covenant comes to us, we will be just as firm and just as solid as these men in this army. We will be in a condition so we will have everything open to the Lord for instructions and continued direction. We will have everything shut for the evil one and we won't be able to hear his whinings and all these hearsays and all that stuff which we so much have enjoyed or we have reached out for and encouraged to a certain extent. When we get in that condition we won't even be able to hear those things; they won't affect us any more than if we had never heard them. We won't have a cement wall around us to protect us in that way, but we will have our protection without this heavy cement reinforcement.

The next part where the seagulls appeared was to show that condition was here in Utah, not back where Abraham Lincoln's grave was. In reality that was a very, very good comparison. When we stop to read a little history we know what Abraham Lincoln did. We know some of the efforts he had to put forth from boyhood up. We know a lot of those things, so we should appreciate it and realize that knowledge can be of a great help to us.

Now I want to give a thought or two concerning this covenant that was mentioned. I want to tell you all that I would not be a bit surprised if it is three years before the first one of you have the privilege of taking that covenant, and I will go two years farther and say I won't be surprised if it is five years. I know many of you have had good desires of taking it, but this is another word of caution I want to place before you in guiding you along this ladder and path so be patient, be careful so that it isn't longer than it needs to be with you so that you don't waste any time. In other words if the Lord puts his hand over Brother 8 and says it is going to be seven years for you; the thing for Brother 8 to do is be sure it isn't fifteen or nine or eight or twenty. That is the thing for Brother 8 to do; be sure you don't lose any ground if you can help it; be sure it isn't any longer than necessary.

We will all have to admit if that is the way this time is given us, so that a certain time is put there that marks the fastest progress we can make and that between the time when it transpires our deeds and actions all determine whether we will all be ready when that time elapses. Some of you have thought within yourselves, I have already taken that. I want to show you another comparison. Way up north where No.24 is, we have a dry farm and a lot of stock. If we had to travel there with wagon and team it would take a long time to get there. Say I would take Brother Ren and say we had a nice team and wagon, feed for the team on the way; and I want you to load up these supplies and take them to the dry farm for Brother 24. Brother Ren had never been there before. I would say, Brother Ren, You go up to Ogden, Brigham, Treamountain, Clementsville, and go to the farm and when you get over there, there is a certain gate you have to open that you must go through. If he says there is a gate right out here, I will go through this gate, would that be it? You can't open that gate until you get there. Impossible; and we want to all remember that, we can't do that. Just the same as we know Brother Ren could not open that gate at the dry farm until he got there. It is just as impossible as can be.

That is just the same way with this covenant I am trying to tell you about. We must get there first and if we get there the right way, we will know when we get there. We will know all about it. Not because I tell you or anyone else, but that will be right in your being and when you get there, you will have Satan bound as far as yourself is concerned; another job that some of us have found is going to be very hard. But no matter how hard it might seem if we are successful, it must be done no matter how much the cost or the sacrifice it has to be done if we are successful. No other way out of it, no other solution if we are successful. How important, how careful we should be. We know we can't go home and stop all of our activities until we do it. We can't do it in quite that way, but we must and we can have that on our mind. In other words we can dig as we go on in these other things.

We can keep on scratching and with the help we get in these meetings and with our brothers and sisters that are scratching too, those things can be unfolded to us so simple; but as these points appear they make an angry look come on our faces. The devil likes to make it appear it is the thing that will wreck us and it will if we are not careful, because nothing will take us under quicker than reviling against that which is good. Let us remember and be cautious that we do proceed with caution.

Now I am going to ask you brothers and sisters now for questions in the hopes that you might be directed by the spirit of the Lord in asking these questions and that you will be able to ask them in such a way as to bring all of us closer to these actual facts and truths that must be dug out. We want to reason these things out together if possible, get our minds going along that channel.

No.3: I understood you to say we have come to the time when we will be able to see the next step ahead of us. When we took our covenant we were told to pray we would be able to know the next step. I prayed and asked you if consecration was the next step. If we were going up stairs and did not know where the next step was, how are we going to take one step after another?

Brother Barlow: Is it possible to get to that point or even get on the way well if we continue to partake of things of Babylon? In the D.&C. it says let your food be prepared with a singleness of heart that your fasting may be perfect. How can we reach that step and continue to partake of unadulterated food?

No.35,1: I feel when we came here we were to leave Babylon behind and get our tables filled with fasting and prayer.

Brother Stoddard: According to my understanding there are three spirits striving with everyone of us, the spirit of the devil, the spirit of man, and the spirit of God. Those in the highest degree of glory are those who do not have the spirit of man and the spirit of the evil one, and they are strictly filled with the spirit of the Heavenly Father. Until we get to a condition where all our actions and works would be in strict harmony with God we can never get into the Celestial Degree of Glory. In answer to Brother Barlow's question, we have to get entirely rid of Babylon, but it is going to be a long, hard battle. We have to strive with the spirit of God and not do things in our own way. The only oneness in the world is that of God.

No.35: If we could live up to the light and knowledge we receive from God as fast as He gives it to us, one step right after the other would be shown to us and it would not be very long until we would be in a stage of perfection.

No.1: Are we still going to go back home and do the same thing over and over again?

Brother Barlow: Is it right to look forward to the answers to our prayers to come through the instrumentality of the servant that is here upon the earth to give us those instructions through the directors of this work, one way or another that we will be led step by step how to cast off this and that until finally we reach a straight course?

No.1: I think all of us can agree that is possible.

No.35,1: We get all of our direction and you know what we are doing through our actions and the Lord comes and tells you what we are doing.

No.4: Brother Barlow asked a question which I was thinking about when going down to Elmo. In the 88th section of the D.&C. there is a passage there where it says any man that is successful in

obtaining these two priesthoods by the power of the spirit will be able to renew their bodies. We all know every since the beginning of the world we all have the seeds of death planted within ourselves when we come into this life and naturally they are all planted in the things we eat. We like to partake of those things because the seeds of death are in everything we eat, we cater to that power.

We are always trying to find something to eat that will kill us. I wondered how we were ever going to get knowledge to make it possible for us to renew our bodies. It seems as important a mystery as that is and has been from the beginning of the world, the thing that would enable us to overcome that condition would be important enough that the Lord would send it through His servant. As I thought along that line the spirit of the Lord verified that fact that the time would come that we would find out through His servant what to eat and how to eat, but when that time came we would be able to eat everything here upon the earth, we would not be able to single out one thing and say not to eat it.

When that knowledge comes all these things will be eaten by us, but we will know how to eat them. As we talked about this question, brother 1 brought out the idea the eating of the food would not be so important as the deeds and actions we did. It left the impression on my mind that if we eat these things we have to eat and do these things that are required by the Lord, we would be much more able to do these things and get the good out of them. The most important thing with us in overcoming the seeds of death and taking hold of the things of life is the way we conduct our life in every day action.

In good health we can sit down and feel mean towards anyone and we can eat the best dinner that could be spread before us and after we have eaten it, we find out we could not even digest the best food there is. We can sit down if we have a good feeling with us and digest most anything and get the good out of it. I think that is the way those things will come about.

No.2: How could I walk acceptable and please those above me in regards to my stewardship? Is there any yellow lights there that can keep me from slipping?

No.1: This point Brother 4 brought out is very important, one I want you all to get and that is that it isn't what we eat that makes us, it helps, and has a lot to do with us, but what we do counts a lot more than what we eat. That is the words that Brother 4 referred to, if we are successful in obtaining the two priesthoods, we will be sanctified by the spirit unto the renewing of our bodies.

We go to the 89th section where it tells us what to eat, before the promise is given it says walking in obedience to the commandments. There is something else there than just talking about eating. The commandments, it did not say just part of them either. The commandments. Brothers and sisters we will find out those commandments are more important than what we eat, a lot more to them than just directing what is put in our mouths.

No.18,1: It appears to me the next step we are to make is do away with all prejudice and fault finding and then we will be able to see the next step.

No.1: It all depends upon the step you are on now; but nevertheless that is a right good step to be able to take.

No.13: The other night I dreamed Brother 1 was living in the house where he used to live and the bed was in the south-east corner. I saw him reclining on two elbows and his face was lined with suffering, dark circles under his eyes. He was sweating. I have seen people who have suffered that way from physical suffering. I asked him what was the matter. He said I have a toothache. I looked in his mouth and I saw a good solid tooth but the center of it was decayed and decayed pretty far down in, as far as it could be without having the nerve exposed. I said why don't you have that tooth filled? He said I am trying an experiment and trying to renew that tooth.

If I renew it, I won't have to have it pulled out or filled. He brought out the fact if he could suffer three or four days for the tooth to have it renewed it would be best. It came to me he was willing, in order to receive something that God was to give, he was willing to go through any amount of suffering to renew it.

Brother NewBold: My mind goes back to the New Year's Day meeting a thought I have relative to that. I would like to if I can impress you this way to see in the distance a long ways and way at the end of that place there is some sort of a power and light which stretches forth from that place which is between a golden and yellow light. It stretches forth from that place to the people here upon the earth and because that light is coming on the earth it has sort of a magnet to it. People who have a hard time to correct their mistakes, this light focuses on them and helps to hold them there so they can do what is right.

The Golden Rule is that added light and the things we could not accomplish before become easier to accomplish. I feel through that understanding it helps me considerably. I feel from that understanding that helps me to be a better and more powerful man.

No.5,1: I believe in the saying it isn't what goes in the mouth that defileth the body but what goes out of it. I think we have food enough here and it is good food for us and we should not keep thinking about what we do not have. We should think more of what we have than what we haven't. I think we have enough to keep us busy to think about what we have.

No.1: In order to come to the condition we are thinking of, there are steps there that are more important than what we are eating. In other words, our actions, the spirit with us is governed a lot more by our thoughts and our communications with others, through our outward acts and our associations with our brothers and sisters these conditions govern us and have a lot more to do with us than what we eat. Especially if we are feeling right, we can digest most any food.

If we are down in the dumps and gloomy, we know we sometimes can't digest the easiest of food. So that being the case, the real thing to take hold of is our actions, our work. That is the thing if we can take hold of our actions being as economical as possible, using what we produce; our eating will take care of itself and the instructions for our diet will all be included in the commandments.

Now what do we find in our association with each other? We find we are all in a natural condition. We are all trying to work out things in our own natural way. I go to brother so and so; he tells me what he is doing and what he has to do. He tells me all about that. That is all fine. He is busy, maybe he is spending twenty hours a day in his stewardship. The first impression that comes to me is what can I do to help him, can I help him to do his work so he can bring about any better results? What does he need? I go to someone else and talk over those things. He knows all about what is before him and what he should do. He knows what he needs and all that.

The impression comes to me what can I do to help him because I want to be his brother. I can go to practically everyone of you and that will be the condition. I know that to be the fact. What good would it do if I went and spent a little time with each and everyone of you and I haven't got what you need, so I can help you? My hands are tied. I have spent time finding out all that and then I can't help you a bit. I took your time because I had to stop you and my time was wasted because I did not have anything there to help you with.

Can all of you see that is the fact? Not only me going to you but anyone else if you were to all go around taking inventory of these members of the order, that is the very thing you would find. The only way I can help is to get doing something that will give you something that will help you. If it is raise spuds, raise them; if it is to work for the railroad and get some money, that is the things I have to do in my natural way if I am going to prove to you I am a brother. I will have to go and see that my time is not wasted in using the energy the Lord puts in me to bring forth the fruits that you can use. I hope I have not been backward about it either, because that is the thing the Lord expects.

No.18,1: I think we should put our time more in these spiritual things instead of so much temporal things.

No.1: What is spiritual and what is temporal?

Brother Barlow: Anything is temporal which attempts to draw our mind away from those things that are spiritual.

Brother Stoddard: Temporal things are those that are fleeting and passing away. Spiritual things are those that will last forever.

No.0,1A: Temporal and spiritual things go together as body and soul.

Brother Pratt: The Prophet Joseph told that which is spirit is matter. Matter and spirit inseparably connected is the only source of continual joy. We are also told the separation of our spirit and body puts us in a condition of bondage. The righteous look forward to the day when they will be able to renew their bodies and that is a temporal blessing. To my way of thinking the temporal could be just as pure and holy, just as sanctified as the spirit.

No.2: Since I joined this order there isn't anything I have that should be temporal. When I run my stewardship, that to me is spiritual. The way I act and talk and everything to me is all spiritual since I joined this order because I have consecrated everything.

No.17: If I go out and thin beets, any kind of work where my efforts and labors are being used for the benefit of my brothers and sisters that is as spiritual as I can get, but if I sue that for my own natural cravings and desires you can class that as temporal.

Lavenda: If there is going to be a line drawn, we should try to overcome our natural desires and take hold of the things of God.

Brother Barlow: We have to sacrifice everything material that will detract from us spiritually. If I am put to work with a man that is a trial for me to work with, that is the man I should work with, I should work with that man and thank the Lord I am working with a man like that to overcome the flesh and give the spirit the predominating power.

No.1: We will have to admit this order is part temporal and spiritual. Temporal things have the seeds of death in them and must go down. The Lord says all things to me are spiritual. All things you come in contact with no matter what degree you come in contact with it, if you have got rid of the seeds of death, there isn't anything you can come around to that won't be spiritual to you. It all depends on us, we can make it spiritual or we can make it temporal. Your natural desires are temporal because they cannot be fulfilled and last. Your spiritual desires are spiritual. If you are using all those things, everything that comes before you if you are taking hold of them in a right way, they are spiritual to you.

Brother Stoddard: In the parable of the Olive tree the trees were bringing forth fruits of all kinds. The servant said they were growing faster than the roots and were taking strength unto themselves and partook of the spirit of man and let that spirit predominate instead of taking strength from the roots or the word of the Lord. If we take strength unto ourselves and try to crowd things and have them our way that will be bad fruits and temporal and will not be that good fruit the master wants to grow on those trees.

No.1: Let us everyone of us write that thought down. In other words we can see how easy it is for us to slip from spiritual to temporal and just as soon as we slip from spiritual to temporal the seeds of death must play their part and they must act according to the law, the law that governs them. How wonderful it is to have that thought in view to know that fact, so let us be sure our actions and thoughts, everything are spiritual. Let us not have any division so far as we are concerned. There are plenty of people that will take care of those things without us.

Brother Barlow: We can't purify the spirit and still have the body adulterated. It seems to me everything I see that adds to confusion I should purge it out. Should we purge our own home when we see things that are not right?

Brother NewBold: I believe your food makes people and makes children go up spiritually and better. In your home there should never be any force applied. When you carry it a little bit too far and want to apply force and push things out, I think the individual stands on dangerous ground.

No.1: In other words purge those things out by example. I am going to give you an example that has been carried out in our home to an extent, just to show you what might be possible. Of course

time has not gone on to see if that will develop into something real or not, but it is something very little, very small, but that pleases me because small things lead to big things. In our home concerning our eating, the conviction upon me concerning sugar is that it isn't good for me, although I indulged in it greatly before the order started.

The conviction came to me I was paying for that though my teeth and other things. I am not referring to just that, but every evil you might want to overcome. In our home I never say to older children, you can't have this or that. I have a little boy down there. Of course we don't use sugar, we don't have it on the table. This example covers a period of only a few months. When we had company we put sugar on our table and be sure the sugar bowl was full. Now when company comes and we put sugar on this little boy would say please pass the sugar. I would pass it over to him and let him put it on his mush.

We have a little girl there that isn't quite old enough to put it on her mush but we put it on for her and when she gets a little older we will let her put it on her mush too. This little boy was right glad when company came. About two or three weeks ago he did not ask for the sugar when it was put on the table. He stopped right square off. If he stops and never asks for sugar again that will be a wonderful blessing to him. Thus far I believe I have been able to teach him that in the way the Lord directed me to do it. We all know there is no power greater than the power of example, if that is what we are looking for.

No.2: Wilford Woodruff told where he got down south and about all he had to eat was sorghum and swine's flesh. He stopped by the side of a log when he could walk no farther and asked the Lord to renew his strength and the spirit of the Lord came through him and performed a miracle right there and did heal him. He went on his journey and never suffered any more as long as he was on his diet. That proves to me regardless of what a man is given to eat he will be able to find favor with the Lord and be healed as long as he remains on this earth. If the Lord gives us knowledge, we should put that knowledge into practice.

Brother DeNoss: I have listened with a great deal of interest to what has been said. I have learned a lot by coming out. What Brother NewBold brought out is very near to my heart. I have always believed in the same as my father believed in. Give each individual his free agency to do and choose what he feels is right to do; but I believe we as parents should be examples. The greatest thing we are facing in this time and age is example in the home. Regardless of what we are doing, we are responsible for our children. I want to trust my children wherever they go, that no matter what place they go they can stand the test themselves. If my children feel they should go certain ways, let them go those ways, give them their free agency, but always be an example for your children by living an example so they cannot say that father and mother do it. I have always felt good in doing that very thing.

No.1: Let us go back to another thought. We were talking about the results we would have if we were going out and seeing what our brothers and sisters are doing. We all know that is the results that would be brought about. Is that the results we should find? Is that spiritual or is that temporal? The first thought that comes to us when we see others going about doing something, is that thought spiritual or temporal?

No.35: It seems like anything that is pushing the work of the Lord here upon the earth is spiritual.

Sister Kate Barlow: I think we should be careful where we go and be near enough to the Lord to want to help our brothers and sisters when we do go and go with that in mind.

Brother Ren Stoddard: At the first of the year we were taught to look to those above us. The father has the responsibility of his family. Suppose I saw what all these children were doing and they were doing all they could. He would have a desire in his heart to help them, but he would have that obligation to go to the one above him to help him. It looks to me it would be spiritual working that way.

No.1: Our condition as a people should be foremost in all of our minds.

No.4: I think if the steward on this place was doing things the very best way he knew for the benefit of all the people of the order and at the same time he had an opening for someone to come and give him direction on other things to do, I think it would be a spiritual condition. I feel I should always be open for instructions to come from someone above. A man's time should not be so completely taken up that when a man comes around whose responsibility it actually is, he does not have any time or any place for that man to give him any advice or instructions. If I was a steward on a farm and I had my time taken up with the thought in mind of pushing the work along, I would feel I should be in such a condition that if the man above me came to visit me, I would seek after the thing he might have for me. I would have an opening to take that thing whatever it was and put into practice on that stewardship. But if that steward's time is so taken up in his own accomplishments whether they might be good for the order or not, I feel it could be considerable temporal.

No.3: If the order got in a condition when our leader went around to see how things were coming; if he had been working hard and was tied up, if the whole order was tied up, the leaders hands would be tied. Each steward may see a lot of opportunities for him working and trying to put over something and lack the help of some of his brothers and sisters to put it over. If everyone of us get in that condition, we are broke. If those conditions are worked out and this help can come to help us, then those things to me are justified. But if he finds every steward in that condition, we are sunk and to me we are tying our leader's hands and things must be readjusted. Some of us will have to give up some of these projects we are trying to put over.

No.17: The thing brought forth was nothing more than a temporal condition. Maybe in the shoe shop I am doing the best I could. Suppose Brother 1 and 2 came down and I would say I have this to do and that to do, maybe my ideas are not right at all, if that is the case I can't see anything but a temporal condition.

Brother Barlow: The whole thing to me is spiritual. But we with the help of the order, I have seen especially in the last few months a decided change toward a spiritual condition. One is in a receptive mood to the other.

No.35,1: If Sister 4,1 had more to do than me, and I should go to help her to equalize things that is the way it should be.

No.17: It appears to me the condition Brother 1 is trying to show us the best way he could do was to get a job on the railroad or go down to Elmo and raise potatoes. If Brother 4 comes and asks me to do something and I don't do it, he will go ahead and do it himself.

No.13: We are like one family, Brother 1 is the parent. He has filled up our closets; he comes back and finds our potatoes are farther gone than they need to be and clothing and food. He comes back to see what our needs are. He comes back with something we would not have needed if we had been conservative.

No.0,1A: There was a man wanted a stage driver. He went to some men and asked how far can you go to the edge and not go off. Some said two inches, three inches. One man said He could go as close as one inch and still stay on the road. He went to another man and he said how far can you go and the man said I will stay away from that side as far as I can. The stage driver hired him to drive the stage. I think it is the same with us and our children today, the farther we get away from temptation the better we are off.

No.1: Having all that has been said in mind, we everyone of us, have to admit there isn't any of us but what need a lot of schooling; we need a lot of knowledge and information. Which is the best way to get this schooling? If we all follow our own individual ideas and all have the same amount of pigs and all make the same mistakes, is that the fastest way we can get the schooling? We are spending the same time with those pigs and we are all making the same mistake. I want to tell you one thing that was stressed very forcibly the first year of the order concerning our free agency. Whenever I ask you to do something, I don't want you to do it unless you feel it is right. There is one thing I don't want you to do, I don't want you to tell me it is all right and then go do the opposite, and it is one thing that makes it impossible for you to work with me on.

But if you will tell me you do not understand it, then I can still work with you. Everyone of us should feel that way towards our brothers and sisters because that is the first thing the devil brings up in your mind when we come to that thing that is in our minds. If any of you feel that way here, the best thing for you to do is to leave the order, and I want to tell you that so you will understand it. If you are giving up your free agency, you are not supposed to be here and you won't be here either. That is where the catches come in understanding the law. The Savior came here in this life, he fulfilled the will of His father in every detail, not because he had his free agency taken away from him, but because he was willing to do as the Father desired Him to do.

Because He knew from the bottom of His heart what was going to give Him eternal life. The Savior could have stopped on any step He went over and said I refuse. There is no place where He could not have said that and the Lord would have let him off; and there is no place where you or I will be able to get where we won't be able to stop and decide that. That privilege will always be there because we will always have our free agency; but if we are used to glorify the father and if we are used, we will have to obey the law which will give us eternal life.

If we can't see where that can fit with us having our free agency, we are blinding ourselves to the path ahead of us and there is no hopes for us I am sorry to say. Even come to the example of the Savior on the cross. He asked the Father if it was possible to give him permission to let that pass. The Father did not. The Savior wasn't bound. If he had said, I won't, it would have passed, absolutely because the Savior had that power within himself, still had His free agency, but He knew that He must be dependable in order to get the privilege and blessing of having eternal life.

He knew He wasn't sacrificing His free agency. He knew too, He could not come here on the earth and do as He wanted to. He knew He and His free agency in making the decision to do what His father wanted Him to do. Absolutely, the same as you and I.

I want to tell you again now. I never want to ask you to do a thing without you having the privilege of telling me you do not want to. Then that opens you up to me and then I can work with you if possible. If possible, that will open the door. That not only tells me where you are at, that shows me where your weaknesses are and if I can do that I will try and build those weaknesses up. That is what I am here for. I hope you will always remember that fact and if I don't ask you how you feel about it, tell me anyway if you don't agree. There has never been a time yet but what I have not given in under a condition like that; I have always gone along with you if it was possible.

Let us come back to this fact of schooling ourselves as a people. We all know we have to be schooled. Is it possible for us to school each other; and in that means save us all a lot of time and trouble. I am going to bring up an example that actually happened here last summer. Brother 4 took some pigs up to Kaysville and said Brother 18, I want you to feed these pigs so much. Brother 18 thought of that and said to himself that isn't enough. Those pigs won't do well on that. That isn't enough for them to eat. Brother 4 and 18 crossed each other. Whenever two people cross it is an absolute fact that one of them is wrong, maybe both of them, but it is an absolute fact that one of them is wrong, I hate to say that any of my brothers are wrong.

There was a disagreement although there wasn't words. Different ones came to me and asked what a man should do under those conditions. I said Brother 18 should follow that out to the very letter, when Brother 4 comes there and gives him absolute instructions to do so and so. What does that do? That gives us a chance to be schooled together. Brother 4 doesn't want runt pigs. Brother 18 says I can't feed these pigs this way, that will make runt pigs, so he feeds them more than Brother 4 instructed him to. Brother 4 goes back and says you made some fine pigs out of what I told you to do. If we don't know any better than that, we will keep on doing it.

That makes fools out of us. If that did make runt pigs out of them, Brother 4 would not tell Brother 18 that again, unless we were short of food.

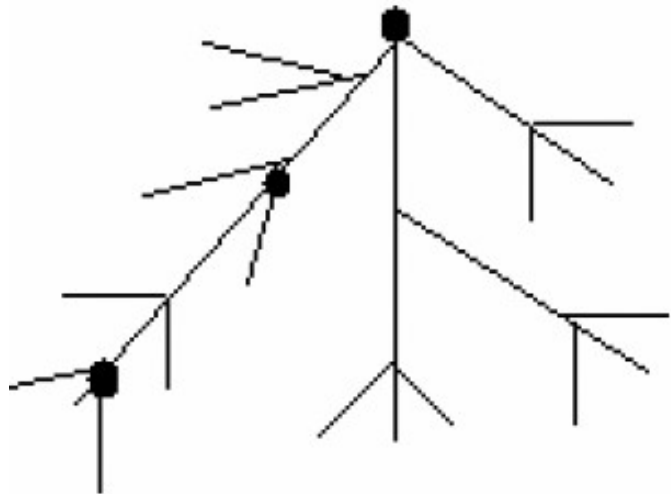
If we will depend on each other, work with each other, follow out things of that nature, then Brother 4 can take the experience Brother 18 has had there and take it to everyone in the order. If the Lord expects him to perform an experiment some way He knows that steward will do it. He will find out this steward over here did something that will help. I want to tell you if he ever tells you to do that, if you feel like you don't want to do this, you tell him; be fair with him. Don't act like you are going to do what he wants you to and then do something different.

Be above board so we can depend upon each other. If we can do that and do it 100% that is what I call schooling each other, building up each other, and being one on these things. Looking back over this we see where we have actually made fools out of each other. No other result could happen, just blocked each other as far as we could. We did not get the idea, we did not know how to school each other.

I am going to bring out another thought. I am going to try and get us a little closer to home again and a little closer to the law. All of you folks who have been here any length of time in the order, if I have drawn it twice, I have drawn it fifty times.

I am going to draw it again right where you can all see it.

This is the law and order which we have talked about so much which is up above, that we as individuals here in the flesh are trying to fit with. Some of us automatically say that cuts out revelation and all these other things. I want to say that does not cut out anything, it adds to.



If you can't see that it does, there is another keynote for you to see where you are to be here or not. I don't want you to think I ever expect to get everything for all of you. I expect you to strive just as hard as I do. You will have to if you get as far as I do.

If you receive things for the benefit of the order, I want you to bring those things to me and give me the privilege of putting my OK on them.

If I put my OK on it, then it goes out to all the order and if I don't put my OK on it, then there is one point against me if I make a mistake. But I should have the privilege of accepting if it is for the order. But if it is for your home or particular stewardships, go right ahead with it, you can't carry it ahead too fast.

This individual up here is responsible for all down below here. We will take this individual here for example. We will say he says brother, what is this individual down here doing this for? He says, well, I did not tell him to do it that way; I went to this man and I gave him this job you told me to give him and I told him how you would like him to do it. He said he had a better way and so he did it this other way. You can see what this one has done; but we find out this individual here cannot be responsible for those under him because the one under him will not be dependable.

That makes a break.

When this individual here has ideas that are not carried out by the ones he is responsible to. If this individual here is doing things that are a detriment to all, the words that pass between the two above him is something like this: "Well you put up with him and get him to do it as good as you can and I will get you another man and we will try and fill that place with someone that can do better."

That is the way the Lord handles His people, His law. He will treat you and I like a white man whether we earn it or not, just as long as we are in His service; treat us just as good as he can, just as long as we are in the service. He will say treat him as good as you can until we get someone else to do better. He does not go and tell him to force him to do different, because that cannot be done. Have patience, charity, with this individual and get him to do everything you can until we can get that place filled with a better man. Of course if this place is filled, there is no place for him to go but down, that is the way it is.

I don't mean to say by that all the changes here in the order are due to that. I am pointing this out so we will all be aware of that and it won't need to happen. Lots of times you take a man here that has been very faithful and the Lord will take him and put him up here. (Up closer to the top of the drawing) We go back in history and we can see where that has been done quite a lot. I don't say you can't pass me, that depends on the Lord. It does not matter what I think or say but if you do it you will do it by good works. You won't do it by pushing yourself ahead or crowding, you will do it by being humble; you will do it by following instructions as the Lord gives it to you, dreams or any other way. I am not saying you can't; if I am caught asleep maybe all of you will.

That is up to me.

I am going to bring out a few examples where that has happened. You know when Lehi left Jerusalem, he left because the Lord told him to, he ate raw meat just because the Lord told him to. He received his instructions from day to day to do this and that. And not because of some fault of Lehi, pretty soon the Lord started talking to Nephi. Did the Lord have to take Lehi's life in order to do that? No sir, he just did it. That did not hurt Lehi's feelings, either, he was glad of it. If any of you can do more good for this order than I can I will be glad of it. You will do that if you stay in the service of the Lord. That is the way those things work.

The Lord can take you and me, he can give us anything He wants and he can't only give it but he can take it away from us as he sees fit. He not only can but he does it because our lives prove it. Now how much more careful should we be when we know that? He can take me, put me up and set me down. Just the same as he took that kind and changed him into an animal and he went out and ate grass with the rest of the animals. If he can do that, he can do these other things and we don't want to forget it.

One of the main responsibilities that should rest upon the shoulders of every man and woman is to conduct yourself so that the man that should be responsible for you can be, so that this individual here or all above you can be responsible for you. If they can't be responsible for you, that is where the test comes. If you can't be responsible to your brothers and sisters, you can't be

responsible to the Lord. It would be impossible, no other solution, no other way out of it. There is a responsibility resting upon you, fine; if you make a mess of it, too bad; no other answer.

So let us be sure, all of us, that we do conduct ourselves in such a way that the one who should be responsible for us can be, so that wherever he is he knows just about what we are doing; we are not jumping around at this and that, so that our labors and efforts will be in one direction. So we will be more solid in other words.

Whenever the inquiry comes down the line is he doing that because you said it is all right, and you tell him no; there is the break in the oneness that should be present. Are you doing that because he forced you to say yes or crowded you? The actual reason is what determines the judgment, the judgment that is needed to this individual that is acting. His actions and the cause of those actions, he is doing, is what determines the judgment.

If I ask for reasons why we do certain things, there would be hundreds of them. Now as I said before the most important thing is to be able to put ourselves in the condition so that the one who should be responsible for us can be. If they can be responsible for us, the Lord can be too. We can all see that if we would all do that, there is a possible chance for us to become one, is there not?

Now where the question comes out, can we do that under all conditions, and all cases? We will have to thrash that out. And another thing to keep in mind thrashing this out is this, you have certain desire, I have certain desires. I pick out one of my desires. I say if everyone in the order had that desire, would we all have the privilege of carrying it out? If we would, fine. But if we can see that just two or three of us could carry that out, there is something wrong. There is another test that we can govern ourselves in testing our desires and in testing our actions.

In other words my example and your example should be the same if we are one. Anyone here in the order should be able to follow my example and make good. Anyone in the order should be able to follow your example and make good, just the same as mine and make good too. What about it? Can everyone of us say if everyone did just exactly like I did, we would go ahead, if we can, fine; that is the only direction we can go. We could not be down as a people if everyone of us could say that and say it with the spirit of the Lord directing us.

Some of you brothers and sisters have been awful close to the edge. Remember don't get any closer and stay as far away as you can as Sister 0,1A said. Be sure you remember those dangers that are there, and they will take me and they will take everyone of us. None of us are immune from those things, but we must become immune if we are successful.

No.20,1: Does a wife have to put herself in a condition so her husband is responsible for her?

No.1: She doesn't have to, but if she makes good she does. There isn't a man here that has any family of any size but what he has the keys of power concerning that family. It is his place to direct that family. He doesn't have to receive all the dreams and everything else for that family, but he is put there to be responsible. If a little child receives a dream for that home it is its duty to take that

to its parents. It is the father's place to say they will do it or they won't the same with all of these stewardships. If a steward is going at his stewardship right, he must have the keys of power concerning that stewardship and if others are sent there to help him and he is willing to receive, they add more keys of power to him. If you see someone doing something like that, that do not have keys of power, they are doing that on their own initiative, they are sowing temporal seeds within themselves.

No.13: Suppose in the case of Brother 18 and these pigs, and he knew Brother 4 wanted pigs that were tops would it be too much out of order for him to suggest that he believed they should have a little more? Of course if Brother 4 insisted it was to be done that way, Brother 18 would do it that way.

No.1: I don't believe there is anyone here that isn't ready for suggestions if you are spiritual. It would be Brother 18's place all right, especially if Brother 4 gave him a chance. But if Brother 18 thought it was all right to do this, he should do this, but he would be a hypocrite if he did not tell Brother 4 what he was going to do.

Brother Barlow: Would it be out of order to seek understanding by questions?

No.1: There are lots of things you won't find out all about without asking questions. The trouble is caused by us talking of things of a light minded nature which take up the time instead of asking proper questions. If Brother 13 went to a steward and said you go to this stewardship and do this in order for it to be better; suppose this steward tells Brother 13 all about what he has to do and he will get Brother 13 wanting to help him and forget all about what he came to tell him.

Brother Barlow: I understood the last one that gave the word was the one to follow or is it the smallest number?

No.13: If I told a man that was working with me to do a certain thing, and Brother 4 came along and told him to do something else and I came back and he wasn't doing what I told him to do, I should help him to do what Brother 4 asked him to do.

No.1: If a group of men are at a place and something unusual happens which no one is assigned to and something must be done right quick, the man with the lowest number must take the responsibility. If he realized someone has the most ability to do that job he goes and gets that man to do it. If the Lord says to Brother 35 you go to all these stewardships and see what is going on there, it won't make any difference what my number was or any one else's number, that is where your direction is coming from and you must abide by it, absolutely.

No.26: I saw the condition where there was a group of men without a leader. I stood back because my number was quite high. We were at a loss. I said let us go about it that way and it wasn't long until they all started to following me. Did I do right by doing that?

No.1: You were absolutely right and there has been more than one time, Brother 26, that I have been very pleased with you doing that. Under all conditions, no matter what it is if we do it right there will be order there. You must have some point to start from. There must be some place

where the responsibility must lie. The place where the Lord has designated for it to start is the one with the lowest number. If he does not know what to do and someone else starts something, he will step in behind and push the one that has the idea.

So as I say, when it comes to those things in that way, our numbers do not amount to anything. What would happen if Lehi said you can't do this, I am still alive? The Lord could have pretty easily taken Lehi's life. In other words that puts us as a people in a condition so there is no talent that is hid. A man may come along and join this work and get Number 150, if he has greater ability than you or I. There is where he slips, absolutely. If we see things in the right way, we will slip in behind. That is the way it must work, absolutely.

The thing I wanted to bring out when I made that statement for New Years is I wanted you to know I was respecting Brother 4 and Brother 2 in what they are doing. I knew I wasn't going to be here to follow out anything with you and I did not want the thing to happen when I was in Elmo for some of you to go to Brother 4 and say Brother 1 says to do this. I wanted you to tie to what Brother 4 told you so you would know where you were at. Was that a good thing or was it not?

No.4: The way that has come to me in respect to the things we are talking about, in this work say I am on the stewardship I am No.4 and No.24 comes along demonstrating more ability to handle the job I have, it is in the hands of the Lord to pick up No.24 and put him where I am and if I am desirous of seeing him go ahead, it is my duty to step around and push Brother 24 in every possible way I can to see him go ahead with it. No.24 or No.25 might not have as much ability to handle the job I have and Brother 1 may say Brother 24 you take Brother 4's job, it would still be my duty to push that man.

Whatever it might be, it would be my place to push that man with all my might and give him the benefit of all my knowledge and experience and all I could possibly give him to make him a success. Say a man had two or three women and maybe the third or fourth is very inefficient and the man tells her to get dinner today. Every one of those other women should do everything they can to push that woman and make her a perfect success as I see it.

No.1: Going back to this drawing here, it is the privilege of any of these individuals to step over as many as they want, that is their privilege. You can't get up that ladder too far, you will always find out that privilege is there. If you use that privilege as Brother DeNoss and Newbold spoke of they will cause confusion. All this up here in the top of this diagram I have drawn is order and system. That is a gift and privilege which they know how to use. Just because some fool will go there and make a mess of it in doing that, that is no reason why that gift should be kept from those who will appreciate it. If that happens, if we are wise, we will accept it.

END OF SUNDAY MORNING MEETING