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Today's Word: trust

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Are You:

- **Saying Your Prayers Every Day?**
- **Studying Your Scriptures Daily?**

Today's Scriptures

2 Nephi 3-5

Next Week:

Lesson 8:

"O How Great the Goodness of Our God"

2 Nephi 6-10

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Lesson 7: "I Know in Whom I Have Trusted"

President Ezra Taft Benson:

"Just as a man does not really desire food until he is hungry, so he does not desire the salvation of Christ until he knows why he needs Christ. No one adequately and properly knows why he needs Christ until he understands and accepts the doctrine of the Fall and its effect upon all mankind" (*Ensign*, May 1987, 85).

Elder Richard G. Scott:

"I know that each one of you faces overwhelming challenges. Sometimes they are so concentrated, so unrelenting, that you may feel they are beyond your capacity to control.

"Don't face the world alone. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Prov. 3:5.)

"In many ways, the world is like a jungle, with dangers that can harm or mutilate your body, enslave or destroy your mind, or decimate your morality. It was intended that life be a challenge, not so that you would fail, but that you might succeed through overcoming. You face on every hand difficult but vitally important decisions. There is an array of temptations, destructive influences, and camouflaged dangers, the like of which no previous generation has faced. I am persuaded that today no one, no matter how gifted, strong, or intelligent, will avoid serious problems without seeking the help of the Lord.

"I repeat: Don't face the world alone. Trust in the Lord" ("Trust in the Lord," *Ensign*, May 1989, 35).

President Howard W. Hunter taught:

"We need a more peaceful world, growing out of more peaceful families and neighborhoods and communities. To secure and cultivate such peace, 'we must love others, even our enemies as well as our friends.' ... We need to extend the hand of friendship. We need to be kinder, more gentle, more forgiving, and slower to anger. We need to love one another with the pure love of Christ. May this be our course and our desire" (*Ensign*, May 1992, 63).

Questions to Ponder

- What can we do to increase our trust in the Lord?
- What can we do to make time to ponder the things of the Lord?



Passing
of a
Beloved
Prophet

Youth Wore Sunday Best to School on Monday After President Hinckley's Passing

Prompted by text messages circulating among many Utah teens, young people arrived at school on Monday, Jan. 28, wearing their Sunday church clothes to quietly honor the death of the prophet, Gordon B. Hinckley, on Sunday, January 27, 2008, who was an inspiration for young and old alike. His book, *Way to Be!*, and special talks to teens reached out to youth in remarkable ways for this longtime church leader.

Funeral services were held Sat., Feb. 2 in Salt Lake City and are still available to watch or listen to over the Internet on the "Special Broadcast" page from the Church's web site, <http://www.lds.org>.

Transfer of the Mantle

