

# Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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Are You:

- Preparing to Go to the Temple, Whether It is for the First Time or Your Next Visit?
- Taking Care of Your Own Temple?

## Today's Scriptures

1 Corinthians 1-6

Next Week:

Lesson 34:

"Keep the Ordinances As I Delivered Them"

1 Corinthians 11-16

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## Lesson 33: "Ye Are the Temple of God"



### Questions to Ponder

- Why does contention prevent us from receiving the "meat" of the gospel?
- Why do we sometimes rely more on our own wisdom and intellect than on revelation through the Spirit?
- How can the friends and forms of entertainment we choose affect our desire to be morally clean?

#### Elder Boyd K. Packer:

"[Satan] knows that this power of creation is not just an incident to the plan, but the key to it. He knows that if he can entice you to use this power prematurely, to use it too soon, or to misuse it in any way, you may well lose your opportunities for eternal progression" (*Ensign*, July 1972, 112).

#### Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin:

"One of the most pervasive deceptions in recent years is the notion that immorality is normal and acceptable and has no negative consequences. In truth, immorality is the underlying cause of much suffering and many other problems that are prevalent today, including rampant disease, abortion, broken families, families without fathers, and mothers who themselves are children" (*Ensign*, Nov. 1994, 76).

#### President Spencer W. Kimball:

"There is opportunity to get both [secular and spiritual learning] simultaneously. ... If we spend our mortal days in accumulating secular knowledge to the exclusion of the spiritual then we are in a dead-end street, for this is the time for man to prepare to meet God; this is the time for faith to be built, for baptism to be effected, for the Holy Ghost to be received, for the ordinances to be performed. Contemporary with this program can come the secular knowledge, for even in the spirit world after death our spirits can go on learning" (*The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball*, ed. Edward L. Kimball [1982], 390).

### A Most Precious Gift

"The prophets have uniformly taught that the consummate and culminating element of God's great plan for the blessing of His children is eternal marriage. President Ezra Taft Benson stated, 'Faithfulness to the marriage covenant brings the fullest joy here and glorious rewards hereafter.' President Howard W. Hunter described celestial marriage as "the crowning gospel ordinance" and clarified that 'while it might take somewhat longer [for some,] perhaps even beyond this mortal life,' it would not be denied to any worthy individual. President Gordon B. Hinckley has called eternal marriage a wonderful thing and a 'gift, precious beyond all others.'"

"However, notwithstanding the grandeur and glory of the gift, it is not free. In fact it is conditional, and having been given, it may be withdrawn if we do not keep the conditions of the covenant which accompanies it" (Elder F. Burton Howard, "Eternal Marriage," *Ensign*, May 2003, 92).