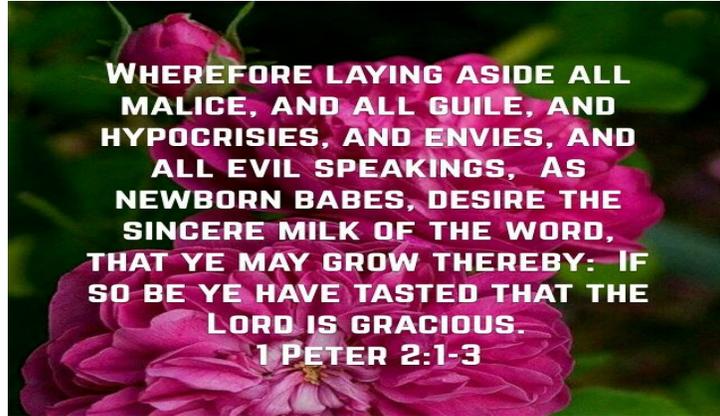


**Fall Class October 6, 2020, Handout #1
AM I WITHOUT GUILLE?**



Patriarchs' Challenge: Action = Let your every action and word reflect the truth of Who and Whose we are, with no deception whatsoever.

Jesus set the Example: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. **1 Peter 2:22**

Webster's Definition on Guile: Fraud, Duplicity

Strong's Definition on Guile: Deceit, Handle Deceitfully, Wile, Trick, Decoy, Entrap, Delude, Beguile

SATAN IS THE GREAT DECEIVER

Genesis 3:7 And Satan put it into the heart of the serpent, for he had drawn away many after him; and he sought also to beguile Eve, for he knew not the mind of God; wherefore, he sought to destroy the world. **Read: 2 Nephi 6:22, Mosiah 12:100, Ether 3:100**

Revelation 12:8 Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out; that old serpent called the devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him.

Example: **Genesis 29:25** (Jacob said): And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? Wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

THOSE WHO PRACTICE GUILE, DECEPTION, HYPOCRISY

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Matthew 23:25 Even so, ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Isaiah 32:6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord.

Isaiah 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?

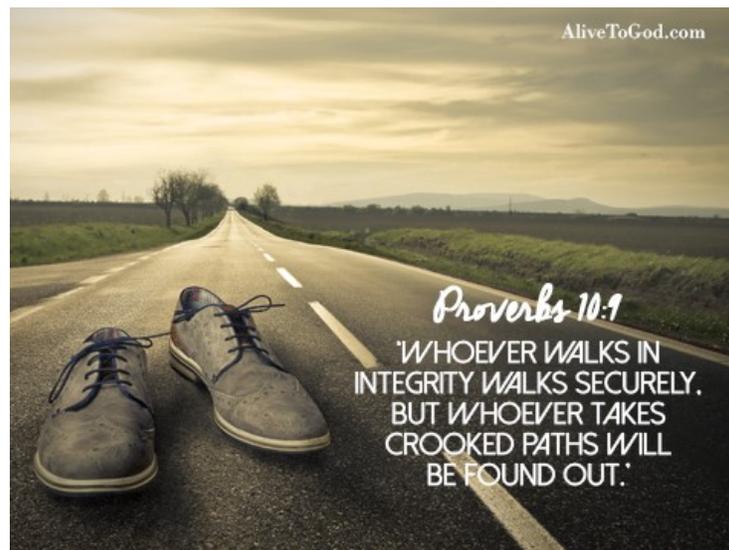
D&C 50:2b But woe unto them that are deceivers, and hypocrites, for thus saith the Lord, I will bring them to judgment.

D&C 50:3b-c 3b But the hypocrites shall be detected and shall be cut off, either in life or in death, even as I will, and woe unto them who are cut off from My church, for the same are overcome of the world; **3c** wherefore, let every man beware lest he do that which is not in truth and righteousness before Me.

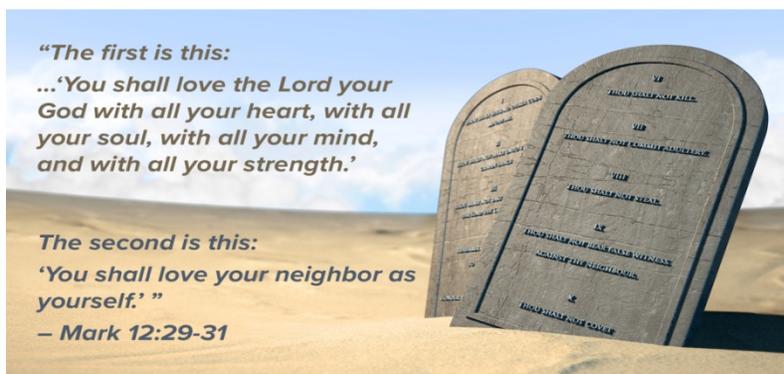
D&C 64:7d And liars, and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles and prophets shall be known.

D&C 98:12b (Speaking of those who had driven the saints out of Missouri.) And appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers; even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

1 Peter 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.



Fall Class October 6, 2020, Handout #2 AM I WITHOUT GUILE?



GUILE COMES OUT OF OUR HEARTS

We Must Act With No Hypocrisy but With Real Intent of Heart

2 Nephi 13:16 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if ye shall follow the Son with full purpose of heart, acting no hypocrisy and no deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your sins, witnessing unto the Father, that ye are willing to take upon you the name of Christ, by baptism; yea, by following your Lord and your Savior down into the water, according to His word; behold, then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost.

D&C 41:3d (Addressed to Edward Partridge) And this because his heart is pure before Me, for he is like unto Nathaniel of old, in whom there is no guile.

D&C 107:8a And again, verily I say unto you, My servant George Miller is without guile; he may be trusted because of the integrity of his heart; and for the love which he has to My testimony, I, the Lord, love him.

Matthew 5:10 Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE HEART

Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

D&C 85:38c And above all clothe yourself with the bonds of charity...which is the bond of perfectness and peace. (Issues of life = Charity Comes from our Hearts)

DAVID HAD A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THE HEART

Read: **Psalms 119:2, 34, 80, Psalms 9:1, Psalms 15:2, Psalms 31:24, Psalms 51:10, Psalms 139:23, Psalms 141:4**

ADVICE TO THE CHURCH

Repent—Have a Complete Change of Mind and Thought—Change of Heart

Revelation 3:14-20:

14 And unto the servant of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked?

18 I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Establish Your Hearts for the Coming of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may establish (or prepare) your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

We Can Establish Our Hearts By The Power of the Spirit (1)

Romans 8:6-9 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace, ... so then they that are after the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not after the flesh, but after the Spirit if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. ...

Ephesians 3:16-17 That he would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.

D&C 83:15c ... I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left; and My Spirit shall be in your hearts and My angels round about you, to bear you up. (The body hath need of every member that all may be edified together.)

Mormon 1:56 Nevertheless the strength of the Lord was not with us; yea, we were left to ourselves, that the Spirit of the Lord did not abide in us; therefore we had become weak, like unto our brethren.

We Can Establish Our Hearts By The Power of the Spirit (2)

Alma 14:92 Yea, I know that I am nothing; as to my strength, I am weak; therefore I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God; for in His strength I can do all things.

Joel 2:12-23:

12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and repent, and turn unto the Lord your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He will turn away the evil from you.

14 Therefore repent, and who knoweth but He will return and leave a blessing behind Him; that you may offer a meat offering, and a drink offering, unto the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of His chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

...

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Ponder Upon the Things of the Spirit

Apostle F. Henry Edwards in “For Such a Time” wrote this: “The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ has an important contribution to make at this point.” (This is still true today.) “Near the beginning of this modern era of hurry, and noise, and disquietude Joseph Smith gave some divine wise counsel which is peculiarly appropriate to our present situation.”

In a message given to the church in Ohio, February, 1831, **D&C 43** outlines the dire distress which should overtake humanity in the years then in the future. Joseph admonished the Saints to let the solemnities of eternity rest on their minds.

This prophetic counsel might well be summarized: In the coming times of universal unrest, study to be quiet. In the isolation of that quietness, listen to the ages as against this moment. Bathe your soul in contemplation of the eternities.

F. Henry then pleads with the people of the Church; he says: “In the spirit of this prophetic counsel, I plead with you to make room in your lives for those majestic realities which center in the fact of God. Let the solemnities of eternity rest on your minds. Take time out from the hurried life you now live to think on the goodness of God, and on the guarantees of immortality and eternal life which grow out of that goodness. Let this note of eternity lend its quieting influence to all that you think, and say, and do, and are. To do this is not to **escape from reality** but **escape to reality**. God is the greatest reality of any time and of all time.”

F. HENRY'S FOUR ACTIONS TO TAKE IN OUR DAILY LIVES

1. **Put things of the Spirit first:** They are of primary value: Against the too urgent demand of material things let us safeguard ourselves by letting the solemnities of eternity rest frequently on our minds. **Matthew 6:38** Wherefore, seek not the things of this world, but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God, and to establish His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
2. **Watch yourselves, in such an age as this.** . . .men are surrounded with temptations downward. In the spiritual realm there is a force akin to the force of gravity in the physical realm. Men who are close to our current life, and too absorbed in its struggles, tend to yield to that downward pull of this evil, as men of larger vision never do. Paul wrote to Timothy about this. **2 Timothy 3:1-3** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. (What a description of our day! How utterly foolish all this is when seen against the background of eternity.)
3. **We Need the Vision of Eternity:** After Dunkirk, the plight of the British people looked well-nigh hopeless; but panic was put to flight by patriotism . . . and they conquered the fear of death by their conviction that the forces of the universe must be on the side of right . . . Always we need the vision of eternity to steel our hope and our courage to the sticking point. **D&C 43:8b** Treasure these things up in your hearts, and let the solemnities of eternity rest upon your minds.
4. **The Riches of Eternity are Most Important:** And finally, it is in the very nature of things that most of us shall spend most of our time in concerns in which there is no apparent permanent value . . . Some believe it will not matter a 100 years from now what we do today. From a superficial point of view there is no reason to exert ourselves towards excellence. But the man who lives in view of eternity knows . . . that integrity in our work and daily life fits a man for fellowship both here and in the hereafter. Great riches are not won in a moment. The riches of integrity, courage and faith which we need so urgently cannot be handed out to us in a moment. These are the result of frequent communion with God—frequent contemplation of the goods which He guarantees. Because these riches are so important, I plead with you to let the solemnities of eternity rest frequently on your minds. **D&C 77:4 a-b 4a** Verily, verily I say unto you, Ye are little children, and ye have not as yet understood how great blessings the Father has in His own hands, and prepared for you; and ye cannot bear all things now; **4b** nevertheless be of good cheer, for I will lead you along; the kingdom is yours and the blessings thereof are yours; and the riches of eternity are yours.

As members of Christ's Church, I hope we will each listen and respond to this plea
by Apostle Edwards:

Take Time with God, Meditating Upon the Solemnities of Eternity.