

# Building Self-Reliance in the Lord's Way

Study the scripture references and statements below, looking for answers to the following two questions:

1. What has the Lord taught in the scriptures and through His prophets that can help us build self-reliance?
2. What obstacles might someone face that they will need Heavenly Father's help to overcome?

Doctrine and Covenants 9:7–8

Doctrine and Covenants 58:26–28

Doctrine and Covenants 88:124

Joseph Smith—History 1:55

President Ezra Taft Benson (1899–1994) taught:



The Lord works from the inside out. The world works from the outside in. The world would take people out of the slums. Christ takes the slums out of people, and then they take themselves out of the slums. The world would mold men by changing their environment. Christ changes men, who then change their environment. The world would shape human behavior, but Christ can change human nature. (Ezra Taft Benson, "Born of God," *Ensign*, Nov. 1985, 6)

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, then of the First Presidency, explained:



The Lord's way is not to sit at the side of the stream and wait for the water to pass before we cross. It is to come together, roll up our sleeves, go to work, and build a bridge or a boat to cross the waters of our challenges. (Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Providing in the Lord's Way," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2011, 54)