

The Importance of Education

The following scriptures and statements from Church leaders can help you understand more about the Lord's expectations and desires for you to receive education. As you study, look for truths about the importance of education.

Scriptures to study:

Doctrine and Covenants 88:77–80, 118; 130:18–19

Teachings from Church leaders:

President Russell M. Nelson taught:



Education is yours to obtain. No one else can gain it for you. Wherever you are, develop a deep desire to learn. For us as Latter-day Saints, gaining an education is not just a privilege; it is a religious responsibility. “The glory of God is intelligence” (Doctrine and Covenants 93:36). Indeed, our education is for the eternities. . . .

Such a long-range perspective will help you make good choices about learning.

Don't be afraid to pursue your goals—even your dreams! But know that there is no shortcut to excellence and competence. Education is the difference between *wishing* you could help other people and *being able* to help them. (Russell M. Nelson, “What Will You Choose?” *Ensign*, Jan. 2015, 32)

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said:



You and I are here on the earth to prepare for eternity, to learn how to learn, to learn things that are temporally important and eternally essential, and to assist others in learning wisdom and truth (see Doctrine and Covenants 97:1). Understanding who we are, where we came from, and why we are on the earth places upon each of us a great responsibility both to learn how to learn and to learn to love learning. (David A. Bednar, “Learning to Love Learning,” *Ensign*, Feb. 2010, 27)

President Camille N. Johnson, Relief Society General President, shared:



We should get all the education and training we possibly can so that we can be prepared. Prepared to serve in the world and the Church. Prepared to be wise counselors and companions to our spouses. Prepared to be effective teachers to our children and those young people over whom we have influence. The more we learn, the greater influence we can assert for good.” (Camille N. Johnson, “Seek Learning by Study and by Faith” [BYU–Pathway Worldwide devotional, Oct. 19, 2021], byupathway.org)

From *For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices*:

Heavenly Father wants His daughters and sons to always be learning. You have both temporal and spiritual reasons to seek and love learning. Education is not just about earning money. It is part of your eternal goal to become like Heavenly Father. . . .

Look for opportunities to expand your mind and your skills. These opportunities can include formal education at school or vocational training, as well as informal learning from sources you trust. Involve the Lord in your efforts, and He will guide you. As you learn about the world around you, learn also about the Savior, who created the world. Study His life and teachings. Make seminary, institute, and personal gospel study part of your lifelong learning. (*For the Strength of Youth: A Guide for Making Choices* [2022], 31)