

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Love—Genuine love and concern for one another invites the spirit, fosters unity, and strengthens obedience in the apartment.
 2. Shared responsibility—Roommates share responsibility for creating an atmosphere of righteous living and obedience in the apartment.
 3. Mutual respect—Roommates live the Golden Rule and value one another as sons and daughters of God.
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PRINCIPLE ONE: LOVE | “LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF”

“LOVE IS THE BEGINNING, THE MIDDLE, AND THE END OF THE PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP.”

“On one occasion the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by asking Him a seemingly impossible question: ‘Master,’ they asked, ‘which is the great commandment in the law?’ He replied: ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets’ [Matthew 22: 36-40]. Since that day, this inspired pronouncement has been repeated through many generations. Now, for us, the measure of our love is the measure of the greatness of our souls. Love is the beginning, the middle, and the end of the pathway of discipleship. It comforts, counsels, cures, and consoles.

“For me, the Prophet Joseph Smith has always exemplified the pure love of Christ. Many asked why he gained so many followers and retained them. His answer: ‘It is because I possess the principle of love.’

“Sometimes the greatest love is not found in the dramatic scenes that poets and writers immortalize. Often, the greatest manifestations of love are the simple acts of kindness and caring we extend to those we meet along the path of life.

*LOVE STRENGTHENS
OUR OBEDIENCE.*

“When we love the Lord, obedience ceases to be a burden. Obedience becomes a delight. When we love the Lord, we seek less for things that benefit us and turn our hearts toward things that will bless and uplift others.

“Returning to my original question, What quality defines us best as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? I would answer: we are a people who love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and we love our neighbors as ourselves. That is our signature as a people. It is like a beacon to the world, signaling whose disciples we are.

“When Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment to ‘love one another; as I have loved you,’ He gave to them the grand key to happiness in this life and glory in the next. Love is the greatest of all the commandments—all others hang upon it. It is our focus as followers of the living Christ. It is the one trait that, if developed, will most improve our lives.” -Elder Joseph B. Worthlin, “The Great Commandment,” *Ensign*, November 2007, 28

*SERVING OTHERS IS A
REFLECTION OF LOVE.*

“But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:” -Matthew 20: 25-27

*“YE OUGHT ALSO TO WASH
ONE ANOTHER’S FEET.”*

“After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet.” -John 13: 5, 12, 14

Elder Neal A. Maxwell, who served with President Hunter in the Quorum of the Twelve, said of him: “President Howard W. Hunter is a meek man. He once refused a job he needed as a young man because it would have meant another individual would have lost his job. This is the same lowly man, when I awakened after a weary and dusty day together with him on assignment in Egypt, who was quietly shining my shoes, a task he had hoped to complete unseen. Meekness can be present in the daily and ordinary things.” -Elder Neal A. Maxwell, “Meek and Lowly,” *Brigham Young University 1986–87 Devotional and Fireside Speeches* [1987], p. 61; see also *Ensign*, Aug. 1994, p. 9