

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 TWO: SHARED RESPONSIBILITY | “AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?”

“The Savior taught us about silence in the parable of the Good Samaritan. When the priest and the Levite came upon a wounded man by the side of the road, they were silent. They took no action to help, nor did they tell anyone of the man in trouble. The Samaritan, in contrast, spoke in word and deed. He bandaged the man’s wounds and took him to an inn. The Samaritan told the innkeeper about the wounded man and arranged for his care.

ROOMMATES GET INVOLVED.

“The man by the road represents so many of our brothers and sisters, so many of us wounded by the perils of mortal life and the battles of the Great War. And yet, in our modern society, the Enemy has spread fear of getting involved when someone is in trouble and has fostered a social stigma that attaches to people who speak up in the face of evil. The Enemy whispers, “Don’t get involved; it’s not your problem. Don’t tell; you will be a tattletale.”

“Here is an example: a lonely, confused young man gets addicted to pornography by first starting with the wrong movies and then edging into material that is increasingly sleazy, vile, and immoral. He stops going to church, and there is darkness in his eyes. The young man is spiritually wounded on the battlefield of the Great War. His roommates know. But they are silent. They do nothing to help him, and they say nothing to him or to anyone else as he descends into an earthly hell until he is bound in the chains of awful addiction.

ROOMMATES REFER FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED.

“Oh, brothers and sisters, don’t leave the wounded on the battlefield! Stick together. You don’t need to be a more “righteous-than-thou” person. We are all sinners. We all have troubles. We have all been wounded spiritually. But you who have felt the redeeming power of Christ, you who know His love and His grace, you know He can heal all wounds. If you reach out in a spirit of love and humility, you can help the spiritually wounded find the Savior. If you need to, call for the medics: talk to your bishop, call the Dean of Students, tell someone who can do something that you have a friend in trouble. Don’t be silent. Don’t leave the wounded on the battlefield!” -President Kim B. Clark, “The Power of the Holy Temple,” BYU-Idaho Devotional, January 15, 2008

*ROOMMATES ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ONE ANOTHER.*

“During a lifetime we oscillate repeatedly between being nurturing shepherds and nurtured sheep. That fact underlines our mutual interdependence—for we are *all* ‘the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand’ (Psalms 95:7). We are responsible for each other—not as our brother’s keeper, but as brothers and sisters freely ‘willing to bear one another’s burdens’ and ‘comfort those that stand in need of comfort’ (Mosiah 18:8–9). We cannot escape that responsibility, nor expect someone else to accept it for us.” -Elder Alexander B. Morrison, “Fire Where Once Were Ashes,” *Ensign*, August 1990, 7

*ROOMMATES STRENGTHEN
ONE ANOTHER.*

“Therefore, strengthen your brethren in all your conversation, in all your prayers, in all your exhortations, and in all your doings.” - D&C 108: 7