

[The Promised Blessings of Family History](#)

The “Spirit of Elijah” was previously covered in some detail in the November 26th posting which can be reviewed [here](#). In my previous four postings for the need of spiritual motivation to sustain my genealogical pursuits for now 50 years, I’d like to share some of these blessings that can and will improve both your life style with blessings for your family and you and result in more dedication to temple and family history pursuits as your life will have greater meaning and purpose. What makes these blessings even more important is they are fundamentally the very core of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Clearly stated, listen to the words of David A. Bednar, Quentin L. Cook, Neil L. Andersen, Dale G. Renlund President Nelson, and Henry B. Eyring in a 3:11 minute video clip found [here](#). This short video offers 8 powerful quotes by these general authorities of our Church. Consider the first three quotes below:

President Russell M. Nelson

“While temple and family history work has the power to bless those beyond the veil, it has an equal power to bless the living. It has a refining influence on those who are engaged in it.

Elder Neil L. Andersen:

This is how you and I become saviors on Mount Zion. There is a joy and satisfaction that is only understood through spiritual feelings. We are linked to them forever.

Elder Quentin L. Cook:

As an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, I leave my blessing upon you with the promise that if you look beyond the bonds of time and mortality and help those who cannot help themselves, you will be blessed with more closeness and joy in your family and with the divine protections afforded those who are faithful in His service.

Suggest you review this above cited video by clicking on its linked button from the video’s opening image on this posting. Below are 24 specific blessings of the Gospel Plan pertaining to Temple and Family History.

24 Promised Apostolic Blessings

These apostolic blessings were found in talks given by President Nelson and Elders Neil E. Anderson, Quentin L. Cook, David A. Bednar and Dale G. Renlund.

- Power to bless the living, refining influence
- Joy and satisfaction, understood through spiritual feelings
- More closeness and joy in your family
- Divine protection
- Your hearts will turn to the father’s
- The promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be implanted in your hearts
- Patriarchal blessing will link you to these fathers and be more meaningful to you
- Love and gratitude for your ancestors will increase
- Our testimony of the conversion to the Savior will become deep and abiding
- Protection from the temptations and ills of this world
- Personal power
- Power to change
- Power to repent
- Power to learn
- Power to be sanctified

- Power to turn the hearts of your family together and heal that which needs healing
- Knowledge and faith of the Savior will increase
- You will receive a more certain witness that life continues beyond the veil
- Will find joy and be blessed in every other aspect of your life
- Will be protected against the intensifying influence of the adversary
- Will be safeguarded in your youth and throughout your life
- A sure way to eliminate the influence of the adversary in your life
- Will make you feel wonderful
- Make the Sabbath of the light

Holistic Inspiration for Family History Tools from Elder Gary E. Stevenson

Consider the counsel Elder Stevenson outlines about the importance of every member being familiar with the tools of family history so they can participate in activities that lead them to the temple. Elder Stevenson shared his spiritual experiences at the 2019 Rome Italy Temple dedication. Click [here](#) to view this inspiring 12:34 minute video.

Closing Comments

There are two ways to live the Gospel of Jesus: the “Letter of the Law” and the “Spirit of the Law.” When temple and family history pursuits are accomplished for ancestral love and admiration, this inspiration is following the “Spirit of the Law” which is truly celestial. Based on my 50+ years of actively pursuing family history, my life has been blessed innumerable in more ways than I can ever state. And in many ways that I least expected blessings for. At every occurrence, my life has been improved substantially both temporally and spiritually over the past 50 years since engaging in genealogy. Follow the counsel of our general authorities and you will find joy, peace of mind and happiness in your life’s endeavors and so will your family members. In my case, all of my children have developed the “genealogy bug” and it is neat to see this a part of their individual families as it is being instilled with their children and hopefully for future generations as I do have extracted records available for their use through 2119. That’s 100 years from now for my posterity to continue carrying on this family history tradition for many generations to come!