

Self-Reliance Newsletter

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I have embarked on a new journey, as of last Sunday; that of a First Counselor in the Bishopric. My ability to continue with this Employment focused newsletter may change, but I will continue to send a more preparedness focused newsletter as time permits.

Something new is coming: I've received permission to host Ezra Taft Benson Institute documents; including the Benson Institute Small-Scale Agriculture Module, Walapinis, Agriculture Lesson Teaching Modules, Getting along with your garden, Having your food storage and eating it too, Healthy Living, etc. Look for them soon on selfrelianceclub.com.

If you wish to opt out of this email list, please send me an email of such request. Also, if you know of anyone else who might be interested, let me know.

Also, all previous lessons have been posted to the website, including this very edition. MG

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Welcome to a New Manual of the Self Reliance Services Series (srs.lds.org).

The Church has developed some new manuals specifically for use in the US and Canada. These are slightly different from the International manuals used in the last two segments of my training (My Foundation and My Job Search).

This is the Second Chapter from the **Education for Better Work** Booklet (US and Canada Version). I will try to intrigue you with samplings from each chapter, each month in this newsletter.

These new manuals were designed for use primarily in the Self Reliance Group in a facilitated setting. If you have any questions or **want to start a self-reliance group** where you can work with others on overcoming these challenges together, contact your unit employment specialist or Priesthood Leader.

The Rockford Illinois Stake is working on developing a Stake Self-Reliance Committee as discussed in the Leader Guide, I believe; to help encourage and facilitate the self-reliance groups.

A new booklet has been added, Personal Finances; and another one for missionaries called My Plan, was relocated to myplan.lds.org.

Chapter 2 Prepare for Success

# PREPARE FOR SUCCESS

## MY FOUNDATION PRINCIPLE

- o Manage Money

## EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES, SKILLS, AND HABITS

1. Make Decisions
2. Companies Hire People Who Provide Value
3. Know What You Can Offer to Employers
4. Know Who to Talk To
5. Update Your Self-Reliance Plan

### SELF-RELIANT APPROACH

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Work hard and smart to receive money.



**Income**

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Pay the Lord first.



**Tithes and offerings**

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Pay ourselves second.



**Savings**

④

*Then* we spend less than we earn and avoid debt.



**Current living expenses**

## 2. COMPANIES HIRE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE VALUE

**Read:** Nothing in life entitles us to success without effort. President Gordon B. Hinckley said, "Work is the miracle by which talent is brought to the surface and dreams become reality" ("To a Man Who Has Done What This Church Expects of Each of Us" [Brigham Young University devotional, Oct. 17, 1995], 6, speeches.byu.edu).

Companies hire people to help them make money or solve problems. They do not hire people just so the employees can earn money. If you are good at doing a particular job, companies may be willing to hire you and pay you for that work. Education and training can help you gain the skills and expertise that will provide value to a company, resulting in a better job for you.

### References:

[Self-Reliance Services](#)

[Self-Reliance Presentation](#) By: Michael J. Goodwin

Other Church Employment Self-Reliance Booklets available: (see srs.lds.org for more info and videos)

[Leader Guide](#)

[My Path to Self-Reliance](#) (US and Canada)

[Education for Better Work](#) (US and Canada)

[My Foundation](#) (US and Canada)

[Starting and Growing My Business](#) (US and Canada)

[Finding a better job](#) (US and Canada)

[Personal Finances](#) (US and Canada)

If your unit leadership needs any training on employment issues, please contact me.

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