

Self-Reliance Newsletter

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Something new is here! 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 here: <http://selfrelianceclub.com/Benson.html>.

This is the only collection I am aware of, anywhere.

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.

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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 Third 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.

Chapter 3 Understand the Job Market

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UNDERSTAND THE JOB MARKET

MY FOUNDATION PRINCIPLE

- o Exercise Faith in Jesus Christ

EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES, SKILLS, AND HABITS

1. Know How Much Income You Need to Become Self-Reliant
2. Understand Your Job Realities
3. Know Who to Talk To
4. Update Your Self-Reliance Plan

PROPHETIC PRIORITIES AND PROMISES

“Imagine the scope of that statement! The fulness of the earth is promised to those who keep the Sabbath day holy” (Russell M. Nelson, “The Sabbath Is a Delight,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2015, 130; see also D&C 59:16).

“Spirituality is not stagnant and neither are [sacrament] covenants. Covenants bring not only commitments but they bring spiritual power” (Neil L. Andersen, General Authority training meeting, Apr. 2015).

“I bear witness that [the Book of Mormon] can become a personal ‘Urim and Thummim’ in your life” (Richard G. Scott, “The Power of the Book of Mormon in My Life,” *Ensign*, Oct. 1984, 11).

SCRIPTURES ABOUT FAITH IN ACTION

Because Daniel would not stop praying, he was thrown into a den of lions, but “God . . . sent his angel, and . . . shut the lions’ mouths, . . . and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God” (Daniel 6:22–23; see also verses 16–21).

The Lord gave Lehi the Liahona to guide his family, and “it did work for them according to their faith in God. . . . [When] they were slothful, and forgot to exercise their faith and diligence . . . they did not progress in their journey” (Alma 37:40–41).

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith

. . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

During a famine, Elijah asked a widow to give him her last meal. Elijah promised that because of her faith the Lord would provide food to her, and her food never ran out. (See 1 Kings 17.)

“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them” (Isaiah 41:17; see also verse 18).

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)

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