## "Be not weary in well doing" Outline – Mike Baird

## Be not weary

- Many times we face yet another council or presidency meeting, another home teaching appointment, preparing another lesson, or perhaps an assignment from a quorum or RS president
- D&C 64:1-4, 29, 33-34
  "Behold, thus saith the Lord your God unto you, O ye elders of my church, hearken ye and hear, and receive my will concerning you. For verily I say unto you, I will that ye should overcome the world; wherefore I will have compassion upon you.

There are those among you who have sinned; but verily I say, for this once, for mine own glory, and for the salvation of souls, I have forgiven you your sins.

I will be merciful unto you, for I have given unto you the kingdom.

Wherefore, as ye are agents, ye are on the Lord's errand; and whatever ye do according to the will of the Lord is the Lord's business...

Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great.

Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days"

## **Experience in the Celestial Room**

<u>Mike Baird</u>

"It was Saturday night about 7:45 PM and I was standing in the Celestial room of the Temple with a couple of ward members after a session at 'Ward Temple Night'. It had been a long day. It began arriving at the church at 6:45 AM to go with the youth to the temple. After the youth temple trip the youth came to our house for breakfast. At 11:00 AM Julie and Steve Harris came by my house to collect a Deseret industries order for Sandy Harris, Steve's mother. Julie and Steve are both inactive members that I have come to know through the death of Steve's sister Monika. I had arranged that they would stop by because I wanted them to be in our home both so that they could feel of the Spirit and so I might further cement a relationship with them. I have felt it important for some reason that I do so. At 2:15 I left for the Stake Center to go to the baptism of two 8 year olds in our ward, Christine McAndrews and Terry Leonard. I participated as a witness and in the confirmations and then got to bear my testimony as part of the bishop's welcome. After the baptism was done at about 3:30 I left and drove out to Legacy Meridian Hospital in Tualatin to visit with Jess Harris who was in the hospital with an inflamed pancreas. From there I went directly to the temple, arriving in the chapel about 5:15 PM. There I read and pondered until the 6:00 PM endowment session.

As I stood there in the Celestial room I realized how relaxed and good I felt. A peaceful feeling at the end of a day of services to others. It struck me powerfully that this was a glimpse of the celestial kingdom and how we would feel there at the end of our life's days work." (Mike Baird January 7, 2006)