

# You have a Heritage: Honor it

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## Introduction

- Thomas S Monson  
" You have a heritage; honor it" ("A Code to Live By," *New Era*, Sep 2005, 4)
- What is our heritage and how do we honor it?
  - Personal heritage from our parents, grandparents and ancestors
    - Some of that may be cultural
      - I have Norwegian and Scottish
    - Religious
    - Personal traits and such
  - My Heritage
    - Kirkman - Martin Handcart
    - My Great Grandfather's mission
    - Norwegian Ancestors – joined church and came to America
    - Parents
      - Priesthood
      - My Father & Mother's missionary legacy
      - Love of the gospel
      - Desire to be obedient
      - Desire to Honor the Priesthood
      - Follow the prophet
  - Collective Church Heritage
    - Pioneers
    - Priesthood Service
    - Missionary
  - Dads - what heritage are we giving our children?
  - John H Taylor  
" Their love of the Gospel, their desire to be obedient, their desire to go to Church, their desire to honor the Priesthood which had been given to them has been handed down to us as a heritage. The pioneers measure their success in life by their ability to give to

their children a heritage that eventually, if cherished, would lead them back into the presence of God, the Eternal Father" (*Conference Report, October 1943, Afternoon Meeting 54.*)

- What I think of personally
  - Serving a mission
  - Love of Temple
  - "Our Home is our Fortress"
  - Love of Family
  - Love of Family History
  - Love of the outdoors
  - Love of Gospel study
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- Gordon B Hinckley

" May I close with three questions taken from the Jewish Theological Seminary:  
"How shall we pass on our heritage?  
"Will it be diminished or increased?  
Will we be the grandfathers, or only the grandsons of great men?""  
(*Conference Report, October 1968, Second Day—Morning Meeting 58*)