

## Preparation Guide for December's Devotionals



My Sisters, we know we live in the Last Days and the time is short before the Lord comes in His Glory. He is calling us to be transformed and prepared. In September our brother, Ed Story, brought a message to us from the Lord. I was amazed at some of the wording in this message, for it was very similar to many thoughts I had been having while preparing material for the women.

In August I met with my assistants and gave them our theme for the year, "A Year of Transformation and Preparation—Rejoice, Make Yourself Ready, the Bridegroom is at the Door." The sticky note gifts are to remind you to be transformed and become that "Bride of Christ" clothed in pure white, repentant, transformed, and ready to go into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The theme for the year, the sticky notes and the plan for these monthly devotionals were put into action before Ed brought the message. This is not a coincidence. The Lord is calling to us, even shouting to us to get prepared. He is telling us in many different ways and through many different avenues. Can you hear Him calling to you?

We find this warning in **2 Nephi 6:65**, "And wo unto the deaf, that will not hear: for they shall perish." This is still true today. If we ignore this voice, we do so at our own peril.

In Ed's message the Lord told us in part, "**You must obey, and be cleansed, and made new creatures before I allow you to be worthy of My invitation. You must be made anew, transformed, cleansed before you can come into My Holy and celestial chambers to meet Me, your God, and My Bride at the marriage supper, My celestial and holy table. I, My children, want you to come and sup with Me.**" **If you have not read this message pick up a copy in the foyer and read it.**

Ladies, we must make changes in our lives. I am struggling to do that in my own life. I see things that need to change—things I need to give up, things that I need to add, like more studying and prayer. It is hard to make these changes, but I feel a new determination to do this. Oh, how terrible it will be to have the Lord come and set up His Kingdom and then not be allowed to be a part of it. Can you really imagine what it would be like to be left standing outside of that door? Let us not be slothful, but try with all our might to become that "Bride of Christ" He is calling us to be.

**Third thing listed in the guide prepared by the Patriarchs of the church:**

**Is my house in order?**

And now a commandment I give unto you, if you will be delivered: you shall set in order your own house, for there are many things that are not right in your house. D&C 90:6f

**Action: Sit down as a family and discuss the needs of the family. Pray earnestly together for each other, having family prayer each day.**

**This Month I Plan to sit down with my family and discuss the following needs of our family:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**This Month I Plan to join together with my family, in daily earnest pray for each member of my family, at the following times:**

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**My Plan to Accomplish this Discipline:**

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**Week #1**

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**Week #2**

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**Week #3**

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**Week #4**

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**My Partner to Assist Me & Help Me Be Accountable Is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Self Evaluation:**

**How Am I Doing & What Do I Need to Do to Be More Successful:**

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