



Each day in the 9 days leading up to General Conference, read the day's quote and then ponder and discuss the questions.

Quotes are taken from President Uchtdorf's Ensign article: *General Conference – No Ordinary Blessing*, Ensign, September 2011

1. "What a marvelous privilege it is to hear God's messages for each of us during general conference! Let us prepare well for this great blessing of divine guidance delivered by His chosen servants."

Discuss – What are some things we can do personally and as a family to prepare for general conference?

2. "As you prepare for conference, I invite you to ponder questions you need to have answered. For example, you might yearn for direction and guidance by the Lord regarding challenges you are facing."

Ponder – Think about what questions you need help with in your life. What challenges are you facing? What things are hard for you? What do you want to understand better? Write down a couple of questions that you have.

3. "Answers to specific prayers may come directly from a particular talk or from a specific phrase. At other times answers may come in a seemingly unrelated word, phrase, or song."

Discuss – what is a time you have received an answer at general conference? What did you learn? How did the answer come to you?

4. "A heart filled with gratitude for the blessings of life and an earnest desire to hear and follow the words of counsel will prepare the way for personal revelation."

Discuss – What "blessings of life" do we have in our lives? How can we fill our hearts with gratitude for these blessings?

5. "Members of the Church are entitled to personal revelation as they listen to and study the inspired words spoken at general conference."

Discuss – Why does Heavenly Father want to give us personal revelation? What does President Uchtdorf say we need to do to receive this personal revelation?

6. "Prophets have always taught by repetition; it is a law of learning. You will hear repetition in themes and doctrines in general conference."

Discuss – Why do we sometimes hear the same messages over and over? What can we do when we hear messages that we've "already heard"?

7. "Don't discount a message merely because it sounds familiar. We continue to hear messages on similar issues because the Lord is teaching and impressing upon our minds and hearts certain foundational principles of great eternal importance that must be understood and acted upon before we can move on to other things. A wise builder first lays the foundation before erecting the walls and the roof."

Discuss – Why do we need a foundation to build upon? What are some foundations that conference can help us to build?

8. "If we listen to and follow the promptings of the Spirit, they will serve as a Liahona, guiding us through the unknown, challenging valleys and mountains that are ahead."

Discuss – What did the Liahona do for Lehi's family? How can general conference be like a Liahona for us?

9. "Since the world began, God has raised up prophets who speak the will of heaven to the people of their times. It is our responsibility to listen and then apply the messages the Lord provides for us."

Discuss – Why does the Lord give us prophets? What is it our responsibility to do when our prophets speak to us? How can we better listen to the prophets at this general conference?