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1949 - A LITTLE TALK I GAVE ON MY BIRTHDAY

My dear family and loved ones, I am happy and thrilled to meet you all with your smiling faces and kind and loving greetings. It is wonderful. I can hardly realize that I am eighty years old, but as the poet says:

Age is a quality of mind,  
If your dreams you've left behind,  
If hope is cold,  
If you no longer look ahead,  
If your ambitions fires are dead -  
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best  
And if in life you keep the zest  
If love you hold,  
No matter how the years go by  
No matter how the birthdays fly  
You are not old.

I am truly grateful to my Heavenly Father for his blessings unto me. I know that without his help and blessings I am nothing. That he recognizes his servants that hold his holy priesthood, that through their administration I have been blessed and made well.

The Lord is good. Always trust him, he will never forsake you. Seek the things of eternity, they are worthwhile. All other things are of passing worth and comparatively valueless.

President David O. McKay said that we do not need to worry about the hereafter if we are careful how we live today.

We are living in the most wonderful land in all the world, a land that is choice above all other lands where we enjoy so many blessings and privileges that many people in many parts of the world know nothing about.

The most outstanding of all knowledge is to know that God lives and that his Church is the only plan of life and salvation for mankind that is eternal. I love the gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is food to my soul. The evil one is ever ready to lead our minds away with the things of this world and it requires courage, independence of character and determination to live the gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, which is the only way to peace and happiness for mankind. A successful life is not to be measured in terms of wealth or popularity but in the soul of man. One writer has said, if he could get the ear of every young man and young lady for but a moment, he would say "make the most and best out of yourself". There is nothing more tragic than a wasted life, one who never finds the true values or purpose of life.

I am grateful beyond measure for the goodness of the Lord unto me in my home and my family, for my husband and for my sons and daughters and their families and for the associations of each other. The glorious concept we have of home and the enduring family

relationship, lie at the very basis of man's happiness here and hereafter. I cannot conceive of anything more grand and glorious than association of our families and dear ones throughout the endless ages of eternity. That will be heaven to me. And if we do our part to make this come true, how happy we will all be. May the Lord bless us all, that we may all try to live a little better today than we did yesterday so we will all have a happier tomorrow.