

# Why striving for the celestial kingdom is worth our best efforts

NEW TESTAMENT SEMINARY MANUAL

Imagine that one of your friends does not think that striving for the celestial kingdom is worth all that it requires.

Prepare a short response you could share with your friend that could help them understand that the celestial kingdom is worth any effort required to live the gospel. You might want to use some of the following resources and answer the following questions to help you prepare your response:

Elder L. Tom Perry (1922–2015) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught:



I believe that if we could create in our minds a clear and true picture of eternal life, we would start behaving differently. We would not need to be prodded to do the many things involved with enduring to the end, like [ministering], attending our meetings, going to the temple, living moral lives, saying our prayers, or reading the scriptures. We would want to do all these things and more because we realize they will prepare us to go somewhere we yearn to go. (L. Tom Perry, “The Gospel of Jesus Christ,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2008, 44)

Revelation 7:13–17

Revelation 21:22–27

Mosiah 2:41

Doctrine and Covenants 76:51–52, 59–60; 69–70

Doctrine and Covenants 130:2

Some of the following questions could help guide your thoughts as you consider your response:

- What excites you when you think about living in the celestial kingdom?
- What have you learned about the Savior that motivates you to follow Him and strive to obtain the celestial kingdom?
- What experiences have you had with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ that increase your desire to live with Them again?
- How has Their love for you helped you feel that the celestial kingdom is attainable?