

At the end of World War II, Germany was destitute of most of the things which were needed for the people to live. The members of the Church in Germany were no better off than any one else. They were hungry, cold and poor. That included the mission president, his wife, and children. The Mission president's name was Jean Wunderlich. He was a lawyer from California and he and his family could have lived the lives of rich Americans, but instead they lived as the poor people of Germany.

Bro. Wunderlich said that the time when the Prophet set him apart to preside over the German Mission was the most important few minutes of his life.

In those few minutes he learned the most important lesson of his life.

He was sitting in President David O. McKay's office. There were only three people there. Bro. Wunderlich, his wife, and President McKay. Sister Wunderlich sat on a chair ready to take notes. Bro. Wunderlich sat on a different chair, his head bowed. President McKay was standing behind Bro. Wunderlich's chair. The Prophet placed his hands on Bro. Wunderlich's head and began to pronounce his blessing.

As he spoke, he gave an instruction from the Lord. When Bro. Wunderlich heard that instruction he saw and understood who he was and what he was expected to do. He said that the words of that commandment were the most important words he ever heard. The words were these:

"Be true to the law of your own being."

What this means to me is doing what you say you will do and being what you say you will be.

The word we use to summarize this instruction, which the prophet gave to Brother Wunderlic, is the word, "integrity."

The Lord showed the importance of integrity when he said,

"And again, verily I say unto you, blessed is my servant Hyrum Smith; for I, the Lord, love him because of the integrity of his heart, and because he loveth that which is right before me, saith the Lord.  
(D&C: 124:15)

I pray that we may all understand the importance of being true to the law of our own being -- of being true to ourselves, to others, and to our Heavenly Father.