

# Ideas for getting more out of General Conference

## Preparation for Conference

- Think about who you could invite to come to your home (or the stake center) to watch one or more conference sessions with you.
- Have a notebook to make notes in.
- Think about and make a list of things to watch for. For example: Announcements, such as new temples, FamilySearch enhancements, Indexing results, Pres Monson's health, etc.
- Plan and/or prepare simple meals for between sessions.
- Prepare your family for two days of "church".

## For each Session:

- If watching from home, avoid distractions as much as possible. Small children will need something to keep them occupied. Talk to them about the need for reverence during the talks.
- For each speaker make an entry in your notebook. Write the highlights of the talk.
- Put a star or some other notation by the talks that impressed you the most so you can easily find and review them later.
- Mark talks that especially impressed you most.
- Make note of closing testimonies. Did you feel the Holy Ghost then?
- Mark who you think might benefit from seeing/hearing each talk
- If possible, record the whole conference (DVR)
- When recording, you may be able to pause it while you make a note. Alternatively you can make or refine your notes during play back later on.

## After the Conference is over:

- Write your impressions about your favorite talks in your journal and share them with family and friends. Your scribbled notes may not be entirely decipherable after passage of time.
- Did you detect a theme for the conference?
- Did you notice when more than one person spoke on a particular subject? [Have you noticed that in the Ensign magazine table of contents over the years.]
- Use the notes you made for lessons and/or discussion during FHEs.
- Did you notice anything unusual or especially interesting?
- Write what you learned from the session.
- If you haven't already done it, write names of people you think might be interested in or benefitted by watching particular talks.
- When the conference comes out in the next Ensign, read over the talks again, especially the talks you identified as most valuable to you. Remember, repetition is a great help for retention. If you are like me you will get some things out of the written words that you missed in the live conference. You can also watch the recording of each speaker or session again afterward on LDS.org.