characters they are who need to be com-
manded, they are slothful and not wise
servants. Many of you may inquire why
I am urging this point today; because it
is necessary, it ought to be done. I wish
those who are Saints to walk uprightly
before their God, and to do everything
they can for their brethren who are not
Saints. I desire every man and woman
to exercise themselves to the utmost, for
they will, in all probability, be lost un-
less we save them. You come to me and
want to know the will of God, what for?
It would send you to hell, as likely as
not, for you will not do it, and that would
lay the foundation for your condemna-
tion, as it is written, "Those that receive
the commandments of God and do not do
them are damned." I feel to urge these
things upon the people that they may
save themselves, that they may be indus-
trious, and go to with a ready heart and
willing mind, with all their might, to do
the things that are necessary to be done.

Suppose that the Lord should give
you a written revelation through me, I
am satisfied that it would not infringe
upon your planting corn, sowing wheat,
and watering in the season thereof. The
very first thing would be to instruct the
people to take care of their temporal
lives, for if a people do not provide to live
on the earth they cannot accomplish the
work given them to do. The first thing to
be written would be for people to prepare
to live on the earth, until they could over-
come the wickedness that is in the world.

This would be dictating you in your
temporal affairs; I can dictate you in
those matters, and if the Lord does
not move me to the point of drawing
the dividing line, though if He does
I expect to be on hand, let us go to
with all our might and do every good
work we can, and be satisfied, and not
be continually grumbling and complain-
ing against the Lord, and teasing Him
for more than you know what to do with.

I could not, nor could any other man,
give a revelation that would be more
plain to the comprehension of the peo-
ple than the one I have read to you this
morning. There is no mystery about it,
nothing mysterious or in the dark, but
every man may easily know precisely
what it means; all the people may un-
derstand it to perfection. This revela-
tion was given to the people in their ig-
norance; it was given, we may say, at
the birth of the man-child, in the first
days of the being of the Priesthood again
upon the earth, and yet it was so calcu-
lated and so worded, that every person
could understand it. Brother Partridge
knew what to do; Gilbert, Rigdon, and
Peterson knew what to do; and in return-
ing to Kirtland the Elders were to lift up
their voices by the way, and to build up
Churches.

One man is told to do this, and an-
other to do that. Edward, you go and get
your family and move them up here, &c.
Can you understand this? It is one of the
revelations of God, given to this people
in the first rise of the Church. I do not
expect to give you any particular light
upon it by the way of illustration, for
it would be like my telling you that the
sun shines, and that we are within the
walls of this Temple Block, seated under
a partial shade, constructed for screen-
ing us from the rays of the sun. You know
all this, you understand it as well as I
do; so did those to whom it was given
understand this revelation. Would you
understand what might be said to you,
if I should command you to do this or
that. Ask some man to command you,
and never ask God to do it, until you are
prepared to keep His commandments.

You are ready to say in your
hearts, "We are always scolded." Who
hurts you? You will never be hurt,