there is an eternity of them to bestow
upon you. Instead of pleading with the
Lord to bestow more upon you, plead
with yourselves to have confidence in
yourselves, to have integrity in your-
selves, and know when to speak and
what to speak, what to reveal, and how
to carry yourselves and walk before the
Lord. And just as fast as you prove to
Him that you will preserve everything
secret that ought to be—that you will
deal out to your neighbors all which you
ought, and no more, and learn how to
dispense your knowledge to your fam-
ilies, friends, neighbors, and brethren,
the Lord will bestow upon you, and give
to you, and bestow upon you, until finally
he will say to you, "You shall never fall;
your salvation is sealed unto you; you
are sealed up unto eternal life and sal-
vation, through your integrity."

Let every person be the friend of God,
that whatever He reveals to you, you
can wisely handle without asking Him
whether you shall tell your wife of it or
not. You can recollect the backhanded
blow I gave to some of the brethren last
winter. They were in pain, because they
knew something which they could not
tell to their wives. I would not trust
such men out of sight with my dinner.
God will not trust the least thing to such
persons. Sisters, if you are in pain, be-
cause you cannot tell your husbands ev-
everything, you had better take a little cat-
nip tea, and get over it, if you can. What
will God reveal to such persons? Just
enough to keep them from the gulf of de-
spair, and lead them along until they get
a little sense. I say this that you may
learn to reveal that which you ought, and
to keep the rest to yourselves. By so do-
ing you prove to God that you are His
friends, and will keep His secrets.

The world may howl around you
and plead for the secrets of the Lord
which he has given you, but they will
not get them. When the Lord has proved
His children true to what He has given
into their charge, and that they will do
His bidding, He will tell such persons
anything that they should know. A great
many desire just enough of knowledge to
damn them, and it does damn a great
many.

Giving endowments to a great many
proves their overthrow, through reveal-
ings things to them which they cannot
keep. They are not worthy to receive
them. Brother Heber takes the lead in
giving endowments, and you may ask,
"Why do you give such folks their en-
dowments?" To qualify them to be dev-
ils, if they wish to be. The plan of salva-
tion is calculated to make devils as well
as Saints; for by and by we shall need
some to serve as devils; and it takes al-
most as much knowledge to make a com-
plete devil as it does to fit a man to go
into the celestial kingdom of God, and
become an heir to His kingdom. We want
to complete the education of a number
of such fellows; they are running to the
States, to California, and elsewhere, and
are trying to reveal this, that, and the
other; but I defy any one of them to give
any idea of what is taught them in their
endowments, except a garbled mass of
trash. God takes that knowledge from
their minds. We have to make devils,
and we are preparing them. Everybody
must have the same chance for accepting
or rejecting the blessings of the Gospel,
you know.

Suppose that we should meet a man
at the judgment, and he should say,
'Here is my friend Brigham; I was
in Great Salt Lake Valley, or in Nau-
voo, and I did everything that he told
me; but he would not let me go in
and obtain my endowment; and it of-
fended me so that I actually did for-
sake the faith, when I verily believe
that if I had have had the privilege, I
would now have been numbered with
the Saints; but, instead of that, I