with the man who leads him, and for a
man's wives to take a course to please
their husband, and for us all to make
peace at home and abroad, when we go
out and when we come in. That is the
course for you to take—that is your duty;
and when you take a contrary course you
are wrong.

Some of the sisters say that their hus-
bands are contrary and stubborn, and
that they will do this and that, and they
cannot control them. Ladies, there is
not one of you that has common good
sense but what would leave the man that
would suffer you to lead him: you would
rightly consider that he was not follow-
ing his calling, if he would bow to your
mandates. No man in this Church has a
right to a wife, except he is a good man—
a man of truth. And when a man vio-
lates his calling and priesthood, he for-
feits his wife and everything that per-
tains to that calling and priesthood, or
to that limb, when the limb is severed
from the tree. Many have been severed
from this Church and left their wives
and children; for they clung to Gospel
faith and priesthood. Now, except those
men make restitution, can they hold one
of the wives they have taken? No, not
one of them. Can they retain, and keep,
and preserve their children—their pos-
terity? No, they cannot. Why? Because
those limbs have been cut off and have
never been restored, and the fruit was
taken by the Husbandman of the vine-
yard and laid up in store. Then they
cannot get it, can they? No, they never
can, unless they prove themselves wor-
thy and make restitution to satisfy the
demands of justice, and that fourfold.
They may then receive it back, but not
without that restitution. That is justice
and righteousness, and I am telling you
of it in the name of the Lord; and I know
it to be true.

There are thousands of men and
women among the nations of the
earth that it will be more tolerable for,
in the day of judgment, than it will for
you, if you violate your calling and do not
honor your priesthood. You know that
it was declared that it would be more
tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than
for the children of God who had received
the priesthood, and heard the voice of a
prophet, and disobeyed it. Sodom was
so wicked that they could not hear the
word, because they would not admit a
man of God to come into their midst. And
they would have killed Lot, if the angels
had not got him out with the few that be-
lieved on his words.

If you cannot believe brother
Brigham, and brother Heber, and
brother Daniel, and the Twelve, whom
have you to go to hearken to? Who is
there to lead you? Lay aside the men
who lead you, and where is your salva-
tion? Have you not great reason to love
these men? They are your servants, and
they serve you faithfully. They watch
over you by night and by day, and over
the Saints throughout the whole world.

If you cannot love the leading mem-
ers pertaining to this Church, how un-
der the heavens can you love a man you
never saw? You cannot, and never did.
Tell about loving God! You do not love
Him a particle when you do not love your
benefactors and the man that feeds you
and clothes you. You do not have a draw-
ing of tea, a pound of coffee, or anything
else, but what he serves you with it. You
say you love him; but some of you lie like
hell, and you deceive yourselves. Now, do
not tell me that you love my God, and at
the same time not love brother Brigham
and me, whom you have seen.

Uncle John (referring to Patriarch
John Young), did you ever see any-
ting bad in me? I never got drunk
but a few times in my life, and then
I was right straightforward. I never
got so drunk but once, but what I