eousness must be developed, where the
principles that will give stability, power,
and eternal endurance to the kingdom
of God and to its institutions, must be
in full force and daily application: they
must there obtain a place within the
affections of the persons associated in
those circles.

We may talk about attending to the
generalities of religion; but so long as
we neglect its details that enter into
the home circle, that are concentrated
around our fireside—so long as we ne-
eglect the cultivation of the principles of
heaven and happiness there, so long we
shall fail to enjoy the fulness of what the
Gospel promises to us. Here is where
heaven must have its beginning—where
its foundation must be laid, not only for
our present happiness, but for its eternal
perpetuity.

What do these home circles make?
They make what I see around me today.
They constitute the people, the commu-
nity, the nation. If the principles of the
Gospel are developed at home, when you
come to the place of public assembly, you
bring them with you: you bring with you
the spirit of heaven, the spirit of peace
and harmony. It is that principle which
will lead to the consummation of that
great work, the object of which is to bring
about that condition of things wherein
the will of God will be done on earth as it
is done in heaven.

If you could do all this with a refer-
ce to those little things that disturb
the peace at home, that plant a thorn
where a rose should be planted, that
cultivate principles of strife where qui-
etude and harmony should prevail, great
would be our happiness as a people, both
at home and in our public assemblies.

If you neglect the cultivation of
these virtues, their opposite will pre-
vail and exert a deleterious influence
over the minds and actions of men
and women, which are made evident in
their lives.

Would we live to enjoy the Spirit of
God? This we are exhorted to do. If
we would secure this inestimable bless-
ing, there is no better way than to cul-
tivate in the home circle that frame of
mind and feeling that will render the
Holy Spirit a constant and welcome visi-
tor there; and not only a welcome visitor,
but he might be changed to a constant
guest that would be present ever to im-
part that knowledge which is life, that
understanding that causes the soul to be
fruitful in the elements of peace, happi-
ness, and glory.

But while that little circle of home is
distracted by broils, quarrels, dissension,
and strife, by a lack of that affectionate
regard for the principles of truth that
should characterize all the children of
God devoted to the principles and inter-
est of his kingdom, the Spirit of Truth
cannot find a resting place there. The
soul may complain that it is barren and
unfruitful in that happiness it fain would
enjoy.

Here, then, is the great field of our
labor. If we have thought, in our own ex-
tended views of the work of God, that we
should go from one end of the earth to
the other to publish salvation and save
men, we find here a field is opened at our
very homes—a field that should engage
the attention of every man, woman, and
child that has arrived at years of under-
standing in all Israel.

Here is a field for the Seventies.
"Should the Seventies engage in this
field?" says one. "They are called to
preach in all the world." Yes; and be-
because they are called to preach the
Gospel in all the world, they seem
to have no idea that Salt Lake—the
place of their homes—is any part of
the world. They never seem to have
the spirit of their calling, unless they
are called to go away from home.