

8 Week Plan - Temple and Family History - Action Plan and Goals

A Detailed 8-Week Action Plan to Accelerate Accomplishing Your Temple and Family History Goals

Week 1

- **Have a temple recommend.** If you do not have a temple recommend, make an appointment to see the bishop and discuss getting one.
- **Visit the temple.** Do ordinance work (baptisms, endowment, etc.) if you can enter. If not, visit the grounds of the temple.
- **Have a Church Account.** If you don't have one, visit <https://account.churchofjesuschrist.org> to get one or contact the Temple and Family History consultants for help.
- **Log into [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) and/or the [FamilySearch mobile app](https://familysearch.org).** View your Family Tree and familiarize yourself with it for a few minutes.
- **Browse to the indexing section of the [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) website.** Try the Guided Tour of indexing.

Week 2

- **Fill in your Family Tree 1st generation.** Make sure the information for the living persons (yourself, your spouse, children, parents, etc.) is filled out in [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org).
- **Fill in your Family Tree and 2nd generation.** Make sure your first generation of deceased ancestors is linked to your living relatives in the [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) Family Tree.
- **Index a batch of records.** Consider starting with something small and easy. Try using the [Get Involved app](https://familysearch.org).

Week 3

- **Find and reserve a temple name.** Find people in your [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) Family Tree who need temple ordinance work and reserve the name. Find these temple opportunities by browsing your Family Tree (look for the green temple icon or using the Ordinance Ready feature on [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org)).
- **Print temple name cards from [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org).**
- **Do temple work for ancestors.** Take the printed cards to the temple and begin to do the ordinances for your deceased family members.

Week 4

- **Index a batch of records.** Try using the [Get Involved app](https://familysearch.org).
- **Merge duplicate records.** Help clean up Family Tree names by merging duplicate records (on person detail, look for "possible duplicate" notification).
- **Add source data.** Help improve data and find new names for your Family Tree by finding sources to add to the records. Try searching databases on [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) or other genealogy websites like Ancestry.com.
- **Add or edit a person's data** as necessary based on the new source material you have found.

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Week 5

- **Locate a missing person in your Family Tree** and try to find information about them.
- **Reach out to your extended family** and ask if they have information on the missing persons.
- **Search the databases** on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or other genealogy websites like [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).
- **Add a new person to your Family Tree.** If you find a person not in your tree, add them, reserve their temple work and print the card.
- **Visit the temple and do ordinance work** for your newly discovered ancestor.

Week 6

- **Index a batch of records.**
- **Share your testimony**, in sacrament meeting or with family or a friend, about the spiritual experiences you have had doing family history and temple work.
- **Help your family and others.** Ask others in the ward (Elders Quorum, Relief Society, Bishopric) if anyone in the ward needs help with temple or family history work.
- **Upload photos, stories, and documents** you have found for your family members to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org). Try using the [Memories app](#) to add these to your tree.

Week 7

- **Do original research** to find new family names. This can be done by collecting information from visiting grave yards, searching libraries, and even visiting families to see what information they may have.
- **Add new names to your Family Tree on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).**
- Remember to upload source document and photos as you find them, and to reserve their temple work, and print the name cards.
- **Visit the temple and do ordinance work** for your newly discovered ancestors.

Week 8

- **Continue indexing** records as time permits.
- **Continue visiting the temple** to perform ordinances for deceased ancestors as circumstances permit.
- **Continue seeking out information to fill gaps in your Family Tree** and document your findings on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).