

## **My Family's Dedication to the Gospel**

The family I grew up in was highly faithful to the Church way of life (not perfect, of course, but actively striving). A few examples:

- We either woke up early for family scripture study or my mom would read scriptures to us at the table growing up fairly regularly.
- We regularly held family home evening (probably > 75% of the time).
- We typically watched every session of conference.
- Our family invited people over for missionary discussions growing up. I helped to convert a friend to the faith when I was in high school, and one of my younger brothers converted his friend.
- Every one of the many children in my family graduated from BYU.
- Every one of the many boys in my family served to completion an LDS mission (and all were effective and diligent as far as I am aware).
- We never watched TV on Sunday.
- My mom always told us stories about forgoing social activities to attend sparsely attended Church activities.
- My mom always told us about how my older brother was thirsty after his game but all they were serving was Coke, so he just went thirsty.
- My grandparents served many missions and also served as a mission president. My grandmother served a mission. My parents served a mission immediately upon retirement and are currently serving as service missionaries.