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Kirtland Temple:

While on our trip to the church history sites, we had a service in the Kirtland Temple. Earlier that day, the group toured the temple and learned about the history of the dedication of the temple and the work that went into building it.

I had these thoughts running through my head during the service, and I was struck with an overwhelming sense of inadequacy. Lynn Baumgart led the service with some words about how we are to make our bodies a temple for the Lord to dwell in. He read from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (IV/KJV) which says, *What! Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

I realized that I am so quick to ask the Lord for blessings in my life, without making any preparation. I am unclean with sin, so the Lord cannot dwell in me. I also realized how much I take for granted being able to go to church and worship so easily. And, once in the service, sometimes I don't really absorb the thoughts and words shared because of my lack of preparation. This is such a great contrast to the eagerness of the saints who attended the dedication. They came by the thousands, crammed into the church, sat through hours of services, and were still excited about worshiping. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to learn about and worship in the Kirtland Temple, because it humbled me and showed me the things I need to work on in my life.