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How much time do we invest in the pursuit of worldly goals, be they worthwhile or not? Consider the years of work, study and practical experience which one must apply toward a trade or profession and measure those sacrifices of time and labor against the efforts you've put forth toward obtaining ETERNAL goals. We may say that the principles and doctrines of our religion are sacred to us but do we show that in our actions as well as our words?

Elder Boyd K. Packer of the council of the twelve has said, "a number of years ago I chose several basic objectives in life...I felt that being a good father would be a permanent anchor for my orientation, and that livelihood, hobbies, and even social opportunities had to be weighed against whether or not they related to that ideal. I soon learned that the perfect plan for fatherhood was the gospel. When I want to know how to be a good father, I go to church, consult the scriptures, and listen to the authorities...this has been my storehouse of knowledge."

Do we utilize that "storehouse" of knowledge which Elder Packer speaks of with the same degree of drive and desire? Do we regard our earthly sojourn as a mortal apprenticeship toward an eternal profession? When we attend the sabbath school do we bring our text books, read from them, listen attentively to our teachers, participate in class, and do our homework? When the time for "Graduation" arrives will we be found lacking credits or will we have earned a degree.....a degree of glory? "...Arise up and be more careful henceforth in observing your vows, which you have made and which you do make, and you shall be blessed with exceeding great blessings." D&C 108:3

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Message of the Bishopric



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There is but one way in which men can receive salvation, exaltation and glory, and that is through the order of baptism, and the ordinances connected therewith. No mortal man or woman will ever receive celestial glory unless he or she has been baptized, receiving this ordinance personally or by proxy. Most of us have accepted this challenge, the responsibility, and now we carry upon our shoulders the reputation of the Lords church....each and every one of us. We must commit ourselves to seek excellence in this life. The Lords church searches out those things that will be of benefit and bring happiness to all of us, and the more knowledge we gain of the truth, the greater will be our capacity to acquire excellence. But there are times we must make a sacrifice, for a religion that does not require sacrifice of all things, never has the power sufficient to produce a faith necessary unto life and salvation. We are different, we must be different....apart from the world.

Most people are willing to take the sermon on the mount as a flag to sail under, but we must use it as a rudder by which to steer. For nothing in life that is worthy, is ever too hard to achieve if you have the courage to try it, and you have the faith to believe. For faith is a force that is greater than knowledge or power or skill.....and many defeats turn to triumph if you trust in Gods wisdom and will.

May our Heavenly Father bless us as individuals, as families and as members of his church.....that we will do all we can to serve him and our brothers and sisters....that we may always set the proper example to all of our neighbors of the earth.

We love each of you and are grateful for the sacrifices that you make to help build up our heavenly Fathers kingdom here upon the earth.

The Bishopric



THE LAST SUPPER

THIS is a replica of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper. This famous masterpiece took over seven years to paint. The interesting story behind the painting is this: da Vinci felt that he should use living persons as models since this was to be such an important picture. He started with the painting of Christ. Hundreds of young men were studied to find a man whose face portrayed innocence and beauty. After a long search he found a man whom he felt could portray Christ. The painting of Christ took six months. When Christ was completed, da Vinci worked for six years painting the disciples until all were completed but one. That one was Judas. To find someone, whom da Vinci thought looked like Judas, was a problem. After a long, discouraging search, da Vinci heard of a man in prison at Rome who was sentenced to die for his brutal crimes.

Leonardo went to Rome. As the prisoner was brought before him, he saw a man with an ugly, vicious face, scarred and full of hate. He knew immediately that this was the man he wanted to represent Judas — the Saviour's betrayer.

By special permission from the King, the prisoner was brought to Milan to pose for da Vinci. For six months he sat for da Vinci at appointed hours each day. Finally, the gifted artist finished his painting. As the guards were taking the prisoner away, he broke loose. Rushing to Leonardo's side, he gasped, "Look at me. Do you not know who I am?"

With his sharp, piercing eyes, da Vinci looked at the man and said, "No, I do not know you. I never saw you until you were brought before me in Rome." Then the prisoner lifted his head toward Heaven and cried, "Oh, God, have I fallen so low?" Then he turned to da Vinci and said, "Leonardo da Vinci, look at me again. I am the same man you painted only seven years ago as the figure of Christ."



WHEN CHRIST APPEARED TO THE ANCIENT INHABITANTS OF THE AMERICAS HE CALLED AND ORDAINED TWELVE MEN TO THE APOSTLESHIP . . .

FOUR OF THEM HAD NAMES OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS . .

TWO PAIR OF THE 12 ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN BROTHERS..

TWO OF THE 12 WERE FATHER AND SON . . .

CAN YOU NAME THESE 12 DISCIPLES ?

WHAT WAS REMARKABLE ABOUT ONE OF THE BROTHERS ?



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FOR ANSWERS READ 3 NEPHI 19:4



Teach up a Child

Proverbs 22:6

The primary spotlight for last month was given by Cheryl Lavender. She chose to give the gift basket to Sherry Godwin. She felt that maybe we forgot to recognize Sherry since she is not a teacher of the children and not directly a part of the Primary Presidency. Sherry felt that so many of the teachers and primary presidency have been so kind that she has never felt "over looked."

We will be starting a new form of spotlighting our teachers. It will be the Mystery Teacher of the month. We tried it out with sister Lindsey. We went into her past and found some little jewels of information that will help us to know her better and feel much love and appreciation for her.

We can definatley appreciate the fact that she and her husband ate bananas and ice cream on their honeymoon. Her family has learned much patience from her, or should we say from the squeek...squeek...squeek of her rocking chair that relaxes her so much.

We also learn what a loving, giving person she is for getting a drivers licence just so she could transport the Mutual children.....and we all know what it takes to serve as Relief Society President. All in all she's a pretty Grand woman. We love you sister Lindsey.

Inspired men and women often write inspirational articles to share with others. Such is the case with the Church Magazine Program. The church magazine publications consist of the ENSIGN for adults; the NEW ERA for the youth; and the FRIEND for preteen youngsters. The circulation goal of the church is to see that eaxh home has the publications that best serve the members of that home and family. The purpose of the magazines include wholesome lierature, explanation of gospel principles, practical application of gospel principles to daily living, and many other worth while benefits to bless your home and family. So that you don't miss out on receiving the inspiration that these magazines can bring into your home to bless you and your family, please contact Brother Les Wilson at 794-1175.

To the Liahona Staff:

To say what a mission is in one word; FUN!
But let me explain. It's fun to realize you have the ability to memorize a small book to teach people the disscussions. It's fun to meet people and learn to talk to a slamming door. It's fun to realize what fun really is-not what the popular idea happens to be. It's fun to make friends with people It's fun to baptize, It's fun to be Jesus's friend, and knowing He's yours. God bless you all.....Elder Mark Atchley.



MOTHER

Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the home together,
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
Nobody knows....but mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes
Which kisses only smother;
Nobody's pained by naughty blows,
Nobody....only mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,
Nobody....only mother.

Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another.
Nobody knows of the patience sought,
Nobody....only mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears,
Lest darlings may not weather
The storm of life in after years,
Nobody knows....but mother.

Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father
For that sweetest gift...a mother's love;
Nobody can....but mother.



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