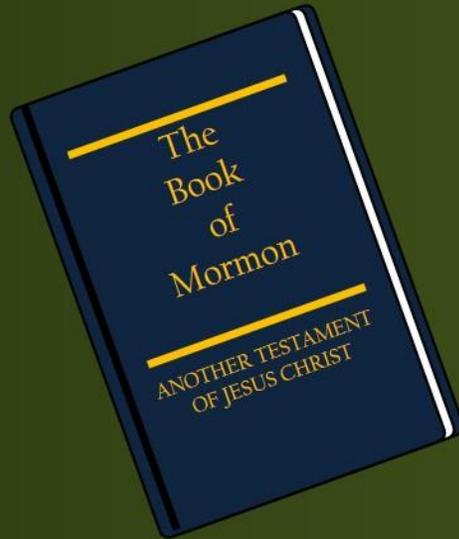


SEEKING DIVINE DIRECTION

Lesson 41

Suggested Hymn:
#143 Let The Holy
Spirit Guide



2 NEPHI 32



REVELATION



“No man can receive the Holy Ghost without receiving revelation. The Holy Ghost is the Revelator.”

Joseph Smith

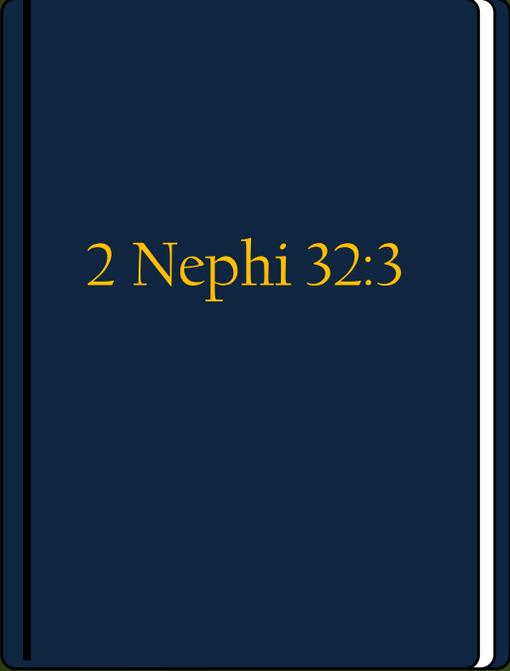
All true religion is revealed religion and its truth must be taught by the spirit of revelation.

Nephi counsels us to seek divine direction through the words of Jesus Christ and the promptings of the Holy Ghost

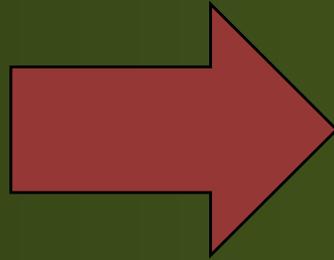
We are told that should a gospel truth be taught independent of that spirit “it is not of God.”
D&C 50:13-18



DOCTRINAL MASTERY



2 Nephi 32:3



Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ. Wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.

WORDS OF CHRIST

What words describe how we should receive the words of Christ?

Feast

What do you think it means to feast on the words of Christ?

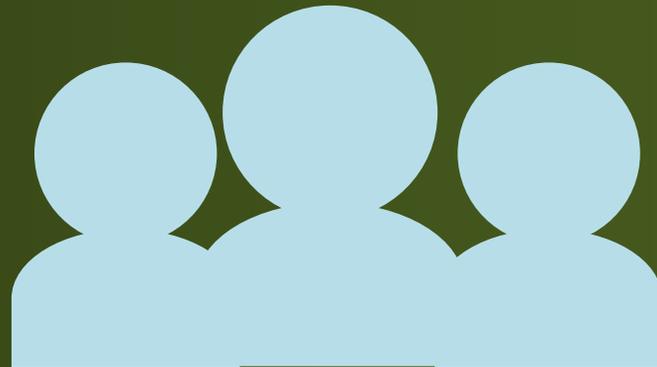
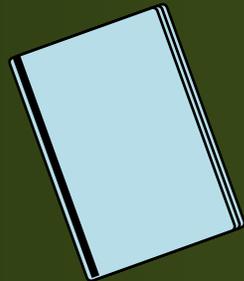
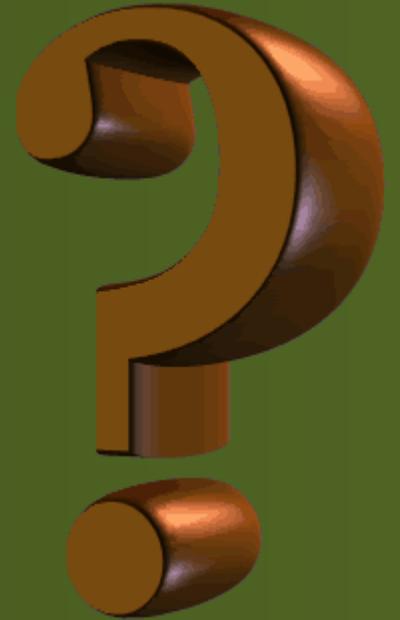
To study and ponder the words of Christ

What did Nephi say will be the outcome when we feast on the words of Christ?

The words will tell you all things you should know

What are some places where we can find the words of Jesus Christ?

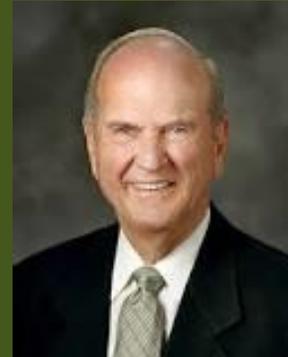
The scriptures, the words of modern prophets, and inspiration from the Holy Ghost



FEASTING

“To feast means more than to taste. To feast means to savor. We savor the scriptures by studying them in a spirit of delightful discovery and faithful obedience. When we feast upon the words of Christ, they are embedded ‘in fleshy tables of the heart.’

They become an integral part of our nature”
Russell M. Nelson



“If you and I are to feast upon the words of Christ, we must study the scriptures and absorb His words through pondering them and making them a part of every thought and action”
Elder Robert D. Hales

WHERE CAN I FIND THE WORDS OF CHRIST?

1. Personal scripture study



2. Sacrament meeting

3. General Conference



4. Family scripture study

5. Seminary

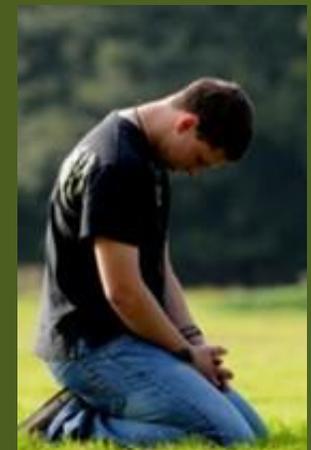


6. Family home evening



7. Aaronic Priesthood quorum meeting or Young Women class

8. Personal prayer



TO UNDERSTAND IS TO ASK



“We are commanded to pray always to the Father in the name of the Son.

We are promised that if we pray sincerely for that which is right and good and in accordance with God’s will, we can be blessed, protected, and directed.

Revelation is communication from Heavenly Father to His children on earth.

As we ask in faith, we can receive revelation upon revelation and knowledge upon knowledge and come to know the mysteries and peaceable things that bring joy and eternal life.

The mysteries are those matters that can only be known and understood by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Harold B. Lee





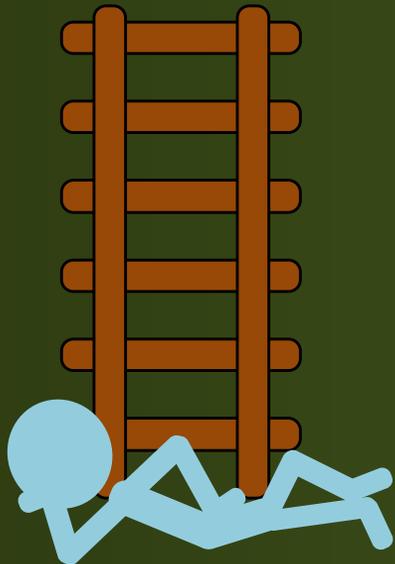
WITHHOLDING REVELATION

“The Lord withholds much that he would otherwise reveal if the members of the Church were prepared to receive it.

When they will not live in accordance with the revelations he has given, how are they entitled to receive more?

The people in the church are not living in full accord with the commandments the Lord has already required of them.”

Joseph Fielding Smith



“We have little occasion to clamor for more revelation when we refuse to heed what the Lord has revealed for our salvation.”

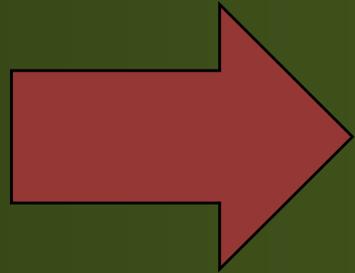


And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them.

And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation. (3 Nephi 26:9-10)

DOCTRINAL MASTERY

2 Nephi 32:8-9



8 And now, my beloved brethren, I perceive that ye ponder still in your hearts; and it grieveth me that I must speak concerning this thing. For if ye would hearken unto the Spirit which teacheth a man to pray, ye would know that ye must pray; for the evil spirit teacheth not a man to pray, but teacheth him that he must not pray.

9 But behold, I say unto you that ye must pray always, and not faint; that ye must not perform any thing unto the Lord save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will consecrate thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the welfare of thy soul.

KEY TO PRAYER

“Pray always, that you may come off conqueror; yea, that you may conquer Satan, and that you may escape the hands of the servants of Satan that do uphold his work.”

D&C 10:5

Earnest

Pleading

Yearning

Hungering

Living as you pray



Enos 1:4

And my soul hungered; and I kneeled down before my Maker, and I cried unto him in mighty prayer and supplication for mine own soul; and all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, and when the night came I did still raise my voice high that it reached the heavens.

“There may be things in our character, in our behavior, or concerning our spiritual growth about which we need to counsel with Heavenly Father in morning prayer. ...

“During the course of the day, we keep a prayer in our heart for continued assistance and guidance. ...

“We notice during this particular day that there are occasions where normally we would have a tendency to speak harshly, and we do not; or we might be inclined to anger, but we are not.

We discern heavenly help and strength and humbly recognize answers to our prayer. Even in that moment of recognition, we offer a silent prayer of gratitude.

“At the end of our day, we kneel again and report back to our Father. We review the events of the day and express heartfelt thanks for the blessings and the help we received. We repent and, with the assistance of the Spirit of the Lord, identify ways we can do and become better tomorrow. Thus our evening prayer builds upon and is a continuation of our morning prayer. And our evening prayer also is a preparation for meaningful morning prayer.

“Morning and evening prayers—and all of the prayers in between—are not unrelated, discrete events; rather, they are linked together each day and across days, weeks, months, and even years. This is in part how we fulfill the scriptural admonition to ‘pray always’. Such meaningful prayers are instrumental in obtaining the highest blessings God holds in store for His faithful children.”

David B. Bednar

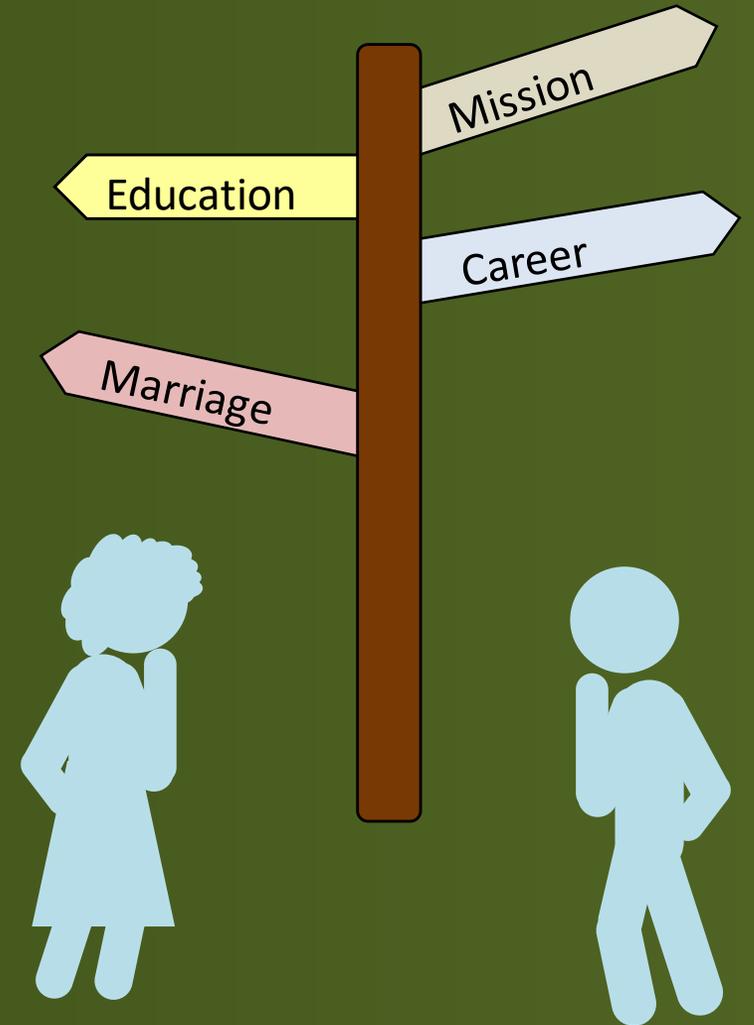


FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR SOULS



“You may be facing decisions regarding a mission, your future career, and, eventually, marriage. As you read the scriptures and pray for direction, you may not actually see the answer in the form of printed words on the page, but as you read you will receive distinct impressions, and promptings, and, as promised, the Holy Ghost ‘will show unto you all things what ye should do.’”

Spencer J. Condie



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