

## Q&A Youth Fireside

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## **"Is it wrong to pay more than 10% as your tithe, expecting more blessings in return?"**

- D&C 130:20-21
- Gospel hobbies
  - We don't need to be truer than true
  - Dallin H Oaks

"My first example concerns Satan's efforts to corrupt a person who has an unusual commitment to one particular doctrine or commandment of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This could be an unusual talent for family history work, an extraordinary commitment to constitutional government, a special talent in the acquisition of knowledge, or any other special talent or commitment.

Elder Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve has likened the fulness of the gospel to a piano keyboard. He has told us that a person could be "attracted by a single key," such as a doctrine he or she wants to hear "played over and over again. ... Some members of the Church who should know better pick out a hobby key or two and tap them incessantly, to the irritation of those around them. They can dull their own spiritual sensitivities. They lose track that there is a fulness of the gospel ... [which they reject] in preference to a favorite note. This becomes exaggerated and distorted, leading them away into apostasy" (*Ensign*, Dec. 1971, p. 42).

We could say of such persons, as the Lord said of the Shakers in a revelation given in 1831, "They desire to know the truth in part, but not all" ([D&C 49:2](#)). Beware of a hobby key. If you tap one key to the exclusion or serious detriment of the full harmony of the gospel keyboard, Satan can use your strength to bring you down." ("Our Strengths Can Become Our Downfall," *Ensign*, Oct. 1994, 11)

## **"When was the first time you felt the Spirit strongly?"**

- Stake Conference. Hugh B Brown. The Spirit of God like a fire is burning

**"When resurrected will we have a perfect memory?"**

- 2 Nephi 9:12-14 (perfect knowledge)

**"What was the most memorable day on your mission?"**

- To see the change in people

**"What is the most helpful thing to do for going on a mission?"**

- Prayerfully study the scriptures so that you know them

**"If a family is sealed in the temple, but one of the family members is not so righteous, can the family still be together forever, like if they go to separate kingdoms?"**

- D&C 132:7 - Holy Spirit of Promise
- Won't be "families with little children" but couples

**"What got you interested in family history?"**

- After my mission my Grandmother gave me a book

**"How can I make every time I go to the temple special because we go so often, it almost gets routine?"**

- 1 Cor 2:11,14 (Things of the Spirit understood by the Spirit)
- Answers from others

## **"Is it wrong to have questions or to be unsure about parts of the Church?"**

- Faith is a very personal thing;
- We are each free to choose whether and to what degree we will place our trust in the Lord
- Furthermore, people arrive at faith at different times in their lives and in different ways
- During our search for a testimony, and even as we try to strengthen our faith, it is likely that at one time or another we may experience a degree of uncertainty or questioning
- There is nothing wrong with having questions, so long as we remain honest in heart as we continue to seek understanding
- Our basic challenge is to keep our questions or doubts honest.
- What is the difference between honest and dishonest questioning?
- Honest questioning seeks true answers
  - It motivates the questioner to obtain a more complete understanding of the truth
  - The person with honest questions is sincerely seeking and promoting knowledge.
- Dishonest questioning, however, seeks to perpetuate itself.
  - Motivated by fault finding and hardness of heart, the dishonest person battles against understanding rather than for it
  - He soon moves from a state of uncertainty to a state of doubt, distrust, and perhaps even antagonism toward the idea or object of his uncertainty.
- What is the difference? Faith
- With an attitude of faith, the honest questioner can see that there is something above and beyond his present level of understanding
- He learns humility as he realizes that his own knowledge is not complete
- And he develops greater faith, both in himself and in God—faith that understanding, knowledge, and testimony can and will come in time after diligent effort, questioning, and seeking

## **"Explain about Temple recommends"**

- Limited use recommend
  - 12 years old (AP for boys)
  - Good for one year
  - Group recommend when go to the temple as youth group
  - Ordinances participate in (baptism & confirmation)
- Full recommend
  - Live ordinances
  - Ordinances for Proxy's

## **"What will we look like in the Celestial Kingdom?"**

- Alma 11:43-44 (resurrection)
- Full of light and truth

## **"How do you tell your parents if you did something wrong?"**

- You need their help

## **"Does your family life interrupt with your role as bishop?" How much time do you spend at church related stuff each week?**

- Simple answer is in terms of hours (10 – 30 hours) bishop related
- Several other hours in study and prayer
- Complex answer is 24x7

## **"What was your most memorable experience as a kid?"**

- Most significant – being called as a stake missionary in high school

## **"How do you know when Heavenly Father answers your prayer?"**

- He always answers prayers
- A complete fireside
- Recognizing answers
  - How do answers come?
    - thoughts
    - Feelings
    - Actions of others
  - How do you know it is an answer?
    - D&C 9:7-9
- Why might an answer not come?
  - timing
  - Ask amiss
  - sometimes left to our own judgment
  - Sometimes choosing between two equally good answers

## **"How do you know what church is right for you?"**

- Is there a true church & how can I know what is true?