

Worth of Souls

A Deep Dive into Living the
Gospel of Jesus Christ



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Lesson 10



Thought Habit #8

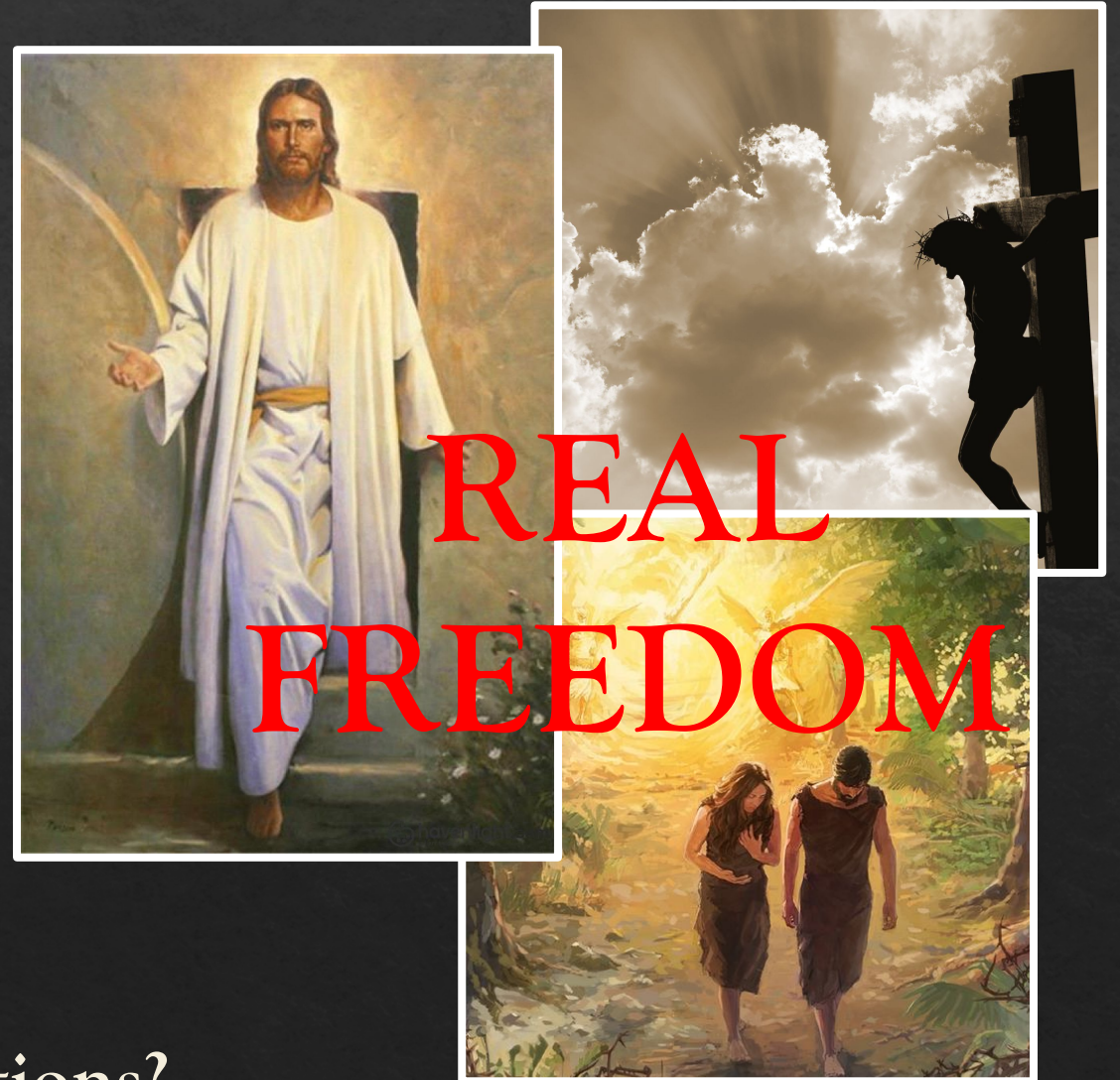
*I Have No Power
Over What Others
Think, Feel & Do*

Review: I Have Power Over What I Think, Feel & Do

“... the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves...”

- D&C 58: 26-28

Get the Beam Out of
Your Own Eye First



How did you do resetting your expectations?

12 Thought Habits Of Christ

1. Holy Ghost
Confirming Daily
You Are On The
Path

2. Separating Your
Worth from Your
Performance

3. Using Daily
Performance For
Spiritual Growth

4. Viewing
Everything in this
World as a
Stewardship

5. Using
Enticements For
Spiritual Growth

6. Being Truly
Grateful During
Adversity

7. I Have Power
Over What I Think,
Feel, & Do

8. I Have No Power
Over What Others
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9. Daily
Repentance: Turn
Back To God &
Live

10. Choosing Godly
Sorrow Keeps Me
Spiritually Focused

11. Love God With
All My Heart, Mind
& Soul

12. Forgiving &
Judging Righteously
Help Me Progress



Be Prepared To Meet Him!

Temple President Responsibilities

I am temple president over my own temple, I am accountable for what I think, feel & do inside my temple.

I am NOT accountable for what others think, feel & do inside of their temple.

I Am Not Accountable For:

- My Spouse
- My Child
- My Boss/Coworker
- My Mom/Dad
- Member of My Ward
- My Friend
- Or Any Other Person

People In My Life Trying To Get Me To Take Responsibility For Their Choices

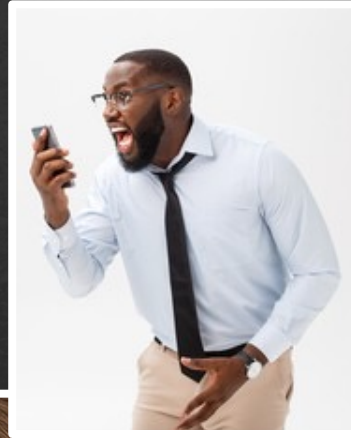
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~ My spouse is upset because I won't participate in their hobby

~ My child's teacher is unhappy with my child's behavior

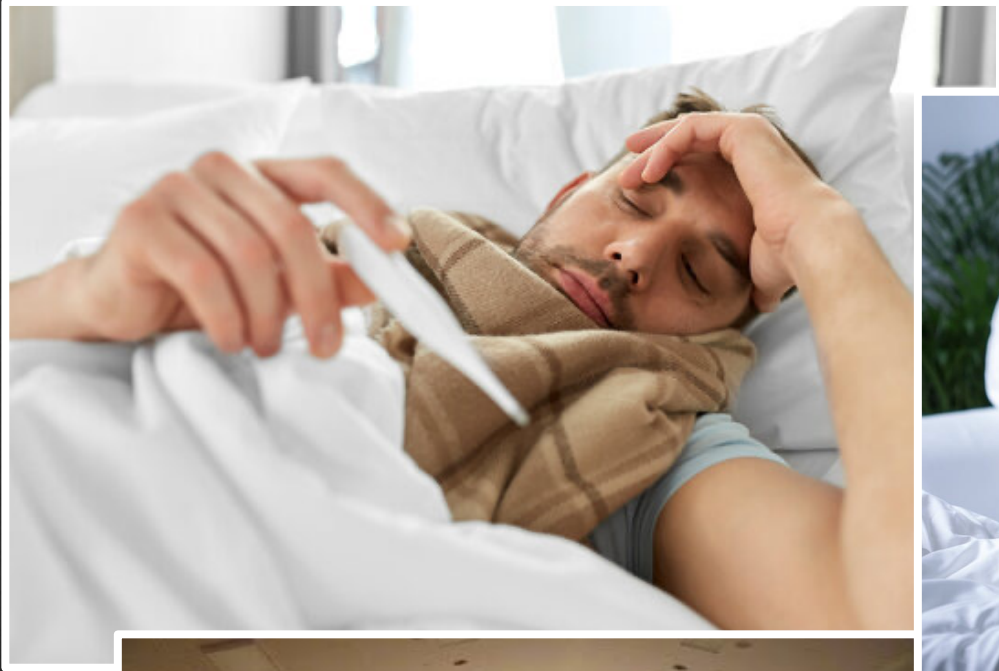
~ Daughter is angry because she is having issues with friends



Steps To Avoid Ownership Of Other's Problems

1. Counsel myself with the truths of the situation. Also the truth I am not the solution for their inner world (mind & heart) problems. Heavenly Father & Christ are the source they must turn to.
2. Recognize that the other person made choices that contributed to the problem, they are trying to avoid being responsible for their choices.
3. See their blame for what it is. They are disowning and their blame are the stories they are telling themselves about the situation and about me.
4. I do have a stewardship opportunity in each situation. Stewardship does not mean ownership over their thoughts and feelings.

Ward Christmas Party



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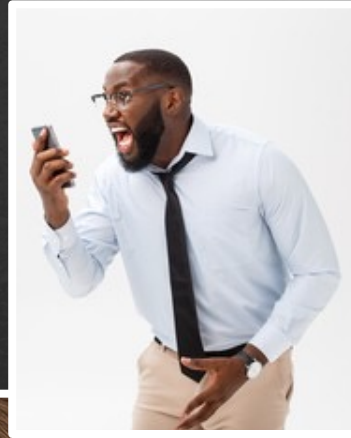
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“So often we get caught up in the illusion that there is something just beyond our reach that would bring us happiness: a better family situation, a better financial situation, or the end of a challenging trial.



The older we get, the more we look back and realize that external circumstances don't really matter or determine our happiness.... We determine our happiness. You and I are ultimately in charge of our own happiness

...Brothers and sisters, no matter our circumstances, no matter our challenges or trials, there is something in each day to embrace and cherish. There is something in each day that can bring gratitude and joy if only we will see and appreciate it.... Let us resolve to be happy, regardless of our circumstances.” *“Of Regrets and Resolutions” – Uchtdorf*

What About Parenting?

Stewardship Responsibilities

1. Teach My Children Correct Principles – D&C 68:25-28
2. Raise My Children in Light and Truth – D&C 93:40
3. Influence My Children in Righteousness – D&C 121:41-43
4. Teach My Children of Christ – 2nd Nephi 25:26



Parents Sacred Duty

THE FAMILY A PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

*W*E, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

ALL HUMAN BEINGS—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

IN THE PREMORTAL REALM, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshipped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize their divine destiny as heirs of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

WE DECLARE the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

HUSBAND AND WIFE have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness,

to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, and to teach them to love and serve one another, observe the commandments of God, and be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives—mothers and fathers—will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

THE FAMILY is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

WE WARN that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

WE CALL UPON responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

This proclamation was read by President Gordon B. Hinckley as part of his message at the General Relief Society Meeting held September 23, 1995, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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What If I Am Not A Perfect Parent?

Not-so-perfect Parents in the Scriptures



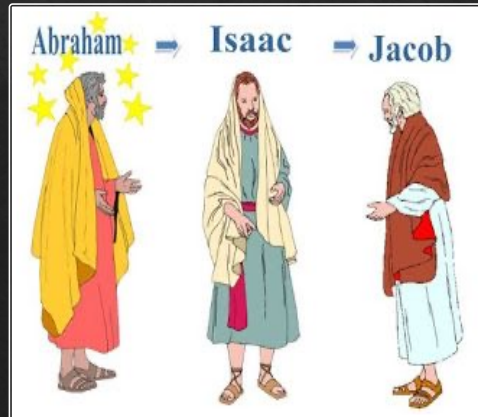
Lehi & Sariah



Alma the Elder



Adam & Eve



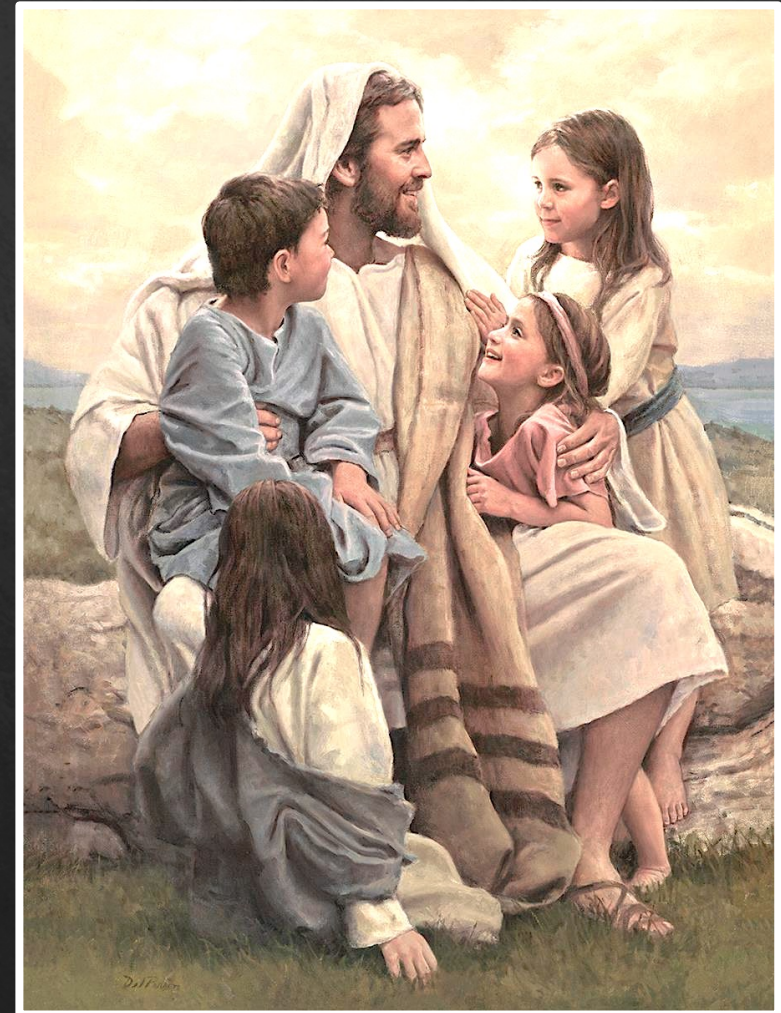
Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

Heavenly Father &
Heavenly Mother

Perfect Parents
Lost 1/3 Part Of
Their Children



My Art Project



Parents - Never Lose Hope

“It is a great challenge to raise a family in the darkening mists of our moral environment.

We emphasize that the greatest work you will do will be within the walls of your home (see Harold B. Lee, *Ensign*, July 1973, p. 98), and that “no other success can compensate for failure in the home” (David O. McKay, *Improvement Era*, June 1964, p. 445).

The measure of our success as parents, however, will not rest solely on how our children turn out. That judgment would be just only if we could raise our families in a perfectly moral environment, and that now is not possible.

It is not uncommon for responsible parents to lose one of their children, for a time, to influences over which they have no control. They agonize over rebellious sons or daughters. They are puzzled over why they are so helpless when they have tried so hard to do what they should. It is my conviction that those wicked influences one day will be overruled.”

“The Prophet Joseph Smith declared—and he never taught a more comforting doctrine—that the eternal sealings of faithful parents and the divine promises made to them for valiant service in the Cause of Truth, would save not only themselves, but likewise their posterity. Though some of the sheep may wander, the eye of the Shepherd is upon them, and sooner or later they will feel the tentacles of Divine Providence reaching out after them and drawing them back to the fold. Either in this life or the life to come, they will return. They will have to pay their debt to justice; they will suffer for their sins; and may tread a thorny path; but if it leads them at last, like the penitent Prodigal, to a loving and forgiving father’s heart and home, the painful experience will not have been in vain. Pray for your careless and disobedient children; hold on to them with your faith. Hope on, trust on, till you see the salvation of God.” - Our Moral Environment - Apr 1992



Boyd K Packer

Parents - Never Lose Hope



David A Bednar

”Parents who honor temple covenants are in a position to exert great spiritual influence over time on their children. Faithful members of the Church can find comfort in knowing that they can lay claim to the promises of divine guidance and power, through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and the privileges of the priesthood, in their efforts to help family members receive the blessings of salvation and exaltation.

The “tentacles of Divine Providence” ... may be considered a type of spiritual power, a heavenly pull or tug that entices a wandering child to return to the fold eventually. Such an influence cannot override the moral agency of a child but nonetheless can invite and beckon. Ultimately, a child must exercise his or her moral agency and respond in faith, repent with full purpose of heart, and act in accordance with the teachings of Christ.” - Faithful Parents and Wayward Children - Ensign Mar 2014

Don't Underestimate The Power Of Your Sealing Covenant

Parent Programs

Family Scripture Study

House Chores

Keep Children From Fighting

Eating Healthy Food

Getting to Church on Time

Curing a Bad Habit

Making the Bed



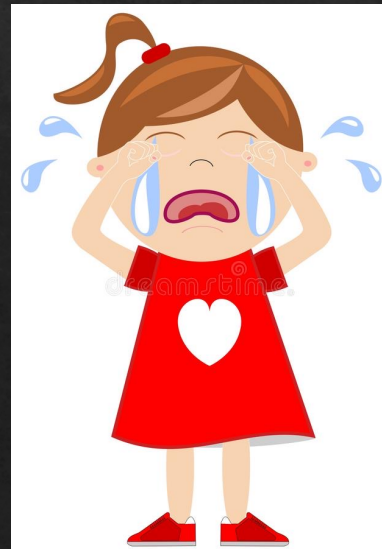
Step 1 - What is the desired outcome?

Step 2 – What are your expectations? What Feelings are Generated inside your temple when your child doesn't follow your program?

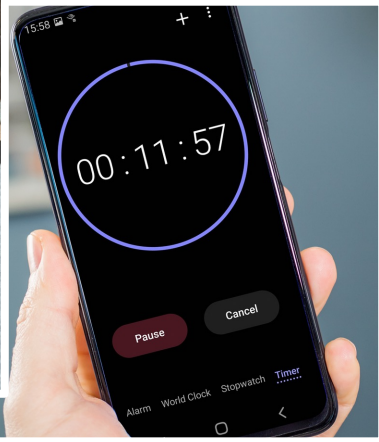
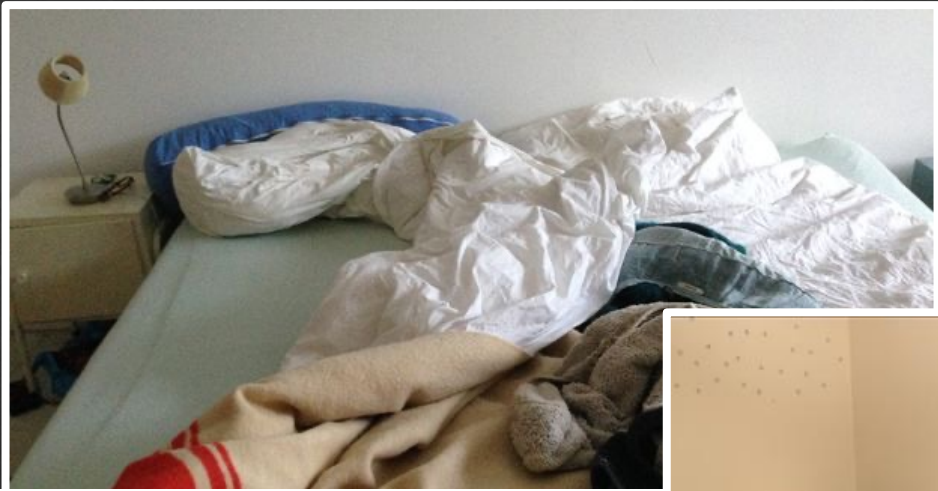
Step 3 – Evaluate what conditions can be set up so it is a Win-Win

Token System

Working for	Points	ABA AM	Working for	Points	ABA AM
15	28	✓ ABA PM ✓	15	38	✓ ABA PM ✓
60	16	✓ ABA PM ✓	15	94	✓ ABA P.L ✓
25	15	✓ ABA PM ✓	15	100	✓ ABA PM ✓
35	20	✓			✓ ABA PM ✓



Making Beds & Fighting



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Seek Personal Revelation for Your Family

“YOU” statements are disowning – you are making the child responsible for your feelings

“I” statements make it so you keep your power of agency



Seed: “I am not in charge of what others Think, Feel & Do

Awake and
Arouse Your
Faculties

“See”

Review

D&C 68:25-28

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Family Proclamation

“Our Moral Environment” -
Packer

“Of Regrets and Resolutions” -
Uchtdorf

“Faithful Parents and Wayward
Children” - Bednar (Ensign)

Exercise a
Particle of
Faith

“Think”

Chose one behavior
in your home that
needs changing and
apply steps outlined
in the lesson

1. Desired
Outcome
2. Change
Expectations
3. Win-Win

Desire to
Believe &
Let the
Desire Work
in You

“Feel”

Pray for
inspiration about
your stewardship
assignments and
look for the
revelations that
will come when
you have removed
the beam from
your own eye

Give Place
For a
Portion of
My Words

“Do”

Search
~

Ponder
~

Pray

Don't Cast
it Out By
Unbelief

Don't do an
overwhelm by trying
to change too many
behaviors all at
once. Let the spirit
guide you and focus
on progress, not
perfection

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