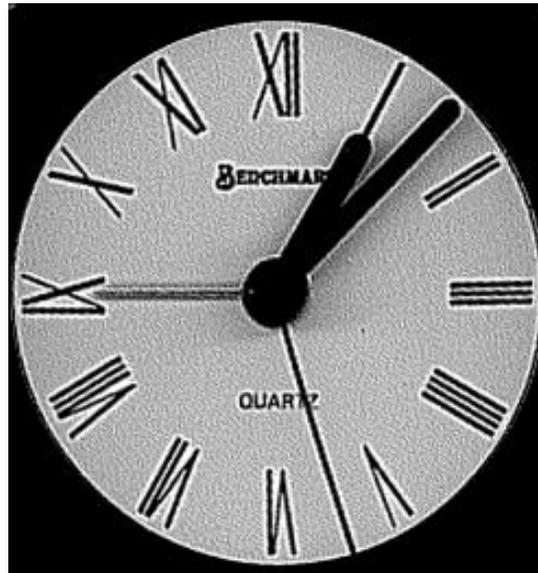


Ward Mission Message #13

SO CLOSE TO THE FORREST WE CAN'T SEE THE TREES

I have had this clock on my desk since 2001. I looked at it every day for over 10 years before I noticed a mistake on it. Can you see the mistake?



Sometimes we are that way in our lives. There are things that we are doing wrong or things we are not doing at all that we would be blessed for if we did them right but we just don't realize it or see that in our lives. Often there are blessings available to us that are right before our eyes but they are hard to recognize. However, if we do not do what is required, we cannot receive the blessings. Here is an example. The Lord promised us we would be "ARMED WITH HIS POWER" when we come forth from the temple.

(D&C 109:22) And we ask thee, Holy Father, that thy servants may go forth from this house armed with thy power, and that thy name may be upon them, and thy glory be round about them, and thine angels have charge over them;

But if we don't go to the temple we cannot receive that blessing in our life. If those we minister to are not attending the temple they too are missing out on this wonderful blessing of angels having charge over them. If our neighbors are not members of the church yet they too miss out on that blessing.

Sometimes, like with the clock, we have to just take a little bit closer look at what we are doing or not doing in our lives to take full advantage of all the promised blessings.

(As for the error on the clock every clock with Roman Numerals uses IIII for the number 4. That is not the symbol for Roman Numeral 4. It should be IV. It has now become acceptable to use IIII to represent 4 on clocks instead of IV. That is likely for ascetic looks and balance. That is why all clocks are set to 10 past 2 when you buy them. It gives them a balanced look. Now you know.)

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