

A 29¢ TWINKIE FAST OFFERING

It is so interesting how some times the Lord teaches us lessons. One time when I was in a stake meeting in Utah, our Stake President announce as a part of his talk on Fast Offerings that the average amount of money contributed by our stake was 29 ¢. To come up with that figure, he of course was taking all the members of the stake and dividing it by the total amount of Fast Offerings donated in our stake. His point being that the Fast Offering donations in our stake were very low.

It just happened that the next day on the way home from work I stopped in at the “DAY OLD BREAD STORE”. It was almost closing time and the shelves were bare. I could not see one loaf of bread anywhere. I proceeded around to the back of the shelves and there on the back side of the shelves was one lone Twinkie. But it was not just any Twinkie. It just happened to be a Twinkie that had been discounted to 29¢. I stood there looking at its price in amazement because of the coincidence of the price being exactly the same as the average Fast Offering donation mentioned in President Weight’s talk. 29¢. As I stood there, I had an impression come into my mind. It was like I heard a little whisper say to me, “There is what your stake members are giving to the poor people for breakfast each morning”. Yes I bought the Twinkie just so I could show it to Janice.

That experience caused us to start studying Fast Offerings and the blessings that come from our donations. In our studies we found this admonition from President Kimball:

I think we should be very generous and give, instead of the amount we saved by our two meals of fasting, perhaps much, much more – ten times more where we are in a position to do it. I know there are some who couldn’t.

President Spencer W. Kimball
Welfare Session
April Conference 1974
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And this significant prophetic promise:

We ought, and we must do better. If we will double our fast offerings, we shall increase our own prosperity, both spiritually and temporally...

President Marion G. Romney
Welfare Meeting
6 March 1974

Here are two other related scriptures we found that have become very meaningful to us as well:

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
Romans 15:1

We took President Romney and President Kimball at their word and we can tell you that from having done that, over the years that prophetic promise have been very literally fulfilled in our lives.

Brother and Sister Vail

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