

Katy 1st Ward Spiritual message #56

HAVING A SPIRITUAL PRISM UNDER OUR THUMB

One day a tourist was walking down the street and saw a man sitting in an overlook painting a picture. Curious as to how oil paintings are made the tourist stopped to watch. He was fascinated by the process of mixing colors to exactly match the colors of the beautiful view before them. As he watched he noticed the painter kept stopping, lifting his thumb for a moment and then continuing to paint. Finally the tourist could not resist asking what the purpose of raising his thumb was. The painter told the tourist that when he started painting, he put all the primary paint colors on his pallet. He said when you start painting it is easy to tell true red or true blue. But as you paint you mix the primary colors to get other colors. As you do that, it gets harder and harder to tell what the true primary colors any more. The painter said that to help him find a true primary color like true red on the pallet, he kept a prism under his thumb. When he needed to know where the true primary color was on his pallet, he lifted his thumb and compared the colored rays of light in the prism rainbow to the paint colors on his pallet. He said that way it is easy to find the true primary color again that I am looking for when I need it.

I have always loved that story. To me that is such a perfect example of our life and how when we start out, right from wrong is not hard to find. But as our life gets more complicated we find more and more colors stop being just black and white and turn to more of gray in our life. To me the temple is like having a prism under our thumb of life. When we wonder about doing something in life, our temple covenants are like the prism under the painters thumb. If we think about our temple covenants when deciding to do something we can easily tell weather doing that would help us stay on the covenant path or deter us from it.

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