

## Katy 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Spiritual Message # 71

### Series of slow leaks in our Spiritual Tires

I think my spiritual messages have been way too long and that makes it hard for people to take the time to read them when we are all so busy. This is my attempt to try to make them short and sweet.

When I was a missionary in Finland, Elder Theodor Burton visited our mission and he had us memorize a very short but meaningful poem:

All the water in the world,  
However hard it tried,  
Could never sink the smallest ship  
Unless it [gets] inside.

And all the evil in the world,  
The blackest kind of sin,  
Can never hurt you the least bit  
Unless you let it in.

Author unknown

People who have lost their testimonies of the church normally find it came over a long period of time not just from one event. Our spiritual wellbeing is like a tire on a car. People seldom fall away by a blowout but a series of slow leaks. If it happens to us, it happens so slowly that there never seems to be a day when we finally say our spiritual tire is getting too low?

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 28:21

And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

There you have it. Just a few short paragraphs. Hope that is better.

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