

Full Time Mission Message #7

Elder / Sister xxxxxx,

We sure that you can see that the experiences you are having on your mission will shape your disposition and character that will form the habits that will shape the rest of your life. That is a good thing. That is why we are here on this earth. We did not come here to prove anything to God. He already knows everything. We came here to learn how to develop our character and disposition. I love the scripture in the Book of Mormon where they said they had no more disposition to do evil, but do good continually. I think that is one of the things that being a full time missionary does. It makes a lifelong imprint on our character to do good.

Mosiah 5:2

And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.

Here is our spiritual message for the month:

SYMBOLISM OF A HAIR BRUSH:

This week we found one of the great treasures of our life recently. When we moved here to Texas we were so sick inside when we realized we had lost this hair brush. Today we found it in one of our medicine boxes.



Yes it is just a hair brush but it has great significance to me. We have had that hair brush for over 30 years. When our two daughters, Leah and Anna, were little girls we must have bought 200 hair brushes. Every Sunday morning it seemed no one could find a hair brush anywhere in the house. Somewhere in Bension, Utah there is this huge pile of lost hair brushes. So I got this bright idea. I had an old parachute from the Army. I cut some of the parachute chord off it. I drilled a hole in the hair brush and tied it to the towel rack in the bathroom with the parachute chord. This was the last hair brush we had to buy for a long time. Why have we kept it all these years? Surely I don't need a hair brush now. I keep it tied to the towel rack in my bathroom because every time I look at it it reminds me of something very important in my life. The hair brush has become symbolic to me of my life, The towel rack is symbolic of Christ, and parachute chord that is attached to the hair brush tying it to the towel rack so it will not get lost is symbolic of the gospel of Christ in my life. As long as the hair brush is anchored to the towel rack with the chord, it never got lost. And even more symbolic now is that once I untied it from the towel rack when we moved, IT DID GET LOST for a while. I love to look at this hair brush every time I go in the bathroom and have it as a constant reminder to me of the importance of the anchoring Gospel of Christ in my life.

That is the very nature of the work you are doing as a missionary. Anchoring people to Christ. Helping them find the gospel in their lives so they will not be lost. I guess the analogy is very similar to the Iron Rod in Lehi's dream. As long as you hold on to the rod you will not be lost.

Keep up the good work. Our faith and prayers are with you always.

Brother and Sister Vail

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