

Full Time Mission Message #13

Elder / Sister xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

When we were in the Army at Ft. Benning Georgia in 1971-72 President Taylor, our stake president, said something that I thought was profound and has helped me set a course for my life. He said, "The Gospel is like a piano. We all have the same piano **BUT WE DON'T ALL PLAY THE SAME MUSIC**".

An interesting thing happened several years ago when my daughter Anna came home from BYU for Christmas. She told me she had been trying to teach her roommate that it was not right to watch bad things on TV and that she should not go to wild dances that lasted most of the night. Then her roommate said to her "I WISH I WAS NOT A MORMON SO I COULD HAVE FUN". Her roommate was very intelligent. She got all A's in school without even studying and was always talking down to Anna, making her feel dumb. Anna said that her roommate always seemed to think she knew everything about everything. Anna pointed out to me that she knew her roommate KNEW what is right but did not LIKE TO LIVE IT. She said she constantly does things on Sunday she should not do. She is not very faithful in callings or the church in general. She likes to go to bar type places to meet boys (that should tell you the rest of the story). Yet Anna said that her roommate knew the doctrine of the church very well. Anna then said something to me that really stunned me. It was one of the "*write that down in your journal*" moments when your children teach you as they so often do. She said, "Dad, I know that I am not as smart as my roommate in school, but now I can see that I am smart in the right things". That is one of the most profound things anyone has ever said to me. **TRULY ANNA IS SMART IN THE RIGHT THINGS**. She not only knows the gospel but tries with all her heart to live it too.

Brother and Sister Vail

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