

Introduction

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“Walking Circumspectly”

Mosiah 11:147

Walking Circumspectly

Thought Exercise:

- Imagine yourself at your best, spiritually
- Compare that to where you are right now
- What do you need to *start* doing?
- What do you need to *stop* doing?
- What's stopping you?

Walking Circumspectly

- Mosiah 11: 146-149
 - Alma regulated the affairs of the church
 - The people prospered in the affairs of the church
 - They walked circumspectly before God
 - Received and baptized many
 - Walking in all diligence
 - Teaching the word of God in all things

Walking Circumspectly

- Mosiah 11: 146-149
 - Suffered afflictions and persecutions
 - Admonished each other (their brethren)
 - Were admonished by the word of God, according to their sins
 - Commanded to pray without ceasing
 - Commanded to give thanks in all things

Walking Circumspectly

Brothers, where are we?

- Alma 12: 1-7
 - Alma 21: 40-43
 - Acts 3: 1-8
 - Matthew 28: 17-19
 - Matthew 23: 11-12; 20-23; 25
- (do those passages describe us?)

The Sons of Mosiah

- Alma 12: 1-7
 - They were still his brethren in the Lord
 - They had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth
 - Men of a sound understanding
 - Searched the scriptures diligently, to know the word of God

The Sons of Mosiah

- Alma 12: 1-7
 - Had given themselves to much prayer and fasting
 - Had the spirit of prophecy and revelation
 - Taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God
 - Many were brought before the altar of God to call upon His name and confess their sins before Him

What About Us?

- Are we...
 - Still brethren in the Lord?
 - Waxing strong in the knowledge of the truth?
 - Men of a sound understanding?
 - Section 43: 4
 - Searching the scriptures diligently to know the word of God?
 - Giving ourselves to much prayer and fasting?

What About Us?

- Are we...
 - Filled with the spirit of prophecy and revelation?
 - Teaching with power and authority, even the power and authority of God?
 - Bringing many to the altar of God, that they may confess their sins before Him?

Captain Moroni

- Alma 21: 41-43
 - The Title of Liberty (in memory of our God, our religion, our freedom and peace, our wives and our children)
 - He girded his armor on
 - He bowed himself to the earth and prayed mightily to God for the blessings of liberty

What About Us?

- Are we...
 - Passionate about the work?
 - Bringing souls unto Christ
 - Establishing the cause of Zion
 - Girding ourselves with the armor of God daily?
 - Bowing ourselves down in mighty prayer on behalf of our families, the church, and the work?
 - Broken-hearted?

Peter and the Lame Man

- Acts 3: 1-8
 - Peter and John on their way to the temple for worship and prayer
 - The lame man at the Beautiful gate, begging for alms
 - Peter heals the lame man through the power of Jesus Christ
 - The lame man immediately receives his strength

What About Us?

- Are we...
 - Constantly in an attitude of worship and prayer?
 - Ready at a moment's notice to respond to the spiritual and temporal needs of the people?
 - Full of the spirit of discernment to know what the situation requires?
 - Ready to give an account and a testimony of the work of Jesus Christ?

The Great Commission

- Matthew 28: 17-19
 - Jesus came and spake to the disciples
 - Jesus has all power over heaven and earth
 - Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost
 - Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you
 - I am with you always

Before We Go On...

A prayer for us to receive any admonition as though it comes from God and not me

The Pharisees

- Matthew 23: 11-12; 20-23; 25
 - They devoured widows houses for money
 - They prayed in order to be seen of men
 - They did not lead people to Christ
 - They were legalistic in their tithings, but forgot the judgment, mercy, and faith
 - They were fake in their righteousness
 - They were full of hypocrisy and iniquity

What About Us?

- Are we...
 - Praying in order to be seen of men or to appear holy and righteous?
 - Leading people to Christ or teaching them our human ways of thinking?
 - Focused on legalism, but forget judgment, mercy, and faith?
 - Fake in our righteousness?
 - Full of hypocrisy and iniquity?

Walking Circumspectly

Where do we go from here?

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- Our relationship with God
- Our families
- Our work in our congregations
- Our work in building up the cause and conditions of Zion
- Our work in bringing souls unto Jesus Christ

Our Relationship With God

- Ephesians 5: 1-16
 - Be followers of God
 - Walk in love
 - Avoid the list of evil things (vs. 3-7,11-12)
 - Awake and arise from the dead !
 - Christ will give us light
 - Walk circumspectly
 - Redeem the time, because the days are evil

Our Relationship With Our Families

- Ephesians 5: 25-28
 - We are the head of our families – the spiritual leaders
 - We are to love our wives as Christ loved the church – a sacrificial love
 - We are to love our wives, even as much as we love ourselves

Our Relationship With Our Families

- Ephesians 6: 1-4
 - Our children are to obey us
 - Are we making it easy for them to obey us, or are we making life miserable for them?
 - Are we bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
 - Are we teaching them about Christ and the principles of the gospel at home?

Our Relationship With Our Congregations

- Ephesians 4: 1-6; 11-14
 - Do we walk in a manner worthy of our callings when we are in our congregations?
 - Do we walk with all lowliness and meekness?
 - Are we forbearing one another in love?
 - Do we endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace?

Our Relationship With Our Congregations

- Ephesians 4: 1-6; 11-14
 - Are we engaged in the local ministry of our congregations with this vision:
 - The perfecting of the saints...
 - The edifying of the body of Christ...
 - To achieve the unity of the faith...
 - To help all come to the knowledge of the Son of God...
 - To help our congregations be stable and secure in the doctrine of Christ?

Our Relationship With Zion

- 2 Nephi 12: 24-41
 - Are we at ease in Zion?
 - Are we stirring up ourselves and the saints that they may be awakened?
 - Are we angry because of the truth of God?
 - Are we built upon the rock?
 - Do we hearken (!) to the precepts of God?
 - Do we lend ear to God's counsel?
 - Do we hearken to the precepts of men?

Our Relationship With Jesus' Work

- Section 22: 23
 - God's work and His glory is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.
- 1 Peter 1: 13-19
 - We are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot

