

RAISING LDS SCHOLARS

A MENTOR MOM © CLASS

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And Christ hath said: If ye will have faith in me ye shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me. Moroni 7:33

If you have been inspired to bring or keep your children home, then it is “expedient in him” that you and your child succeed – so plead for his guidance and help.

3 Keys to Raising LDS Scholars

1 - Remember **ATAP!** Any Time Any Place

2 – Establish Comfort and Familiarity

D&C 88:40 *“For intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence; wisdom receiveth wisdom; truth embraceth truth; virtue loveth virtue; light cleaveth unto light...”*

3 – Light and Truth = Intelligence (see D&C 93:36)

Teaching in the home is becoming increasingly important in today’s world, where the influence of the adversary is so widespread and he is attacking, attempting to erode and destroy the very foundation of our society, even the family. Parents must resolve that teaching in the home is a most sacred and important responsibility. While other institutions..... can assist parents to “train up a child in the way he [or she] should go” ([Proverbs 22:6](#)), ultimately this responsibility rests with parents. It... is parents who have been commanded by the Lord to bring up their children in light and truth (see [D&C 93:40](#)).

-Elder L. Tom Perry

Examples from our family

- Ages of the Patriarchs graph
(another example of ATAP)
- A Song of the Heart CD
Children are never too young to learn from music
Children learning instruments are invited (by Mom!) to play in the primary program
Establishes idea of comfort and familiarity at a young age
- Church History study
Use several different sources and mediums to establish and reinforce what they are learning
 - The History of Joseph Smith by his mother Lucy Mack Smith
 - The History of Joseph Smith by George Q. Cannon
 - Church History DVDs
 - Doctrine and Covenants
 - Church History Institute Manual

Develop a Gospel Library

Suggested selections to get you started:

- Scriptures (for each individual child)
- Readers – a must have for younger children. We have:
 - Book of Mormon reader
 - New Testament reader
 - Old Testament Reader
- LDS Children’s Encyclopedia
- Institute Manuals – an invaluable resource for parents, especially those with inquisitive children. We have:
 - Old Testament Section I & II
 - New Testament
 - Book of Mormon
 - Church History
 - Doctrine and Covenants
 - Pearl of Great Price
- Home and Family Collection Church History DVD

Elder Neil L. Anderson:

We hold in our arms the rising generation. They come to this earth with important responsibilities and great spiritual capacities. We cannot be casual in how we prepare them. Our challenge as parents and teachers is not to create a spiritual core in their souls but rather to fan the flame of their spiritual core already aglow with the fire of their pre-mortal faith.

Food for Thought

“In knowledge there is power,” said the prophet Joseph Smith. “God has more power than all other beings, because he has greater knowledge; and hence He knows how to subject all other beings to him. He has power over all.” (History of the Church, 5:340)

Spencer W Kimball said,

“Secular knowledge, important as it may be, can never save a soul nor open the celestial kingdom nor create a world nor make a man a God, but it can be most helpful to that man who can now bring into play all knowledge to be his tool and servant.....secular [knowledge] without the foundation of the spiritual is but like the foam upon the milk, the fleeting shadow.....can you see that the seminary courses should be given even preferential attention over the high school subjects; the institute over the college course; the study of the scriptures ahead of the study of man-written texts.”

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