

Prayer

"alf• any of you lack bwisdom, let him ask of God, that cgiveth to all men liberally, and dupbraideth• not; and it shall be riven him" (James 1:5)

- 1) Think of the best conversations you have ever had with a friend or a family member. What made them so wonderful?
- 2) What one thing will you do to ensure that you have more meaningful conversations with our Heavenly Father this week?

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, blessed art thou for what thou hast done; for thou hast inquired of me, and behold, as often as thou hast inquired thou hast received instruction of my Spirit. If it had not been so, thou wouldst not have come to the place where thou art at this time.

"Behold, thou knowest that thou hast inquired of me and I did enlighten thy mind; and now I tell thee these things that thou mayest know that thou hast been enlightened by the Spirit of truth" (D&C 6:14-15).

"Answers to prayers come in a quiet way . . . Put difficult questions in the back of your mind and go about your life. Ponder and pray quietly and persistently about them. The answer may not come as a lightning bolt. It may come as a little inspiration here and a little there, 'line upon line, precept upon precept.' Some answers will come from reading the scriptures, some from hearing speakers. And, occasionally, when it is important, some will come by very direct and powerful inspiration. The promptings will be clear and unmistakable"

"In the Church we are not exempt from common sense. You can know to begin with that you won't be prompted from any righteous source to steal, to lie, to cheat, to join anyone in any kind of moral transgression." (Boyd K. Packer, *Conference Report*, Oct. 1979, pp. 28-30).

"Too often people feel that answers to their prayers and their pleading for guidance and direction will be given in dramatic manifestations or through a direct voice giving specific directions from a heavenly host. My personal experience and my observation of the Brethren as they guide and direct the Church and solve problems has taught me that the answers come oftentimes over an extended period of time with almost a natural solution whereby people take actions on the feelings of their hearts—which bring them peace and comfort—rather than through dramatic revelation"

