

# Tempus Fugit

By Robert Turner toward self-improvement.

One need not know Latin to know "time flies;" but awareness of its fleeting nature seems reserved for the older. So we were intrigued by a teaching method introduced into a young people's class in Arkansas. The instructor asked the students to say to themselves, "I am now 20 years older" — and then try to imagine where I will live, how I will look, what will be my circumstances.

After the first wave of foolishness wears away, and the class begins to think as realistically as possible, the teacher leads them to ask, "What kind of wife or husband I want," or, "Will I be capable of handling a good job?" Obviously the youngsters cannot be "matured" instantaneously, but with proper guidance they can get a glimpse of what lays ahead. And when attitudes seem right, the teacher begins to inquire about spiritual goals and relate high ideals, principles of Christ, to the good life here, and to the life hereafter. How do you want your children to behave, and how can you guide them to know what you know? Skillful use of this tactic can produce useful introspection — and seeing ourselves is a tremendous step

Future time can be better realized by comparing it to past time. Looking back, 5 years seems very brief; yet the future 5 years have exactly the same number of hours: only then we will be \_\_\_ years old; and how better prepared to meet our Maker?

I remember telling a girl who was not particularly enthusiastic about finishing school: "Five years from now you could be a widow with two small children to support." It seems ridiculous to youth — but Oh how real it can become, and Oh so soon.

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee. Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (**Ephesians 5:14ff**). "Redeeming the time" is "buying up the opportunity" in footnote. We only have NOW for certain, and what we do NOW will determine our future. So very soon NOW will be our past opportunity.



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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (**Matthew 5:16**)

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## Discipline in the Home

By Irvin Lee



### Thoughts to Ponder

A child becomes an adult when they learn to sacrifice for others, share and help each other. That's maturity in the Lord's eyes.

Children do not have the ability at birth to understand the language of their parents. We all realize this, but we should also understand that these little people do not know the commonly accepted rules of etiquette, nor do they recognize property rights. Each child seems to assume that anything he finds and likes belongs to him. Only gradually does he learn that some things are his and that other things are the property of others. The innocent child does not, of course, have any sense of discernment between what is morally right and what is wrong. Because of parental failure to guide or train the children many young people never come to have a definite code of morals or sensitive consciences to guide them in the way of righteousness.

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oping faith, godliness, and spiritual wisdom as they are of developing physical skills and language skills from people about them. Some parents take an interest in helping their children to develop the ability to earn a living but not much concern to teach them how to live. There are many who are skilled in athletics, music, and in various aspects of business that are as ignorant of spiritual values as the brute beast from the jungle (**2 Pet. 2:12, KJV**). That which is most important is lacking.

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Sunday

Bible Class .....9:30 AM  
Worship .....10:20 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 PM

Ask about our home Bible Study Groups!

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### Classes This Week

**Sunday 5:15**  
Kid's Class at the Building

### Sick

Fran Snyder (Mother of Carla Humphrey)	Lori Holloway	Chick Wade	Sandlyn Fultz (Davis Fultz's Sister)
Gloria Detmer and Carol Dickerson (Toni Herd's Sisters)	Carrie Chavers (Friend of Sharon Bailey)	Jared Nixon	Philip Locke (Jeremiah Johnson's Uncle)
Ross Folmar	Grandparents of Mary Ann Roberts	Joe Perry (Anna Miller's Relative)	Marsha and Lee (Toni Herd's Cousins)
Ed Mort (Friend of Sharon Bailey)	Kenn and Ellen Smith (Ken Sullivan's Parents)	Erlene Davis (Walker Davis' mother)	Mary Smith (Nathan Smith's Grandmother)
Gerald White (Christopher's and Wesley's Father)	Dave Brown (Friend of the Lanier's)	Bill Rhodes (Toni Herd's Uncle)	Mike Reed (Friend of the Long's)
Marty and Aubrey Meeks (Toni Herd's Nephews)	Frank Johnson (Debbi Coleman's Uncle)	Herbert Missildine (Toni Herd's Uncle)	Jo Faust Williams (Manna Jones' friend)

### March Birthdays

- 2 - Maddie Norman
- 2 - Angela Fowler
- 3 - Shawn Oliver
- 4 - David Perry
- 7 - Josh Pender
- 8 - Carmen Herd
- 10 - Parker Godwin
- 10 - Pepper Humphrey
- 12 - Brad Hartsell
- 12 - Daniel Hogeland
- 14 - Tyler Claxton
- 14 - Kaylee West
- 17 - Susan Sullivanne
- 18 - Kenzie Anderson
- 20 - Joy Liu
- 20 - Mary Ann Roberts
- 20 - Jimmy Roberts
- 21 - Carter Hunt
- 24 - Audra Hargett
- 24 - Debbie Johnson
- 24 - Jordon Toombs
- 26 - Jared Burton
- 28 - Shelby Freeman
- 29 - Rachel Stephens
- 30 - Amanda Stephens

### News and Notes

- Paul and Bethany Coulston were married yesterday!
- There are slots available to sign up to prepare the Lord's Supper.
- Let us remember our expectant mothers in our prayers: Anne Morton and Jana Hall.
- Mike and Debbie Johnson's son, Matthew, is deployed overseas. Also David Golden will be deployed soon. Also Tim Morton is in Afghanistan.
- There is a meeting with Bill Hall at Union Springs from March 13-16
- There is a meeting with Ken Chapman in Andalusia - March 13-18.
- Those in special need of prayers at this time: Ed Mort, Erlene Davis and Ola Howie.
- There will be a college class next Sunday Night at Stephen Smith's house.

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Parents must have the respect of their children or they cannot convey the value of their own knowledge and experience to them. Love, instruction, personal attention, and the proper example from parents can go a long way toward obtaining this respect. To make their word authoritative, the chastening rod is recommended by the word of God. This is not physical or mental abuse, but it is not always pleasant to the one who is disciplined or to the one who is administering it. Even the Lord chastens those He loves.

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (**Heb. 12:5-11**).

We may not be able to identify the occasions when the loving heavenly Father is chastening us. Our complaining bitter atti-

tude toward things that are beyond our control will not help. Fortunate children whose fathers love them enough to use the rod at the proper time and in the proper way grow up with special respect for their parents. Those undisciplined children cannot be pleased. No undisciplined child is ever a happy child. He is not self disciplined nor is he pleasant and cooperative in disposition. Is this not true of the unrestrained children you know? Love suggests the use of the rod, but not to the unreasonable point of abuse (**Prov. 13:24; Col. 3:20, 21**). There is the very useful form of discipline that yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness (**Eph. 6:4; Prov. 13:24**).

The punishment the child receives from his parents should be adequate to bring his will into subjection. Impulsively hitting the child may only aggravate the rebellious attitude. Conquer the rebel and be consistent, and there will not need to be a constant running battle. A good man should have his children in subjection with all gravity (**1 Tim. 3:4, 5**). There is some "know how" involved in proper discipline. Children are small for a few years so all parents should develop a skill in the use of effective discipline. Obedience is one of the greatest lessons to be taught, and here is where discipline in the home comes into its place of very great importance. An adult can buffet his own body and bring it into subjection, but a child lacks the depth of understanding to discipline himself, so his parents provide wise and effective discipline until he is trained and mature enough to see the need to control his own fleshly nature.

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## Mormon Usage of the Bible

By Randy S. Reese, Sr.

While reading the report on the 152nd Semi-annual General Conference of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints (Mormons), held on October 2-3, 1982, I began to see some very interesting comparisons.

During the 39 talks given, the Bible was quoted 164 times while the Mormon Doctrine was quoted 128 times, this included three quotations from the Gospel of John (Joseph Smith's Inspired Translation).

The Bible was quoted three times more often than the Book of Mormon, although only 15 books of the New Testament, 14 books of the Old Testament, and 8 books from the Book of Mormon were used.

The most quoted book, of Mormon doctrine was the Doctrine and Covenants quoted 64 times, the least being the book of Abraham once.

The most quoted book of the New Testament was the book of Matthew quoted 34 times also the book of Luke 31 times, the least quoted books were Philippians, Titus, and Revelation.

The most quoted book of the Old Testament was the book of Joshua 12 times and the book of Genesis 7 times. The least quoted was the book of Joel once.

I find their use of the Bible most interesting when considering what Apostle Orson Pratt a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles had to say in the 1850's concerning the Bible and the book of Matthew:

Many Protestants say they take the Bible as their only rule of faith . . . . What evidence have they that the book of Matthew was inspired of God, or any other of the books of the New Testament? The only evidence they have is tradition . . . . Can we rely upon it in its present known corrupted state, as being a faithful record of God's word? . . . What few (manuscripts that, R.R.) have come down to our day have been mutilated, changed and corrupted . . . . Verses and even whole chapters have been added by unknown persons; and we are not certain that all those which we do know were written by inspiration . . . . Who in his right mind, could for a moment, suppose the Bible in its present form to be a per-

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fect guide? Who knows that even one verse of the whole Bible has escaped pollution, so as to convey the same sense now that it did in the original? (Orson Pratt's Works, The Bible Alone An Insufficient Guide, pp. 44-47).

The Apostle Mark E. Peterson one of the speakers at the conference and also a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles had this to say about the reliability of the Bible:

Many insertions were made, some of them 'slanted' for selfish purposes, while at times deliberate falsifications and Fabrications were perpetrated" (As Translated Correctly, p. 4). It is evident then that many of the 'plain and precious' things were omitted from the Bible by failure to choose all of the authentic books for inclusion, and by deliberate changes deletions and forgeries. . . (p. 14, all italics mine R.R.).

After making such a statement he quotes from the books of Matthew and Luke 11 times during his talk. Is he now saying that it is alright to use some of the books of the Bible?

If the Bible is so corrupt why do they persist in quoting from it? Having been a Mormon for eighteen years, I think I can truthfully say that the Mormon church will use any Bible Scripture that will help them when they find it convenient to use it.

I would like to ask any of my Mormon friends who might read this to open their Bible to **2 Peter 1:3**. After reading this Scripture do what the Mormons asked you to do when you joined them, Ask God to open your heart so that you can honestly and earnestly examine the true teaching found in the New Testament, so that you can become a part of the true body of Jesus Christ.

In closing I would like to say I hope that we can successfully teach our friends and neighbors the falseness of Mormonism, before that day described in **Mt. 7:21-23**, When the Lord will say, "I never knew you depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

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