

## Power of the Book of Mormon

### 1. Invitation to Reflection and Meditation

2. "I have always thought that we will do our best work when we get people interested in the Book of Mormon to the point where they will read it. It is then that the Spirit can bear witness of its divinity."

-- *Teachings of the Presidents of the Church* GBH p. 225

3. "I have always believed that if people are really going to learn something, they need more than an explanation; they need an experience. Alma taught that principle as he encouraged experimenting upon the word."

*Virginia H. Pearce, First Counselor, Young Women General Presidency*

*"Ward and Branch Families: Part of Heavenly Father's Plan for Us," October 1993 General Conference*

### 4. Alma 32:27

5. "Each time we encourage others to read the Book of Mormon, we do them a favor." GBH pg. 227

### 6. Lectio divina -- Traditional Christian practice, "Sacred Reading"

Find a place in the sacred text, engage the phrase in 4 different levels of meaning.

1. Narrative (look at the passage in context, understand the place in the narrative – the literal "what happened?")
2. Allegory (what metaphors are hidden in the text? What symbols can we find in the words that are used?)
3. Reflection (How does this passage speak to you in your life today?)
4. Invitation and Inspiration (What action are you going to take? How are you inspired to act, repent, commit, etc., as a result of how you interpret this passage?)

7. "There is nothing we could do of greater importance than to have fortified in our individual lives an unshakable conviction that Jesus is the Christ... And, my brothers and sisters, that is the purpose of the coming forth of this remarkable and wonderful book." GBH pg. 226

8. "When our intent is to hold tight to the word of God, our reading of the scriptures can be just one verse at a time. It's never too late to begin. You can start now."

*Rosemary M. Wixom, Primary General President "Stay On the Path," October 2010 General Conference*

9. "I read all day; eating was a burden, I had no desire for food; sleep was a burden when the night came, for I preferred reading to sleep." Parley P. Pratt, as quoted by GBH on pg. 231

10. "Brothers and sisters, without reservation I promise you that if you will prayerfully read the Book of Mormon, regardless of how many times you previously have read it, there will come into your hearts and added measure of the Spirit of the Lord. There will come a strengthened resolution to walk in obedience to his commandments, and there will come a stronger testimony of the living reality of the Son of God." GBH pg. 233