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## Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 9

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**Abstract:** Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

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*Spiritual Preparation*

Even with the colony fully assembled, and with the brass plates on hand, still there was more instruction needed to prepare this little colony for the journey to the promised land. Lehi was instructed more fully by means of his vision of the tree, the river, and the rod of iron. (See Lesson 8.)

Nephi was strengthened in his faith by the vision he sought and received of the things his father had seen. This vision interpreted for him his father's dream and gave him a foreknowledge of Christ's ministry in the flesh and his future appearance on the land of promise. Furthermore, it permitted Nephi to see the rise and the decline of his own people, the future coming of the Gentiles to the land of promise, and the condition of the people upon that land in the last days when the Lord should bring forth the record to the Gentiles.

The Lord prepared the colony of Lehi spiritually with visions of

striking significance to them. They knew that their new destination was to be a land of promise only so long as they kept the commandments.

The sons of Lehi, and Zoram were married to the daughters of Ishmael. Lehi was commanded of the Lord by night to take his journey unto the wilderness. On the morning of his departure, Lehi found on the ground by his tent door a brass ball with two spindles (the Liahona), a compass which was to point the way through the wilderness.

*Questions on the Lesson*

1. What does the Lord mean by "a time appointed for every man, according as his works shall be?"
2. Why did the Lord want Lehi and his colony to have the brass plates?
3. What characteristics of the members of Lehi's family are highlighted by Nephi's account of these trips back to Jerusalem?
4. Why did the Lord give visions to Lehi and Nephi?

*Visiting Teacher Messages*

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Lesson 9—"Wherefore, Do Not Spend Money for That Which Is of No Worth, Nor Your Labor for That Which Cannot Satisfy" (2 Nephi 9:51).

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Objective: To encourage women to seek after true values in life.

**E**ACH of us is responsible for the wise stewardship of his time and means while here on earth. Each of us will be called to give an accounting of himself to determine

whether or not he has been a worthy and profitable servant. This accounting is in the making each day of our lives.

A phrase sometimes used by

merchants in advertising their wares is, "We give you the most for your money." And a legitimate question for us to ask ourselves is, "Am I getting the most for my money? Am I receiving full value and lasting satisfaction for the effort I expend?" These questions should be of serious concern to Latter-day Saints, for surely what we do with our money, our time, and our energy determines the goal we will achieve.

Is my heart set on acquiring material possessions only? Am I laboring for the perishables of life? Or am I striving also for indestructible treasures which will go on with me into eternity? In this money-mad world it would seem that the chief ambition of many is to accumulate worldly goods, but the Lord distinctly instructed, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

An old French proverb says, "Money is a good servant but a bad master." Money may build or destroy, curse or bless, depending upon the use made of it. If seeking the kingdom of God is the first

concern, then money can help materially in achieving noble ends.

Perhaps we are unaware that some of our ambitions and desires may be leading us to a fruitless end. Perhaps some of our efforts should be rerouted along other lines. Unless we carefully examine our daily schedules, we may squander time and substance on worthless endeavors, or on worldly pleasures which impair body and character. Such conduct cannot truly satisfy.

Upon what, then, may we judiciously spend our money and effort? What are the labors which will satisfy? Endless joys and deep satisfactions come from such endeavors as the wise rearing of a family, development of creative talents in the service of the Lord, missionary activity, temple and genealogical work, kindly ministrations to neighbors and friends, and all forms of Church participation and study.

Supposing today were your last on earth;  
The last mile of the journey you've trod;  
After all your struggles, how much are  
you worth?  
How much can you take home to God?  
(Anon).

## *Work Meeting*—Home Management

(A Course Recommended for Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

### Lesson 1—The Management of My Home

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**B**USINESSES have risen to monumental heights and have fallen to the point of complete disintegration largely because of management. Homemaking today is the largest

single business in operation in the world. In the United States alone there are more than 45,000,000 women engaged in the profession of homemaking. In financial mat-