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Mission letters
Kids moved out
Brothers and sisters
Parents

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No of us can survive in the world today, much less in what it soon will become, without personal revelation." (Boyd K Packer, Gen Conf Oct 1991)

- 1- It's the way we receive our testimonies
- 2- It's the way we have our testimonies reaffirmed
- 3- It's the way we learn divine truths
- 4- It's the way we receive guidance
- 5- It's the way we can receive comfort
- 6- It's the way we receive confirmation

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Study it out in your own mind

"serious reflection", "great uneasiness", "feelings deep", "attended meetings"
 Lord expects us 1- to be active (not passive), 2- use agency, 3- gain experience

JS invested time and effort (2 years)

B. How do we prepare to receive personal revelation?

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 Why study scriptures when seeking revelations?

Ponder and meditate on the scriptures

Can't the Lord just put the answer in our minds?
 Why read daily if we are not searching for an answer?

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 D&C 8:1 How should we ask?

Inquire of the Lord in faith, with honest heart, believing

Most of the revelations in D&C are results of questions
 Describe a prayer being ask in faith. / Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
 Pray vocally, kneeling, offering sincere desires, may face difficulties

D. How do we prepare to receive personal revelation?

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 Why is obedience importance as we seek revelation?

Be obedient and serve God

What happens inside us without obedience?
 Describe a person living in obedience

personal life
family
callings,
sustain leaders

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Be meek and humble

What happens inside us without humility?
 Is it easier to maintain good feelings rather than repair them?

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 Why is it important to focus on things of God?

Focus on things of God, not things of world

How can we free ourselves from worldly concerns and cares?

"Do you get answers to your prayers? If not, perhaps you did not pay the price." (Spencer W Kimball)

"Sometimes you may struggle with a problem and not get an answer, what could be wrong? It may be that you are not doing anything wrong. It may be that you have not done the right things long enough." (Boyd K. Packard)

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