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SUPPLEMENT #4

Elder Richard G. Scott

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“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. Remember, you cannot force spiritual things. Sometimes we are confused simply because we won’t take no for an answer... Put difficult questions in the back of your minds and go about your lives. 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... 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.”

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- 1- learn to speak
 - 2- learn to understand
 - 3- learn about speaker
 - 4- practice practice, practice
 - 5- hard to do unless need

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 Why is it important to understand how the HG communicates?..... What are dangers of expecting more divine manifestations?
- B. D&C 6:15; 11:13-14=** _____ **He enlightens our minds, fills soul with joy**
 In what ways does the spirit enlighten our minds? New ideas, insights, flashes of inspiration, strong feelings, impressions
Supplement #2 Prophet Joseph Smith..... *Can Satan imitate?*
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Supplement #3 Elder Dallin H. Oaks..... *How would you describe this to an investigator?*
- D. D&C 9:7-8=** _____ **He can cause a “burning” within us**
- E. D&C 98:12=** _____ **He reveals “line upon line, precept upon precept”, not all at once**
Supplement #4 Elder Richard G. Scott *We receive more revelation as we are prepared to receive it.*

>Before meeting JS, OC stayed with JS's parents
 >received assurance of JS's divine calling
 >Traveled to Harmony and served as scribe
 >Soon after, OC desired “further witness”

Shanna=Look outward vs inward

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The spirit will not make our decisions, but will help finalize them.

New bishop prayer and answer / memory returns when ask since then

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