

# I am Responsible for My Own Learning

**Dec. 31st to Jan. 6th**

# Tuesday January 1st, 2019

“What seek ye?” Jesus asked his disciples (John 1:38). You should ask yourself the same question, because what you WANT to get out of your scripture study will determine what you DO get out of your scripture study.

We learn best from the Savior when we strive to understand what He taught. One example is forgiveness. Today read Matthew [6:14-15](#); [18:21-35](#). Write down the lesson Jesus teaches about forgiveness in your study journal.

*The Extra Mile: Think of a time you made a huge mistake. How did you repent? What did you feel when the person you wronged forgave you? Write about it in your study journal.*

## Wednesday January 2nd, 2019

Another great way to learn about something is to look at Jesus Christ's life and see what He did. Try this with the principle of forgiveness. Read Luke [23:33-34](#). How did the Savior forgive? What can you learn from Him? How can you be more forgiving like Jesus was? Write about it in your study journal. Set one specific forgiveness goal. Who can you forgive? What do you need to do for your heal from the hurt?

*The Extra Mile: Read other accounts of the Savior's trial and crucifixion in [Matthew 27: 39-43](#) and [John 18:19-23](#). How did Christ show a forgiving heart even in the middle of the most difficult times of His life? Are there ways we can do this too?*

# Thursday January 3rd, 2019

Elder David A. Bednar taught: “As learners, **you and I are to act and be doers of the word** and not simply hearers who are only acted upon. Are you and I agents who act and seek learning by faith, or are we waiting to be taught and acted upon? ... A learner exercising agency by acting in accordance with correct principles opens his or her heart to the Holy Ghost and invites His teaching, testifying power, and confirming witness. Learning by faith requires spiritual, mental, and physical exertion and not just passive reception.” (emphasis added)

What does it mean to be responsible for your own learning? Read [John 7:17](#) and [James 1:5-6, 22](#). Write down your definition of being a responsible learner in your study journal.

*The Extra Mile: Read [Saints Volume One chapters one and two](#). How did the members of the Smith family, especially the parents and Joseph Jr., take action to be responsible learners?*

# Friday January 4th, 2019

Learn about the Five Wise Virgins in [Matthew 25:1-13](#). Watch [this video](#) about the story of the 10 virgins (and try not to giggle at the 90s style music and clothes!). This teaches us about what we need to do to be spiritually prepared and gain a testimony. How can YOU gain a testimony or make yours stronger? Read [Luke 11:9-13](#), [John 5:39](#), and [1 Corinthians 2:9-11](#). Write down three ways you can work on your testimony in your study journal.

*The Extra Mile: Write in your study journal about previous experiences that your testimony was strengthened. Is there one you can share with your family when you study together?*

# Saturday January 5th, 2019

What should I do when I have spiritual questions? Here's one process that helps a lot of people:

1. *Seek understanding through divinely appointed sources.* God is the source of all truth, and He reveals truth through the Holy Ghost, the scriptures, and His prophets and apostles.
2. *Act in faith.* If answers don't come right away, trust that the Lord will reveal answers when the time is right. In the meantime, keep living by the truth you already know.
3. *Keep an eternal perspective.* Try to see things as the Lord sees them, not as the world does. View your questions in the context of our Heavenly Father's plan of salvation.

Write down these steps in your study journal. *The Extra Mile: Can you think of a time you've worked through a difficult spiritual question? Write it down. Consider sharing it with your family.*

# Sunday January 6th, 2019

Family scripture study day!

Take time to let anyone share any thoughts from their study journals that they'd like to share.

Consider reading [Matthew 13:1-23](#) and planting actual seeds in the different types of ground described. Have your family speculate on what kinds of growth they'll see. Which seeds will have the easiest time? What would it take to make the difficult ground more like the easier ground?

*The Extra Mile: Talk about how your home is good and not-so-good ground. What can you do to make it better ground?*