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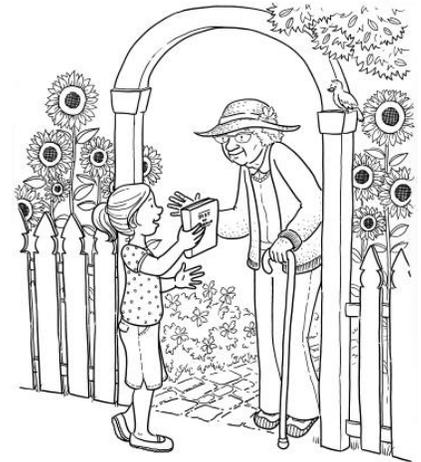
Can happiness be bought with \$15?
No, it can't. Deep and lasting happiness comes by intentionally and carefully living the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CAN OTHERS EASILY SEE HIS IMAGE IN OUR COUNTEenance AND KNOW WHO WE REPRESENT BY THE WAY WE CAREFULLY CONDUCT OUR LIVES?

As a covenant people, we are not meant to blend in with the rest of the world.

We have been called "a peculiar people"
—what a compliment!

As the influences of the world increasingly embrace the evil, we must strive with all diligence to stay firmly on the path that leads us safely to our Savior, widening the distance between our covenant living and worldly influences.



We do not lower our standards to fit in or to make someone else feel comfortable. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, and as such we are about ELEVATING others, LIFTING them to a higher, holier place where they too can reap greater blessings.

There is a careful way and a casual way to do everything, including living the gospel. As we consider our commitment to the Savior, are we careful or casual? Because of our mortal nature, don't we sometimes rationalize our behavior, at times referring to our actions as being in *the gray*, or mixing good with something that's not so good? Anytime we say, "however," "except," or "but" when it applies to following the counsel of our prophet leaders or living the gospel carefully, we are in fact saying, "That counsel does not apply to me." We can rationalize all we want, but the fact is,

there is not a right way to do the wrong thing!

It's impossible to live a perfect life. Only one man was able to live perfectly while dwelling on this celestial planet. That was Jesus Christ. Although we may not be perfect, brothers and sisters, we can be worthy: **worthy** to partake of the sacrament, **worthy** of temple blessings, and **worthy** to receive personal revelation.

