

## GOSPEL STANDARDS STUDY GUIDE

Standards are rules or guidelines given to help you measure your conduct. Why has the Lord given standards? He wants all his children to return to live with him one day. However, he knows that only those who are worthy will be able to live with him. Standards help you know how well you are preparing to live with your Father in Heaven. Your entire lives on earth are intended to give you the opportunity to learn to choose good over evil, service over selfishness, kindness and thoughtfulness over self-indulgence and personal gratification. By comparing your behavior and thoughts with your Father's standards, you are in a better position to govern yourselves and make the right choices. God's commandments (standards) are constant, unwavering, and dependable. As you adhere to them, you will receive countless blessings from heaven—including the gift of eternal life. (For the Strength of Youth, pg. 6)

13<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith: I believe in being honest, true, \_\_\_\_\_, benevolent, \_\_\_\_\_, and in doing good to all men; indeed, I may say that I \_\_\_\_\_ the admonition of Paul—I \_\_\_\_\_ all things, I \_\_\_\_\_ all things, I have \_\_\_\_\_ many things, and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, \_\_\_\_\_, or of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ these things.

When we feel the closeness to God that comes with keeping His standards we do not want to do anything to offend Him. Joseph's example in resisting Potiphar's wife shows this truth. He said, "How then can I do this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_?" (Genesis 39:9)

If we seek to obey the standards, requirements, and commandments which are included in God's plan, we have this promise in (John 7:16-17) "If any \_\_\_\_\_ will do \_\_\_\_\_, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ whether it be \_\_\_\_\_, or whether I speak of \_\_\_\_\_." WE WILL KNOW THEY ARE TRUE!

If we do our best to make right choices & repent of our mistakes & sins we eventually will experience this: (Alma 5:12) "And according to his \_\_\_\_\_ there was a \_\_\_\_\_ wrought in his \_\_\_\_\_." At this point, standards are no longer a source of irritation or even something we reluctantly tolerate. Instead, they become our friends, and we appreciate & embrace them.

Young people who are becoming truly converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ, know by the Spirit that "...the \_\_\_\_\_ cannot look \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ degree of \_\_\_\_\_." (Alma 45:16) and they strive to avoid sin in all its forms.

President Hinckley's 6 B's are:

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Alma told his son Corianton, "\_\_\_\_\_ never was \_\_\_\_\_." (Alma 41:19)

"Put on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the wiles of the devil. For we \_\_\_\_\_ against principalities, against \_\_\_\_\_, against the rulers of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, against spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in high places. Wherefore take unto you the \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ in the evil day, and having done all, to \_\_\_\_\_. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with \_\_\_\_\_, and having on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; And your \_\_\_\_\_ shod with the preparation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; Above all take the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, wherewith ye shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the word of God: (Ephesians 6:11-17)

(Matthew 15:11, 18) "Not that which goeth \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth defileth a man; but that which \_\_\_\_\_ of the mouth, this \_\_\_\_\_ a man. But those things which \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ come forth from the \_\_\_\_\_; and they defile the man. In other words...Our words and external expressions are not neutral, for they reflect both who we are and shape who we are becoming.

(1 Peter 1:15) "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye \_\_\_\_\_ in all \_\_\_\_\_";

MATCH THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE WITH THE CORRECT GOSPEL STANDARD

D&C 97:15	Keep baptismal covenants
John 5:39	Seek good friends
Exodus 20:8	Listen to good music
Mosiah 18:10	Do not swear
D&C 51:9	Listen to the Holy Ghost
D&C 121:9	Keep Sabbath day Holy
D&C 58:42	Dress modestly
1 Corinthians 3:16-17	Be honest
1 Timothy 2:9	Be Worthy to go to the temple
Exodus 20:7	Search the scriptures
D&C 136:28	Read good books
D&C 88:118	Repent if needed
Joshua 24:15	Stay morally clean
D&C 84:88	Choose the Right

"There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time as there is of us...each day we personally make many decisions that show where our support will go. The final outcome is certain - the forces of righteousness will finally win. What remains to be seen is where each of us personally, now and in the future, will stand in this fight - and how tall we will stand."  
Ezra Taft Benson

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