

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

Why do missionaries hide their companion's disobedience?

1. They themselves are disobedient, so they don't care if their companion is also disobedient.
2. "That is their choice and their mission. I will only control my mission."
3. Fear of not having unity in the companionship, or fear of not getting along with their companion.
4. Fear that they will be the gossip topic and "Everyone" (the 30 missionaries) will not like them because they "reported" their companion.
5. They don't truly love God, therefore they don't truly love their companion.

Why should we help our companion?

- We are stewards of our companions, and we will give an account of our stewardship at the last day. (D&C 72:3-4)
- Their sins will be on our heads if we don't help them and we hide it. (Ezekiel 33:6-8 & Jacob 1:19)
- We are given stewardship of things according to our ability (like our companion). If we help improve the things, we have stewardship of, we will be blessed. If we do nothing and we do not improve them, then we will be hewn down. (Matt 25:14-30 The Parable of Talents)
- We won't have the spirit in our companionship; thus we will not have true unity.
- If we bring someone to the feet of Christ, then we too will end up at the feet of Christ.

Do we fear God or Man?

- "Perfect love casteth out fear". (1 John 4:17-18 & Moroni 8:16) If we have a perfect or true love for God, then we won't fear Man.
- Joseph Smith gave the 116 pages to Martin Harris after Martin begged Joseph for the Pages 3 times. God told Joseph not to give them to him. However, because Joseph "feared man" and wanted to please Martin, he kept asking. Finally on the 3rd time God told Joseph to do what he wants and give them to Martin. The pages became lost. The gold plates were taken back, Joseph did not Translate for 9 months, and Martin Harris later left the church and was Excommunicated before he finally repented and came back to the church. (D&C 3)

How do we help our companion when they are struggling?

- Be **Bold**
- Set the example yourself.
- Companionship Inventory
- Be humble and confess your weakness as well
- When your companion still does not change, then seek help from the district leader, Zone Leaders, Assistants, or the Mission President (However, you always have a straight line to any of these leaders as needed)