

## My thoughts #41

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I had a nice week. My sister came to Florida for a visit with her children. They have not had the experiences of fishing like this, so it was a lot of fun. Gratefully on the last night they were here the weather permitted bully netting... my fun!

My sister Jennifer has a unique way of smiling. She doesn't show her teeth. Somewhere as a child she thought she didn't have pretty teeth so all pictures only have a faint thought that she is having fun...lol

Interestingly enough, all of her children smile the same way. One day we took all the kids out fishing. The bite was amazing and we caught fish after fish. The kids had a lot of fun. Each time I pulled out the camera to take a picture, the excitement immediately left their faces and they "smiled." Here is a group picture on this super fun day!



Jennifer with 4 of her children. Ian, Claire, Kate and Emmett

I kept thinking about this all week as I continued to take pictures. There are so many things that we teach our children without ever knowing that they are watching us and following what we do. While that can be a smile it can also be the example we set as disciples of Jesus Christ. While my sister has taught her children to “smile” she also has taught them who our Savior is through her dedicated example. She is a wonderful example of humility. She knows how to work hard and be productive with her time. She has taught her children to follow the Savior.

President Ezra Taft Benson, a former prophet said “The proper example is all important. Let us be what we profess to be.”

Jesus is the perfect example for us. All of the answers to our problems can be found in examples He has set. These examples are available to us in the scriptures.

An example of service...

### **New Testament**

John 13:14-15

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

An example of baptism...

### **Book of Mormon**

2 Nephi 31:8-9

8 Wherefore, after he was baptized with water the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove.

9 And again, it sheweth unto the children of men the straitness of the path, and the narrowness of the gate, by which they should enter, he having set the example before them.

I hope that we can always be aware of the example we are setting to those around us. I hope that if we ever wonder what example we should set, that we turn to the scriptures and find the examples we need from our Savior. I love Him.

With love,  
Leslie





Too Much Fun.....lol.

Ian

