



# Follow the Signs

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**T**here is a battle taking place in the lives of young [people] today. In simple terms, it is the struggle between doing right or doing wrong.

Our journey through mortality will at times place us in harm's way. Is there a road map to safety? Are there those to

whom we can look for help? May I offer to you six road signs which, when observed and followed, will guide you to safety. They are:

1. *Choose good friends.*
2. *Seek parental guidance.*
3. *Study the gospel.*
4. *Obey the commandments.*
5. *Serve with love.*
6. *Pray with purpose.*

1. *Choose good friends.* Friends help to determine your future. You will tend to be like them and to be found where they choose to go. Remember, the path we follow in this life leads to the path we follow in the next. The friends you choose will either help or hinder your success.

2. *Seek parental guidance.* Your mother, your father, your family all love you and pray for your eternal happiness.

3. *Study the gospel.* Develop a yearning to know the Lord, to understand His commandments, and to follow Him. Then shadows of despair are dispelled by rays of hope, sorrow yields to joy, and the feeling of being lost in the crowd of life vanishes with the certain knowledge that our Heavenly Father is mindful of each of us.

4. *Obey the commandments.* Make up your mind to serve God. Learn His word and follow it.

5. *Serve with love.* Jesus was the epitome of service. It was said of Him that He "went about doing good." (See Acts 10:38.) Do we do likewise?

6. *Pray with purpose.* With God, all things are possible. Remember the prayer of the Prophet Joseph, offered in that grove called sacred. Look around you and see the result of that answered prayer. Prayer is the provider of spiritual strength. Prayer is the passport to peace.

Chart your course, be cautious, and follow the safety measures outlined. In so doing, we will sail safely the seas of life and arrive at home port—even the celestial kingdom of God. ●

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