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## Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 15

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**Abstract:** Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

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# Visiting Teacher Messages

## Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 15—"For They Who Are Not for Me Are Against Me, Saith Our God" (2 Nephi 10:16).

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Objective: To stress the necessity of giving support to the work of the Lord.

**T**HIS scripture quotation makes a very definite line of demarcation between those who are for the Lord and those who are against him. This may seem a rather arbitrary line to draw, but in the final analysis it resolves into just that situation. One's status is either for the Lord or against him. If we are for him, we are actively engaged in contributing to the building up of his kingdom, keeping his commandments, and supporting his work. If we are cold or indifferent, we are impeding the progress of his work and are, therefore, against him.

In the vision given to John the Revelator, the words of the Lord are recorded as follows:

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth (Rev. 3:15-16).

In preaching the gospel, missionaries usually find that those people who are indifferent to religion are the least likely to be converted. When there is active interest of any kind, either in favor of, or against the principles of the Church, there is some foundation to build

upon, some starting point; but an indifferent attitude offers no point of contact whatever. If we are for anything, we support it; and we are loyal to its doctrine, willing to defend it, and accept it in its entirety.

Christ said in the sermon on the mount:

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon (Matt. 6:24).

Our allegiance is either to God or to worldly ambitions. In Matthew 6:21, we read: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

In the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord gives us this counsel: "Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness" (See D. & C. 58:27). Thus we may show our allegiance to our God.

To be truly happy, we must say, as did Joshua of old, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).