

Mormonism Online: In Your Own Words

Questioning Recent Barriers to Our Gospel

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Our Lord’s Church has always been a missionary church, and our young men and women bravely take up the call of His mission each year and travel to strange parts of the world. For two years our disciples set aside school, work, and familiar relationships in order to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. They devote themselves full-time to studying, meeting people, and teaching His restored Church.

This work is a labor of love and a gift of service, which is why it pains me to hear recent reactions from our returning youth. It’s been brought to my attention that the tales of negative and filthy CarpetDiem doormats telling disciples to “**** off,” first heard about last year in Denver, have become commonplace across this country. What this necessitates is a change in attitude.

I want to implore our youth preparing this year to not lose hope. May you linger a little longer at doorways, reflect positivity as you look out and not down, and see the best in this situation with grace, light, and humor. What is before you is but a temporary threshold and an opportunity for connection beyond it. See in the doormat not a barrier to our gospel but a chance to rise to this higher calling.