

| SLIDE | NOTES  |
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| 1     | <b>TITLE</b>   |
| 2     | <p><b>3 E's, 3 A's</b></p> <p>* Here are our eight gospel primacy issues, displayed in their respective philosophical branch (Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Ethics).</p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> The ones in green in theological language we call the 3 E's of Eternalism: Eternal Laws, Eternal Truths, and Eternal Lives.<br/>           * We can sum up these three E's with the word <b>LAWFULNESS</b>.</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> The ones in red in theological language we call the 3 A's of the Apostasy: Absolutism of God. Absolutism of Faith, Absolutism of Others<br/>           * We can sum up these three A's with the word <b>WILLFULNESS</b>.</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> Notice that these primacy issues are exactly opposite of each other, like buckets flipped in opposite directions.<br/>           * A strong testimony and proper understanding of the latter-day Restoration presupposes an equally strong testimony and proper understanding of the Great Apostasy, because they are two sides of the same prophetic coin.</p> <p><b>Anim4:</b> Some of us may incorrectly forget that the apostasy didn't go away when the restoration came along.<br/>           * The Apostasy and The Restoration are actually more like railroad track running parallel to each other.</p> |
| 3     | <p><b>TRACK</b></p> <p>* Even many Latter-day Saints either start out on the wrong primacy issue track thinking their path is clear, or unknowingly jump to the wrong track at various crossings because their primacy issues are mixed up (what we will discuss as "MIXED PREMISES" in a coming module).</p> <p><b>Anim:</b> The tracks end up at very different destinations, and the Apostasy often creeps in among us at times. Only conscious effort to understand these primacy issues can keep us on the right track.<br/>           * In coming Modules, we are going to take each of these Primacy Issues (one by one), fix the track, remove obstacles, get back on track again, and show which track really is the disaster.</p>  |
| 4     | <p><b>BUCKET</b></p> <p>The restored gospel changes everything.<br/> <b>Quote:</b> Richard N. Williams<br/>           The words of Isaiah refer to influential people in our day dismissing the restored gospel of Jesus Christ as being beneath their notice. Potter's clay, in scriptural terms is worthless.</p> <p><b>Anim:</b> We here introduce a new tool...a bucket.<br/> <b>Q: Is turning things upside down a good thing or bad thing?</b></p>   |
| 5     | <p><b>Q: Was Christ turning things upside down perceived as a good thing or a bad thing?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> The Jews held that the sabbath had primacy over everything. Christ came along and flipped it giving primacy to Man.</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> In order to accept Christ, the Jews would have to flip it too (shed a sacred cow) in order to know the truth. Flipping it, fixed it.</p> <p><b>Q: What happens if you get the primacy of this issue wrong?</b><br/>           You become a scribe or Pharisee perverting the spirit of the law, replacing it with "dead" practices.</p>   |

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| 6 | <p><b>Q: Was Joseph Smith turning things upside down perceived as a good thing or a bad thing?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1: Quote:</b> Joseph Smith</p> <p><b>Q: What does this statement mean?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* If he was laying a new foundation, that means there was no existing foundation that would do.</li> <li>* You don't revolutionize the whole world without revolutionizing the whole world.</li> <li>* What we're talking about here is not the mere tinkering around on the fringes of civilization but the outright repudiation of the moral, spiritual and political foundations of western civilization. This means its social, philosophical and intellectual foundations as well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anim2: Quote:</b> Joseph Fielding McConkie</p> <p>The history of the world is a long and continuous series of apostasies and restorations leading up to this last and final dispensation of the fullness of times in our own day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Each apostasy and restoration consists of the "turning of things upside down" in order to turn things "right-side up."</li> </ul> <p><b>Anim3: Quote:</b> President Brigham Young</p>   |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* You now have this tool in your toolbox... I personally have come to realize how helpful this tool is. If I am hearing things and am confused, it is often clarifying to stop and ask "What is the world teaching? What is the apostasy teaching?" and that is a pretty good indicator that the restored gospel is going to counsel the opposite.</li> <li>* People don't like their buckets getting flipped. They want "hands off" their sacred cows. Imagine an Elephant sitting on top of each bucket you are trying to flip. Initially it makes the elephant very angry.</li> <li>* The traditional world religions (Judaism, Islam, Christianity) don't hesitate in their opposite primacy perspective to ours... They would be disgusted that we would even stop to consider a perspective of Reality over God, Reason over Faith, Self over Others and so on.</li> </ul>  |
| 8 | <p><b>FINAL CAUTION</b></p> <p><b>Q: Does preaching the gospel bring peace or conflict?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1: Quote:</b> Jesus</p> <p><b>Q: What is the message Christ is conveying here?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Jesus knew he would have to pay the price with his life as he fought to flip a huge weight of error. Jesus knew that what he was going to say would be very divisive.</li> <li>* Joseph Smith, likewise, set out to turn the world right-side up in our day. He and his brother Hyrum were martyred as a consequence.</li> <li>* These Gospel primacy issues are not something to be taken lightly. These primacy issues are not "minor things" such as "Cart before Horse" or "Socks before Shoes". They are some of the very reasons for the restoration.</li> <li>* The implications of flipping these primacy issues are dramatic. When they first got flipped by Joseph Smith think mobs, massacres, martyred prophets, and pioneer deaths crossing the plains pulling a handcart escape those who don't like their buckets getting flipped.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anim2:</b> Think of passing off the truth as a hand grenade with the pin pulled. If you do it carelessly it has the potential to blow up.</p> <p><b>Anim3: Quote:</b> Joseph Fielding McConkie</p> <p>Learning the gospel may bring inner peace, but preaching it naturally generates conflict.</p> |
| 9 | <p>Questions? Rating?</p>  |