



FROM THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL

Resist Evil Influences

As a young missionary serving in the Central States Mission, Elder Kimball was traveling on a train to Chicago, Illinois, when a man approached him.

It was a vulgar book filled with obscene pictures. Spencer wouldn't touch it.

The man tried a different approach.

Come into the city with me. I'll show you where you can have a good time.

Hey there, young fellow. I have a book that I think you'll like.

You are wrong, sir. That book does not appeal to me.

Absolutely not. I am a representative of Jesus Christ, and I will not follow where you go.



The man realized that the young missionary was in earnest and finally left him alone. Spencer recorded in his journal that he could feel himself blush for an hour.

Oh, how hard Satan, through his imps, tries to lead young people astray.

I thank the Lord that I had the power to resist.

Later, as the prophet, President Spencer W. Kimball spoke about resisting evil.

The fight against Satan and his forces is not a little skirmish with a half-willed antagonist, but a battle royal with an enemy so powerful, entrenched, and organized that we are likely to be vanquished if we are not strong, well trained, and watchful.

