

## GEE, I'M POOPED!

There's a story I remember about a man who use to serve in the Stake Presidency when I was a teenager in Southern California. He was a very faithful servant of our Heavenly Father. He developed cancer and it was not long before it took his life.

While literally on his death bed he called his family to him and was able to impart some fatherly advice and share his testimony with those he so dearly loved. The story goes that he said what the family thought were his last words and laid back down and died. A minute or so later they were all surprised when he sat up in bed and said, "gee, I'm pooped". As soon as he said that he laid back down for good, never to awake till the ressurection.

I have often reflected on that story and thought how much we should be like this good brother when it comes time for us to leave this mortal existence. When we leave we should be exhausted in doing good and striving to build the kingdom of our Heavenly Father. I hope we all can say that we worked as hard as we could to spread the gospel, feed the hungry, complete our home teaching, take care of the sick, befriend those that had no friends, etc. We need to be dead tired in living the gospel and consecrating our all to building the kingdom.

I believe that our Heavenly Father is very fair and just. I believe that he will allow us to receive a reward that is proportionate to what we have done in this life to promote good and build His kingdom. Therefore, if we are going to inherit Eternal Life, which is the greatest gift God can give, I believe it is going to take our 110% effort - everything we can possibly do to qualify for such a magnificent reward.

Let's all recommit ourselves to obeying the commandments and dedicating ourselves to building the kingdom, so, that when we check out of this life we can honestly say, "gee, I'm pooped".