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## More thoughts on the WHY of receiving an Institute Diploma:

Follow the link for a short, powerful clip from Elder Clark of why graduating from institute is important.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8ko4s34>

No, the diploma is not essential to your eternal salvation, but a diploma DOES show:

- Your desire to be obedient, diligent, and hard working
- The completion of a systematic, extensive study of the gospel
- Your readiness to be leaders and to help prepare others for the Savior's Return

Do you have a patriarchal blessing? A missionary nametag? A young women's medallion? Scouting awards? These are examples of records and reminders of hard work, sacrifice, spiritual moments, and dedication. This is what a diploma is – a record and reminder of your work, your sacrifice, your spiritual moments, and your dedication. If you are going to put in the work, you are going to get more out of it, and why not celebrate that with a reminder? Don't leave a goal undone!

As Elder Clark said, graduating from Institute will solidify your gospel understanding, deepen your testimony and commitment to the Lord, and help you know and love Jesus Christ. The Lord needs people ready to lead, who know and study the gospel. This is a step of preparation for those willing to accept it, and He will use those who have prepared themselves.

We hope you will seriously consider earning a diploma but encourage you to join us here regardless!