

Doctrinal Mastery: 2 Nephi 2:27

We Are Free to Choose Through the Great Mediator

In a previous lesson, “2 Nephi 2:26–30,” you learned that we are free to choose liberty and eternal life through Jesus Christ. This lesson can help you memorize the doctrinal mastery reference and key scripture phrase for [2 Nephi 2:27](#), explain the doctrine, and apply principles of acquiring spiritual knowledge in real-life situations.

Memorize and explain

Read [2 Nephi 2:27](#) and draw a picture (in the space below) that helps you visualize the meaning of the key scripture phrase: “They are free to choose liberty and eternal life ... or ... captivity and death.” Include the key phrase on your drawing to help you memorize it.

Next, write on your drawing what it means that **we are free to choose liberty and eternal life through Jesus Christ, or to choose captivity and death**. Include what this verse means to you personally and how it can help you better follow Jesus Christ.

Finally, while looking at the picture, repeat the scripture reference and key scripture phrase until you know them from memory.

Consider placing your drawing where you will see it frequently for the next few days and practice saying the reference and key scripture phrase each time you notice it.

Practice application

To review the principles of acquiring spiritual knowledge, see if you can remember what each of the three principles are. Then see if you can match the following phrases with the correct principle. (Use [paragraphs 5–12](#) in the “Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge” section of the *Doctrinal Mastery Core Document* [2023] to check your accuracy.)

- “Protect us from misinformation and from those who seek to destroy faith” _____
- “View ideas based on the Lord’s standard of truth rather than accepting the world’s premises or assumptions” _____
- “Rely on the testimony that we already have” _____

Read the following scenario and think about how the principles of acquiring spiritual knowledge could be applied by Ivan.

Act in faith

- If Ivan were to start questioning his decision to walk away from spiritually dangerous situations, what might you share with him from [paragraphs 5–7](#)? Why?

Seek further understanding through divinely appointed sources

- What sources mentioned in [paragraph 11](#) do you think would be most helpful to Ivan?

- How could the truths in [2 Nephi 2:27](#) to help him?
