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## First Vision accounts

Although there are many of them, it is an awesome resource to view and acknowledge that God gives us revelation so that we may be able to share it with others. Occasionally some revelation is shared in parts. All accounts of the first vision are a testament to me that Joseph shared with others what they needed to hear in the time that they needed to hear things.

Why so many accounts that don't match up?

The accounts were given at different times in different locations to different people.

It would seem more fake if it were the same exact story or words everytime Joseph shared this vision rather than if it were a little different every time he told it, because he is human, not a robot or perfect being.

Why didn't he write his account of the first vision sooner?

Not many 14 year old boys write in their journals

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## Fruits of the spirit

The important part of all of this is if we follow the spirit and pray to know the truth of the first visions and we may know by the power of the Holy Ghost.

To know if it is the holy ghost we must follow and recognize the fruits of the spirit.

How can the first vision story be similar or familiar to my own conversion?

The first vision was the pivot point in the restoration and more similar our personal conversion and how when we receive that answer to our prayers and gain that testimony is our personal pivot point!

My favorite part about the whole story of the first vision in Joseph Smith history is when Joseph first reads James 1:5 and he says that no other verse or words touched his soul as much as this one verse did. This leads me to believe that James was 100% aware of the importance of his words and that verse.

