

*Commandments
from the
Scriptures*

Second Edition

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Preface to the Second Edition

More than 30 years have passed since the first printing of 2,000 copies of this booklet *Commandments from the Scriptures*. Subsequently, the booklet had three more printings of 2,000 copies each. The fourth and last printing was in 1990.

In the fall of 2013 during the same week, two people contacted me about the availability of this booklet. One was an acquaintance from years ago, and the other I didn't know. One of them was looking for at least 30 copies because, as she related to me, she used them in her junior high classes at reunions and camps, usually giving each child a copy. Unfortunately, I only had a couple left, but I told them—since this booklet had been a women's department activity—that I would talk with the current women's leader about a possible reprinting.

Pat Chadwick, the women's leader in 2013 at the Church of Jesus Christ, Oak Grove Restoration Branch, agreed that we should move ahead to reprint the booklet. Sheila Lidberg, the only remaining member at Oak Grove who was part of the original committee, was consulted, and she also approved.

This new edition *is not simply a reprint of the original*. It has been expanded, revised, and rearranged.

As stated in the original edition, not all the commandments are included in this booklet, nor are all relevant scripture references listed for each one. You may find it profitable to search out more scriptures that address a specific commandment.

In lieu of quotation marks, all direct scripture quotes are in italics.

Many hours have gone into this new edition. Susan Booth, Sheila Lidberg, Connie Spivey, and Lori Smith gave of their time to proof the copy, and Jacquie Powell contributed invaluable editorial skill to the project. Charlie Booth helped by formatting the copy in preparation for printing. I'm very grateful for their help and for the spirit of the Lord that was ever present during the hours I worked on revising the original edition.

Sherrie Kline Smith, editor

Foreword

During the years 1979 and 1980, the Women's Department of the Oak Grove congregation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints used Doctrine and Covenants 10:10a—"Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments"—as their study guide. The study class was taught by Sister Gwendoline Sorensen. We divided into three groups, each taking one of the three standard books, and searched for commandments. At the year's end, one or two from each group formed a committee that spent two years compiling the results. The members of the committee were Nelda Brosam, Laurel Gooden, Sheila Lidberg, Sherrie Kline Smith, Gwendoline Sorensen, and Mona Thompson.

The result of the committee's work is this booklet listing commandments from the Scriptures. All commandments are not included, nor are all scripture references in support for each one. Listed with each commandment are selected references that are supportive or similar and relevant.

This booklet was called a "Text Reference" in the first edition. It was, and is, simply a listing of commandments from the Scriptures and not a treatise on how to accomplish keeping all the commandments. We might note, however, that abundant life revolves around God's love for us and ours for him. Without God's love dwelling in us, it is impossible to keep all the commandments. When we love him, with all our heart, might, mind, and strength, and walk with him daily in an intimate relationship—then it is possible! This relationship is more important than using the booklet as a taskmaster for keeping the commandments. On the other hand, this booklet can help us discover areas in our lives that need improvement.

May we, like Jesus, "do always those things which please him [God]" (John 8:29).

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Guide to Using This Booklet

You can approach these lists of commandments in several ways.

1. Read through the booklet once, not looking up all the references at this time. Just get a quick overview.
2. In your daily personal study, take a commandment a day. Read the accompanying scriptures. If you decide this commandment needs work, ask God to help you to be able to improve in this area as you consciously try to do so in the following days and weeks.
3. Use this booklet in family worship. Let the children find the scriptures and make notations in their own books. Discuss the meaning with them.

Suggestions for Marking Your Scriptures

1. Mark "C" by each commandment in your Scriptures.
2. Write the subject title in margins.
3. Note the other references listed to provide a cross-reference. For example, the scriptures listed for the commandment "Pray always in the name of Jesus Christ" are 3 Nephi 8:51; D&C 22:10; and Colossians 3:17. When you look up 3 Nephi 8:51, write D&C 22:10 and Colossians 3:17 in the margin. Then look up D&C 22:10 and write 3 Nephi 8:51 and Colossians 3:17 in that margin. Do the same thing for the Colossians verse.

Scripture references are all taken from the following three books.

The Holy Scriptures, Inspired Version. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1944.

The Book of Mormon, Authorized Edition. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1953 (Eleventh Printing, 1974).

Book of Doctrine and Covenants. The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1960.

Introduction

Christ said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). We say we love Christ. Do we? In latter-day revelation we are told, “Every person who belongeth to this church of Christ shall observe and keep *all* the commandments and covenants of the church” (D&C 42:21a).

How can we keep them if we don’t know them? Are we going to be excused on judgment day by saying, “Lord, I did not know you wanted me to do that.” He will reply, “It is written.”

God made a contract with us when he said, “I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise” (D&C 81:3b). We don’t know what we are missing in the way of blessings, because we don’t really know what God promises us unless we search out the commandments in the Scriptures and endeavor to obey them.

G. D. Sorensen

Scriptures about Keeping the Commandments

More than 100 verses in the Scriptures talk about keeping the commandments. Only a few are listed on this page, but others will be found throughout the remaining pages.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments....

1 John 5:3

If ye love me, keep [ALL] my commandments.

John 14:15; D&C 42:8a

Every person who belongeth to this church of Christ shall observe to keep all the commandments and covenants of the church.

D&C 42:21a

Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments.

D&C 10:10a

I am the Lord, I change not.

Malachi 3:6; 3 Nephi 11:9; Moroni 8:19; D&C 129:8d

PROMISES

Keep my commandments in all things; and if you keep my commandments and endure to the end, you shall have eternal life; which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God.

D&C 12:3b; 1 Nephi 7:69; Revelations 2:26

And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God, he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them.

1 Nephi 5:59; D&C 5:6d; Deuteronomy 15:4-5

I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.

D&C 81:3b; Alma 17:47-48

We cannot keep his commandments if we don't know them. Many of Christ's teachings are found in the Sermon on the Mount which contains the Golden Rule (Matthew 5; 6; 7; 3 Nephi 5; 6).

Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.

2 Nephi 14:4; Matthew 4:4; D&C 83:7a-b

And whoso treasureth up my words, shall not be deceived.

Matthew 24:39; Mark 13:43; D&C 6:9

Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

D&C 1:7

Salvation

And the Lord God called upon men, by the Holy Ghost, everywhere, and commanded them that they should repent; And as many as believed in the Son, and repented of their sins, should be saved. And as many as believed not, and repented not, should be damned. And the words went forth out of the mouth of God, in a firm decree, wherefore they must be fulfilled (Genesis 5:1-2).

1. Believe in God; believe that he is
Mosiah 2:13-17; Mormon 4:93; 2 Chronicles 20:20
2. Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God
Mormon 3:27-33; 2 Nephi 11:54-56; Romans 10:9-10
3. Believe on the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God
John 3:14-18, 36; John 20:31; 1 John 3:23-24; 5:13;
2 Nephi 11:22; Mosiah 3:11-21; Alma 16:215;
D&C 16:4f-g; 34:1b, 3b; 45:2c
4. Believe, repent, be baptized
D&C 16:6d; 49:2g-h; Genesis 8:11; Mark 16:15;
2 Nephi 6:48-50; 3 Nephi: 5:32-42
5. Remain steadfast and endure to the end
Matthew 10:19; 24:11; Mark 13:13; 1 Nephi 7:69;
3 Nephi 7:10; 13:29-30; D&C 12:3b; 16:4e

Further study: Genesis 6:53-65; 1 John 5; 2 Nephi 13; 14; 15;
Mosiah 1:97-130; 2; 3; Mormon 4:93-95; D&C 17:5-6a;
“Principles of the Gospel” beginning on page 16

Love

God is love. Love is the fundamental principle of the gospel and the kingdom. The celestial law of Zion is the law of love and the foundation upon which it will be established.

LOVE GOD

We know that there is a God in heaven . . . and that he created man male and female . . . and gave unto them commandments that they should LOVE and SERVE him the only living and true God, and that he should be the only being whom they should WORSHIP (D&C 17:4a-b).

1. Love God with all your heart, might, mind, and strength
Mark 12:33-36; D&C 59:2a; Moroni 10:29
2. Serve the true and living God
Matthew 4:10; Mormon 4:94; D&C 17:4b
3. Worship the only true and living God
Genesis 4:5; Luke 4:8; 2 Nephi 7:32; Alma 16: 237;
D&C 108:7
4. Put your trust in him
Isaiah 26:4; Proverbs 3:5; Mosiah 5:28, 52; D&C 10:6

Further study: John 14; 1 John

LOVE NEIGHBOR

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also (1 John 4:21).

1. Love one another as Christ loved us
John 15:12-13
2. Love one another; cease to be covetous; cease to find fault
D&C 85:38a, c; 1 Peter 1:22; Ephesians 5:2-3;
1 Thessalonians 4:9; Mosiah 7:124
3. Love your neighbor as you love yourself
Mark 12:36; James 2:8; Mosiah 11:16; D&C 59:2b
4. Think of your brethren like unto yourselves
Jacob 2:22; Philippians 2:1-3; 1 Corinthians 10:24
5. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you
Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:32; 3 Nephi 6:24
6. Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you
Matthew 5:46; Luke 6:27-38; 3 Nephi 5:90
7. Have faith, hope, and charity, and pray for charity with all the energy of heart
D&C 6:8c; 16:4d; Moroni 10:15-17; 7:48-53;
2 Timothy 2:22

Further study: John 15; Romans 13:9-14; 1 John;
1 Corinthians 13

Forgive

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us (Matthew 6:13).

1. Forgive
D&C 64:2b-g; 95:7; Matthew 18:21-22;
Mark 11:27-28; Mosiah 11:137-140; 3 Nephi 5:107
2. Seek reconciliation with those who have aught against you
Matthew 5:25-26; 3 Nephi 5:71-72; D&C 42:23
3. Be kind to one another
Ephesians 4:31-32; Romans 12:10
4. Do not seek revenge
D&C 95:5a; Leviticus 19:18; James 5:9
5. Judge not unrighteously, condemn not
Matthew 7:2-3; Luke 6:37; D&C 10:6; 3 Nephi 6:13-14;
Moroni 7:11-18
6. Pray for those who despitefully use you
Matthew 5:46; 3 Nephi 5:90
7. Let contention cease
D&C 134:7; 117:13; Luke 6:28-30; 3 Nephi 5:29-31
8. Confess your faults
Alma 19:20; James 5:16; D&C 59:2h

Praise and Give Thanks

In the former printings, this was listed under personal commandments and was the last page of the booklet. In the intervening years, we've come to realize the great importance of praising the Lord in all things. Therefore, this one appears near the beginning as being crucial in helping to keep the commandments.

1. Praise the Lord

 Psalms 149; 150; 2 Nephi 9:135-137

2. Give thanks in all things

 D&C 59:2d; 95:1a; Mosiah 11:149;
 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Ephesians 5:20

3. Rejoice

 Psalm 33:1-2; Philippians 4:4; D&C 95:1a;
 2 Nephi 3:47-50

4. Cheer up your hearts

 D&C 68:1d; 2 Nephi 7:40; John 16:33

The Psalms are full of examples of praising and thanking God. Psalm 100 captures the essence of the commandment to praise God.

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before his presence with singing.*

*Know ye that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter into his gates with **thanksgiving**,
and into his courts with **praise**;
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

*For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth to all generations.*

Pray

The companion to praise is prayer, which is an essential element in keeping the commandments.

Pray always and I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and great shall be your blessing... (D&C 18:6a).

1. Pray always in the name of Jesus Christ
3 Nephi 8:51; D&C 22:10; Colossians 3:17
2. Humble yourselves and call on the name of the Lord daily in mighty prayer
Mosiah 2:21; D&C 28:1a
3. Watch and pray always lest you enter into temptation
Matthew 26:38; 3 Nephi 8:50; D&C 61:6e
4. Pray always and faint not
Luke 18:1; 2 Nephi 14:12; D&C 75:2c
5. Pray and fast
D&C 85:21a; Alma 4:6; Matthew 6:17-18
6. Pray without ceasing and give thanks in all things
Mosiah 11:149; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; D&C 95:1a-c
7. Pray about all things: fields, flocks, crops, houses, household, your welfare and the welfare of those around you, against the power of your enemies and against the devil
Alma 16:219-224; D&C 46:3b; Matthew 21:20
8. Pray vocally and in your heart, both in public and in private
D&C 18:4a; Matthew 6:5-15; 3 Nephi 5:97-106

9. Pray in church
3 Nephi 8:48
10. Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name,
that your wives and your children may be blessed
3 Nephi 8:52; D&C 21:5a; 90:9
11. Teach your children to pray and walk uprightly before the
Lord
D&C 68:4c; Mosiah 2:25-27
12. Ask for whatsoever you stand in need, both spiritually
and temporally
Alma 5:40
13. Ask in prayer in faith believing, and you shall receive
D&C 28:2c; 3 Nephi 8:51; Matthew 21:20
14. Perform nothing unto the Lord until you first pray
unto the Father in the name of Christ that he will
consecrate your performance unto you
2 Nephi 14:12
15. Pray over the sick
D&C 125:15c; James 5:14
16. Pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you
Matthew 5:46; 3 Nephi 5:90
17. Confess your faults and pray for one another that you
may be healed
James 5:16; D&C 59:2h
18. Pray for charity with all the energy of your heart
Moroni 7:53

19. Ask, seek, knock

3 Nephi 6:19-20; Matthew 7:12-13; James 1:5;
D&C 66:5c

Prayers are in vain unless we are charitable—take care of the needy and naked, visit the sick and afflicted, and impart of our substance to those in need (Alma 16:223-225). See also D&C 52:9c (*Remember in all things, the poor and the needy, the sick and afflicted....*) and Mosiah 2:28-44, especially verse 43 (*I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally, according to their wants*).

Principles of the Gospel

Therefore not leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. Of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment (Hebrews 6:1-2).

FAITH

1. Have faith in God
Mark 11:24; Moroni 7:35-36; Ether 5:28-29
2. Preach repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ
Alma 17:66; 2 Nephi 6:48; Alma 5:25; D&C 68:4a

Further study: Moroni 7; 10; Ether 5; Alma 16:143-203; and Hebrews 11

REPENTANCE

1. Repent
D&C 16:3b; 2 Nephi 1:109; Genesis 5:1
2. Repent and believe on Jesus Christ
Genesis 5:1-2; D&C 17:6a; 49:2g; 3 Nephi 5:33; Mormon 3:27
3. Repent and believe the gospel
Mark 1:13; 3 Nephi 13:32-35; Ether 1:115
4. Repent and bring forth fruit meet for repentance
Matthew 3:35; Alma 10:6; D&C 83:8b-c
5. Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins
Acts 2:38; D&C 49:2g-h; Moroni 8:12, 29

6. Repent and become as a little child
3 Nephi 5:39-40; Mark 10:12-13
7. Repent and forsake your sins
Mosiah 2:16; D&C 58:9d; Isaiah 55:7
8. Repent and prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord
D&C 43:5a, e-g; 108:2a, 3d; 2 Nephi 6:88-91;
Alma 9:40-41

BAPTISMS

By water

1. Baptize by one having authority and by immersion
3 Nephi 5:21-28; D&C 17:21; Matthew 3:40-46;
Acts 8:35-39
2. Repent and be baptized, not only men, but women
and children who have arrived to the years of
accountability
D&C 16:6d; 17:7; 68:4a-b; Genesis 17:11

Further study: Moroni 6; 8:5-29; 2 Nephi 6:48; 13;
3 Nephi 5:18-49

By the Holy Ghost

1. Receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands
D&C 34:2c; Moroni 2; Mark 1:6

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Use with the ordinances (see page 27)
Hebrews 6:1-2

RESURRECTION

Alma 8:98-107; 2 Nephi 6:47; 1 Corinthians 15:12-23,

ETERNAL JUDGMENT

1. Prepare your soul for judgment

1 Nephi 4:52-64; 2 Nephi 6:91-92; Alma 9:14-46;
Matthew 10:25; D&C 98:5j

Revelation 20:12-13; 1 Nephi 4:52-64; 2 Nephi 6:47, 91;
Mosiah 1:126-127; Alma 8:98-104; 16:196-197;
3 Nephi 11:30-33; 12:25-28; 13:25-35; Mormon 1:86-89;
D&C 18:1c

Further study: D&C 76; Alma 19:66-114; “Works” on page 23

One of Christ’s first works after coming to the Land of Promise was to give authority to Nephi and others to baptize. The importance of the principles of repentance and baptism are so crucial that Christ repeats five times the admonition that one should repent and be baptized, emphatically stating “this is my doctrine.” Study 3 Nephi 5:11-49.

Ten Commandments

While the Ten Commandments were part of the Law of Moses—which has been fulfilled in the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ—they are still in effect because they are included in the Doctrine and Covenants.

Exodus 20:1-17; Mosiah 7:113-124; D&C 59:2

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
(This is the only one not in the D&C.)
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy
5. Honor thy father and thy mother
6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor
10. Thou shalt not covet

After Christ taught the Nephites that the law had been fulfilled in him (3 Nephi 5: 64-65), he said, “For verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments, which I have commanded you at this time, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven” (3 Nephi 5:68). Following this, he augmented the Ten Commandments, such as not only should one not kill but also one should beware of anger toward a brother. The Lord gave us commandments on how to live our lives in what is referred to as the Sermon on the Mount in 3 Nephi 5 and 6 and Matthew 5, 6, and 7.

Sabbath Day

Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee (Deuteronomy 5:12).

1. Keep the Sabbath day holy
D&C 68:4d; Mosiah 9:56; Exodus 31:14-17;
Mosiah 7:116
2. Go to the house of prayer and offer up your sacraments
D&C 59:2f
3. Labor six days and rest on the seventh
Exodus 31:15-17; 16:21-30; Mosiah 7:117-118;
D&C 59:2f-h; Deuteronomy 5:13-14; Mark 2:25-27
4. Observe the first day of the week as a day of rest and worship
D&C 119:7
5. Refrain from unnecessary work
D&C 119:7c; Deuteronomy 5:14
6. Do no other thing, only let your food be prepared with singleness of heart
D&C 59:3; Isaiah 58:13-14; Mark 2:21-27
7. Keep the Sabbath as a perpetual covenant
Exodus 31:13-16
8. Do well on the Sabbath, for it is lawful
Matthew 12:1-10

Labor/Work

Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments; yea, with all your might, mind, and strength... (D&C 10:10a).

1. Keep the Lord's commandments and assist to bring forth his work according to his commandments
D&C 10:4c; Mosiah 1:55-58; 3 Nephi 7:11-12;
Deuteronomy 11:1
2. Take up your cross and follow Jesus
Matthew 16:25-30; D&C 105:6a
3. Do those works in Christ's church which Jesus has done
3 Nephi 12:34-35
4. Labor six days and do all your work
Deuteronomy 5:13; Mosiah 7:117
5. Labor together with God for the accomplishment of the work entrusted to all
D&C 119:8b; 138:3d; 1 Corinthians 3:8-9
6. Labor to serve one another, esteeming your neighbor as yourself
Mosiah 1:50; 11:153-155; Alma 14:45; Acts 20:35
7. Labor to prepare to meet God and accomplish the things which the Lord has commanded
Alma 16:228-230; D&C 38:9c
8. Labor not for meat which perishes, but for meat which endures unto everlasting life
John 6:27; 2 Nephi 6:100; 11:109

9. Labor with your own hands (in other words, work to provide for yourself and family)

Mosiah 9:57-59; 11:154-155; D&C 52:9b; 56:5c;

Ecclesiastics 9:10; Ephesians 4:28;

I Thessalonians 4:10-12; 1 Timothy 5:8

10. Labor diligently

Moroni 9:6; D&C 68:4e; 85:23a-b

Further study: Alma 1:37-42; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Works

Even so faith, if it have not works is dead, being alone. Therefore wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead and cannot save you? (James 2:17-18).

For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works (Matthew 16:30).

1. Do not become weary of doing good works
Galatians 6:9-10; Alma 17:67; D&C 64:6c; 141:7
2. Let your light so shine before this world, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven
Matthew 5:18; 3 Nephi 5:63; D&C 100:2c-d
3. Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor, but visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions
Zechariah 7:10; James 1:27; Malachi 3:5; 3 Nephi 11:8
4. Remember the poor, the needy, the sick and the afflicted
D&C 44:3; 52:9c; Mosiah 2:43; Alma 16:223-225; Matthew 25:35-47
5. Bring forth works of righteousness
Alma 3:31-33, 59-60, 68-69; 14:103; D&C 59:5c
6. Always abound in good works
Mosiah 3:21; Alma 5:41; Ether 5:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Further study: Matthew 7:31-32; 16:30; James 2:14-25; Titus 2:14; 3:1-8; Revelations 14:13; 20:12-13; 1 Nephi 4:52-64; Mosiah 8:83-88; Alma 3:27-40, 59-60, 67-70; 3 Nephi 11:28-33

Priesthood

Now this same priesthood which was in the beginning, shall be in the end of the world also (Genesis 6:7).

1. Take not this honor unto yourself; you must be called of God and ordained by someone having authority
Hebrews 5:4-10; John 15:16; D&C 120:5;
Mosiah 11:18; 2 Nephi 5:2
2. Assemble together; organize, prepare, and sanctify yourselves; purify your hearts
D&C 85:20a-b; 43:4d; 105:11b
3. Teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom as directed by the Spirit, and if you do not receive the spirit, you shall not teach
D&C 85:21; 42:5a-c; Moroni 6:9
4. Strip yourselves of jealousies and fears, and humble yourselves
D&C 67:3a; 11:4b; 1 Peter 5:1-6; Alma 18:14
5. Let contention cease
D&C 134:7; 135:2; 136:3; 122:16; 119:5a; Mosiah 9:54
6. Do not practice priestcraft
2 Nephi 11:106
7. Assemble yourselves together to agree on my word and see that the law is kept
D&C 41:1b-2a; Jacob 1:18-20
8. Observe the covenants and church articles to do them
D&C 42:5b

9. Preach the fullness of my gospel to all nations and build up the church
Mark 16:14; D&C 27:3a-b; 39:3e; 68:1f; Mormon 4:86; Mosiah 9:51
10. Preach nothing but repentance and faith on the Lord
D&C 18:2k-l, 4d; Mosiah 9:53-55; Luke 24:46; Alma 17:66
11. Teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you
Matthew 28:18-19; Alma 9:69; D&C 38:7c
12. Prosecute the missionary work in this land and abroad, ordaining men of every race who receive the teachings of my law
D&C 83:10a; 116:1b; 119:8; Mark 16:14-15
13. Go forth in the power of God's Spirit, preaching the gospel, two by two
D&C 42:2c; 52:3b-c; 115:1c-d
14. Learn your duty and act in your office with all diligence
D&C 104:44
15. Administer the Lord's Supper; do not allow anyone to partake unworthily
3 Nephi 8:28-46, 60-68; Moroni 4; 5; D&C 17:22-23; 46:1b-d; 119:5; Mark 14:20-24
16. Administer to the relief of the poor and needy
D&C 38:8a-b
17. Work to support yourself and family
Mosiah 9:57, 59; Alma 1:37-42; D&C 52:9b

18. Be cheerful and do not indulge in loud speech or coarse and vulgar stories
D&C 119:2-3
19. Be diligent and temperate in all things
Alma 18:13
20. Do not purchase wine or strong drink
D&C 26:1d; 86:1b-c
21. Listen together, hear my voice, and harden not your hearts
D&C 45:2a
22. Priesthood duties
D&C 17; 104; 120; 122; 129:7

Specific Offices

- Deacon—1 Timothy 3:8-13; D&C 83:22
- Teacher—Alma 14:8; Moroni 3:2; D&C 17:11; 42:5; 83:22;
Ephesians 4:11-12
- Priest—Mosiah 4:4; Moroni 3:2; D&C 42:5; Malachi 2:7
- Elder—1 Peter 5:1-4; Alma 4:1; Moroni 3; 4; D&C 42;
108:5b-d; 119:2-3
- Bishop—1 Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:7-9; D&C 51:4
- Evangelist/Patriarch—D&C 125:3-6; Ephesians 4:11-12
- Seventy—Luke 10:1; D&C 104:11e-j, 13a; 122:8c-e, 9
- High Priest—Hebrews 5:1, 8:3; Alma 9:63-73
- The Twelve (Apostles)—D&C 16:5; 104:11-12, 17;
120:3b; 122:3; 133:2
- Prophet—Jarom 1:24-26; D&C 87:5

Further study: Hebrews 5; 7; 8; Moroni 2-8;
D&C 17; 83; 85; 104

Ordinances and Sacraments

In the ordinances thereof the power of godliness is manifest; and without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh; for without this, no man can see the face of God, even the Father, and live (D&C 83:3c).

1. ORDINATIONS

Priesthood members to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto them

D&C 17:12a-b; Alma 9:62-73; John 15:16; Alma 4:1

2. BLESSINGS*

Parents are to bring their children unto the elders, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ and bless them

D&C 17:19; 3 Nephi 8:12, 23; Matthew 19:13-15;
Mark 10:11-14

3. ADMINISTRATION

The elders of the church are to pray over the sick and anoint them with oil, as commanded in the law

D&C 125:15c; James 5:14; Mormon 4:87

4. BAPTISMS

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*There is no commandment to obtain a patriarchal blessing, but the patriarch has authority to give a “spiritual blessing,” commonly called patriarchal blessing (D&C 125:3; 107:29b).

5. SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Those who repent and are baptized are to meet together often to partake of the Lord's Supper to witness to the Father their willingness to always remember Christ and keep his commandments

3 Nephi 8:28-46, 60; D&C 17:22-23; 26:1b-d; 119:5;
Luke 22:11-20

6. SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marriage is ordained of God; it is lawful for man to have one wife

D&C 49:3a-c; Jacob 2:36; Mark 10:7-10; D&C 111

Further study: D&C 83:3b-c; "Priesthood" starting on page 24

Zion and the Kingdom

And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch; that, when men should keep all my commandments, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself (Genesis 9:21).

1. Seek first the kingdom of God
Matthew 6:38; 3 Nephi 6:11; Jacob 2:23; D&C 10:11a
2. Prepare for the kingdom
Alma 3:51; D&C 65; 108:5c-d; Luke 3:4
3. Keep my commandments and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion
D&C 10:3a; 11:3b; 12:3; 1 Nephi 3:187
4. Build up Zion by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom and become subject to her laws
D&C 102:2c, 9b
5. Teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom
D&C 85:21
6. Testify and warn your neighbor
D&C 85:22a; 63:15a; Ezekiel 3:18-21
7. Sue and make proposals for peace to all people and lift up an ensign of peace according to the voice of the Spirit
D&C 102:11; Romans 14:19; Hebrews 12:14;
3 Nephi 9:78

8. Gather together—not in haste, nor by flight, nor without due preparation, but let all things be prepared before you and done in order
D&C 28:2c-d; 98:9; 58:12; 127:7; Psalm 50:5;
1 Nephi 5:255
9. Purchase all lands in Jackson County and counties round about, and leave the residue in mine hand
D&C 98:9f-g; 100:5b; 63:8
10. Obtain a knowledge of history, countries, kingdoms, and the laws of God and man; become acquainted with all good books, languages, tongues, and people, *all this for the salvation of Zion*
D&C 85:21; 87:5b; 90:12
11. Be willing and obedient; *the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days*
D&C 64:7a-b; Isaiah 1:19

Further study: Genesis 7:12-28, 70-78; 9:17-25; Isaiah 4; 52; 60-62; D&C 100; 102; 108; 140:5; 1 Nephi 7; 2 Nephi 7:17-23; 3 Nephi 9:46-106; 10:1-32

Stewardship

A commandment I give unto you, that ye shall organize yourselves, and appoint every man his stewardship, that every man may give an account unto me of the stewardship which is appointed unto him...(D&C 101:2b).

1. Render an account of your stewardship, and the faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things
D&C 72:1c; 77:4e; 42:9b; 101:2b
2. Lay all before the bishop
D&C 72:3e; Acts 4:32-37; D&C 129:8b
3. Keep the law of tithing; honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase
D&C 106; 64:5a; Genesis 14:36-39; Deuteronomy 14:22; Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10; 3 Nephi 11:13
4. Spend money wisely; be frugal; repress unnecessary wants
2 Nephi 6:100; D&C 119:9a; 130:7d
5. Seek not riches but wisdom
D&C 6:3; Proverbs 4:7; Alma 16:132; Mormon 4:94
6. Pay all your debts; do not get in debt to your enemies
D&C 101:13; 64:6a; Romans 13:8
7. Be equal in temporal things
D&C 70:3d; 81:4e-g; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15;
Mosiah 11:153-154
8. Give, not grudgingly but cheerfully
2 Corinthians 9:7

9. Impart of your substance to those that stand in need
Mosiah 2:28-44; 9:60-63; Alma 16:223-224;
3 Nephi 5:93-96; Matthew 6:104; Acts 2:44-45;
1 John 3:17-18; D&C 42:8b-c; 75:4b
10. Do not idle away your time
D&C 60:3e; 42:12b; Alma 18:15; Proverbs 19:15
11. Do not bury your talents, but consecrate your talents,
abilities, and substance to God and his work
D&C 60:3e; 132:3-4; Matthew 25:13-3
12. Seek the best gifts
D&C 46:4a; Moroni 10:27; 1 Corinthians 12:31
13. Cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed
early
D&C 85:38b
14. Keep the laws of the land, for those that keep the laws of
God have no need to break the laws of the land
D&C 58:5b; 95:2a-d; Titus 3:1; Matthew 22:21
15. Acknowledge the Lord in all thy ways, and he shall
direct thy paths
Proverbs 3:6; Alma 17:68-70; D&C 59:5b

Further study: D&C 101; Psalm 24:1; Proverbs 3

Storehouse

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10; 3 Nephi 11:13).

1. Appoint a storehouse both in money and meat
D&C 51:4a; Malachi 3:10; 3 Nephi 11:13
2. Give your surplus, more than you need for your support, to the storehouse
D&C 42:10, 14b; 70:2b
3. Give all your surplus properties into the hands of the bishop
D&C 106:1a; 51:4a; 72:3
4. Improve upon your talent and gain talents to be cast into the Lord's storehouse
D&C 81:4e-g; 132:3b; Matthew 25:14-30
5. Let your consecrations be without covetousness
Hebrews 13:5

Further study: D&C 42:8-11; 77:1c-g; 82:2b; 101:12a-h; 129:8; Acts 4:32-37

Study

Seek learning even by study, and also by faith
(D&C 85:36a).

1. Feast upon the words of Christ
2 Nephi 14:4; Matthew 4:4; D&C 83:7a-b
2. Learn of me and listen to my words
Matthew 11:30; John 12:47-50; D&C 18:2n;
Moroni 8:8
3. Search the Scriptures diligently
John 5:40; D&C 87:6e; 3 Nephi 4:69; Alma 16:176
4. Search the prophecies of Isaiah
3 Nephi 9:47; 10:27; Mormon 4:27
5. Rely upon the things which are written (The Book of Mormon)
D&C 16:1c
6. Study to show thyself approved
2 Timothy 2:15
7. Study to win souls to Christ
D&C 119:2b
8. Obtain a knowledge of history, countries, kingdoms, and the laws of God and man; become acquainted with all good books, languages, tongues, and people
D&C 85:21b-e; 87:5b; 90:12

Teach

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations (Matthew 28:18).

1. Teach, in meekness and solemnity of heart, the things Jesus taught, doing so in his name
3 Nephi 11:1; D&C 97:2a; Alma 17:66-67
2. Teach repentance and faith on the Savior and remission of sins by baptism and by fire
D&C 18:4d; Alma 9:51-63; Moroni 8:11; Luke 24:46
3. Teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom
D&C 85:21b; Matthew 24:32; Mosiah 9:51-53
4. Teach the Scriptures to all men
D&C 42:15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17
5. Teach one another words of wisdom; seek out of the best books words of wisdom; learn by study and faith; and ask God for wisdom
D&C 85:36a; Moroni 10:10; Proverbs 4:1-7; 9:9-10; James 1:5
6. Teach children the plan of salvation
Genesis 6:59-66; D&C 68:4a
7. Teach children the ways of truth and to love and serve one another
Mosiah 2:25-27; D&C 90:6d; Proverbs 22:6;
2 Nephi 3:11; Alma 26:95-96, 103
8. Teach children to pray, command them to do good and to keep the commandments
Alma 19:18; D&C 68:4c; Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Home

Establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God (D&C 85:36b).

1. Set in order your own house, and let all things be done in order and in cleanliness
D&C 90:6f; 42:12a; 140:5a; Mosiah 2:45; Mormon 4:94;
2 Corinthians 7:1
2. Be clean, be frugal; cease to complain of pain, sickness and distress of body; take sleep in the hours set apart by God
D&C 38:9e; 108:2b; 119:9a; Isaiah 52:11
3. Use wisdom in food preparation and in what you eat
D&C 86; 1 Timothy 4:1-6; D&C 49:3d-f
4. Teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands and children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, and obedient to their own husbands
Titus 2:4-5; Jacob 2:57
5. Love your wife with all your heart
D&C 42:7d; Jacob 2:57; Ephesians 5:25, 28-29, 33
6. Have only one wife and no concubines
Jacob 2:36, 54-56; D&C 49:3b; 1 Corinthians 7:2
7. Provide for your family
1 Timothy 5:8; D&C 75:5a; Mosiah 1:46
8. Pray in your families
3 Nephi 8:52; D&C 21:5a; 90:9

9. Honor your father and mother; children obey your parents
Exodus 20:12; Mosiah 7:119; Matthew 15:4;
Ephesians 6:1-3; D&C 111:4d
10. Bring up your children in light and truth, and teach them
to love and serve one another
D&C 90:6d; Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Mosiah 2:27
11. Teach children the doctrine of repentance, faith, and
baptism; teach them to pray and walk uprightly before
the Lord, and command them to do good
D&C 68:4a-c; Alma 19:18
12. Provoke not your children to wrath
Ephesians 6:4
13. Forget not to entertain strangers; for thereby some have
entertained angels unawares (hospitality/attitude)
Hebrews 13:2; Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9;
Luke 14:13-14

Christ-like Character (Righteousness)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus... (Philippians 2:5). The Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind... (D&C 67:7a).

1. Repent and offer a sacrifice of a broken heart and a contrite spirit
3 Nephi 4:49-50; 5:66; D&C 59:2e;
Psalm 51:17; 34:18
2. Purify your hearts; purge out iniquities
D&C 85:20b; 43:3d; James 4:8; Psalm 65:3
3. Be humble, not proud; beware of pride
Matthew 23:9; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6;
2 Chronicles 7:14; D&C 105:5a; 38:9a-b; 42:12a;
Alma 3:50; 10:6-7; 18:14
4. Sanctify yourselves
D&C 85:18b; 108:2a; Leviticus 11:44; 20:7;
1 Peter 3:15; 3 Nephi 12:33
5. Deny self of all ungodliness and worldly lust and be perfect
Matthew 5:50; 16:25-27; 3 Nephi 5:92;
Moroni 10:29-30; D&C 67:3c; Genesis 17:1
6. Reconcile yourselves to the will of God and submit yourselves to God
2 Nephi 7:41-42; Mosiah 1:119-120; James 4:7
7. Forsake the world and all evil; cleave unto good
D&C 53:2a; 95:3a; 128:8b-c; Moroni 10:27;
Romans 12:9; 1 John 2:15

8. Be anxiously engaged in a good cause; bring to pass much righteousness
D&C 58:6d
9. Be willing and obedient
D&C 27:2b; 64:7a-b; Deuteronomy 4:30-31;
1 Nephi 7:66-69; Mosiah 3:11
10. Be diligent and wise
D&C 117:14; Mosiah 2:44-45; Joshua 22:5;
Matthew 10:14
11. Be meek and lowly of heart
Alma 10:28; 17:66-67; Moroni 7:49-50; 1 Peter 3:4;
Psalms 12:21; 25:9; 37:11; 147:6
12. Be merciful
Luke 6:36; D&C 119:7d; Alma 19:78
13. Be holy
1 Peter 1:16; Moroni 10:29-30; D&C 46:9b
14. Be strong and of good courage
Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10-11; D&C 38:4c;
1 Nephi 1:100
15. Be one
D&C 38:6a; 51:2b; John 17:20-23; 3 Nephi 9:23, 30
16. Be temperate in all things
Alma 18:13; D&C 11:4b; 2 Peter 1:5-8

17. Be patient in long suffering and afflictions
Alma 12:19; 16:239; D&C 23:4b; 54:3; 66:5b;
Colossians 1:10-11

18. Be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in
good works
Mosiah 3:21; Alma 5:41; Ether 5:4; Matthew 24:11;
D&C 83:9b

19. Be faithful
1 Nephi 1:76; 2 Nephi 1:123; D&C 6:9b;
1 Corinthians 4:2

Self-Discipline

But this much I can tell you, that if ye do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe to keep the commandments of God, and continue in the faith of what ye have heard concerning the coming of our Lord, even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish (Mosiah 2:49).

1. Doubt not, fear not
D&C 6:16b; 8:3c; Mormon 4:93; Alma 5:26;
1 Timothy 2:8; 1 John 4:18
2. Boast not of faith, mighty works, your own wisdom, or of riches
D&C 102:7b; Alma 18:14; Psalm 49:6
3. Envy not
2 Nephi 11:110; D&C 98:3a; 1 Corinthians 13:4
4. Beware of anger
Psalm 37:38; Proverbs 15:18; 16:32;
Matthew 5:23-26; Ephesians 4:26, 31; 3 Nephi 5:70
5. Abstain from all appearance of evil
1 Thessalonians 5:22; D&C 127:7c
6. Yield not to temptation
D&C 9:5; Mormon 4:94; Matthew 26:38
7. Harden not your hearts
Hebrews 3:8-19; Jacob 4:9-10; Alma 9:57-61;
D&C 45:2a
8. Murmur not
D&C 9:2d; Philippians 2:14; 1 Nephi 5:31

9. Cease from light speeches, lustful desires, pride, light-mindedness, and wicked doings
D&C 85:37a; Titus 2:11-13; Mosiah 11:153
10. Do not go as a talebearer among the people
Leviticus 19:16; Proverbs 11:13; Ephesians 4:29;
James 3:1-13; 1 Peter 3:10; D&C 42:7f
11. Swear not
James 5:12; Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 5:38-39;
3 Nephi 5:81-83
12. Do not take the Lord's name in vain
D&C 63:15d; Exodus 20:7; Mosiah 7:115

Finally, Brethren

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus... (Philippians 2:5).

1. Treasure up in your minds continually the words of life
D&C 83:14d; 2 Nephi 14:4; Matthew 4:4
2. Think of the beautiful, true, honest, just, pure, lovely
Philippians 4:8

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
and again I say, Rejoice....
Be afflicted for nothing;
but in everything
by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 4:4-7

