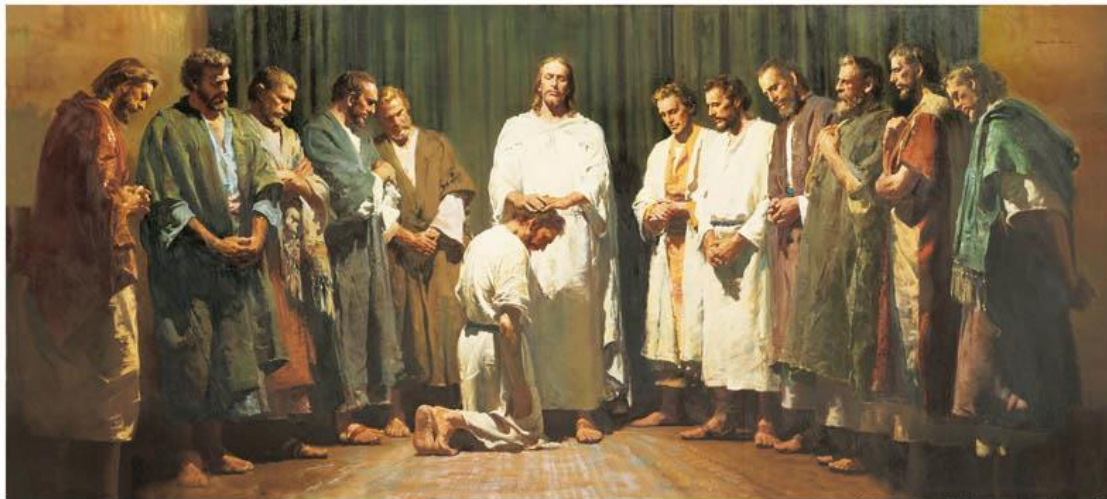


# HOME MINISTRY

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# THE DUTY OF PRIESTHOOD

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**4:11** And he [Jesus Christ] gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **4:12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; **4:13** Till we, in the unity of the faith, all come to the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **4:14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; **4:16** From whom the **whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. [Ephesians 4:11-16]

# THE CALLING FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

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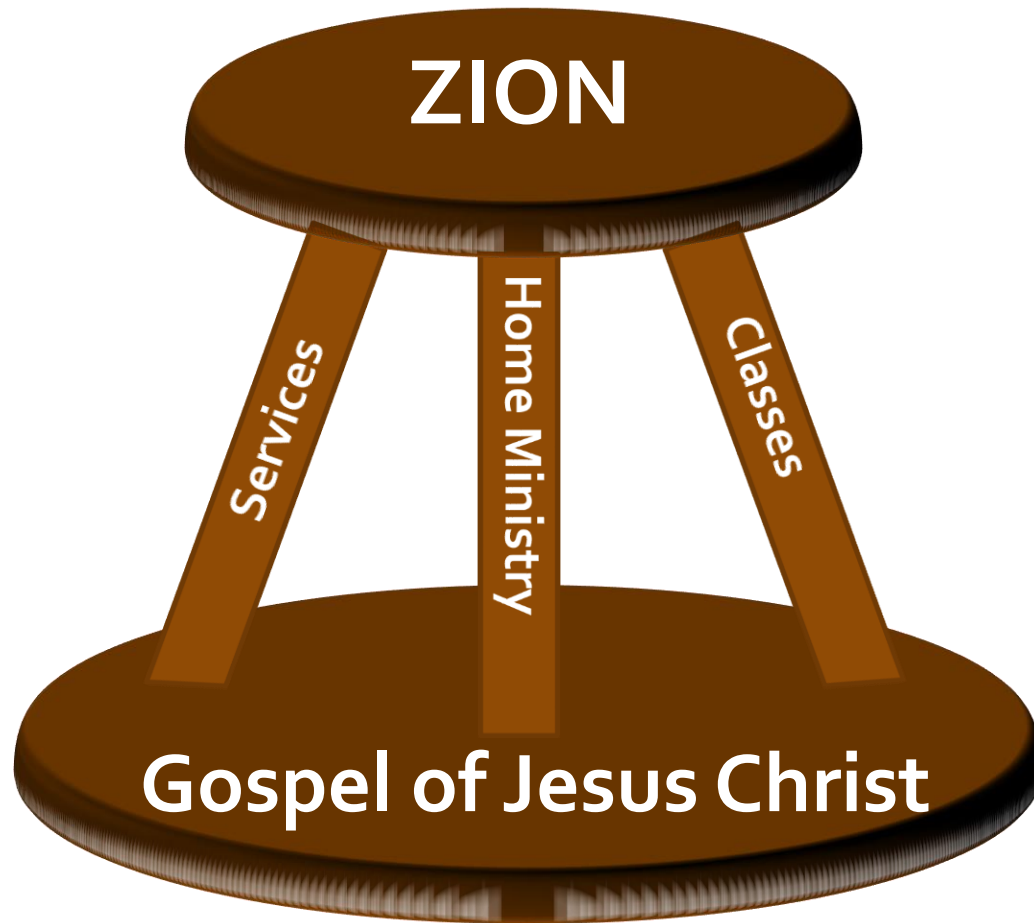


**Genesis 7:23:** And the Lord called his people, Zion, because they were of *one heart and of one mind*, and dwelt in righteousness; and there were no poor among them.

**DC 38:6a:** Behold, this I have given unto you a parable, and it is even as I am: I say unto you, *Be one; and if ye are not one, ye are not mine.*

**4 Nephi 1:17-20:** And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. **1:18** And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; **1:19** And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God: **1:20** There were no...Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, *the children of Christ*, and heirs to the kingdom of God;

**1 Timothy 2:15:** For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?



**DC 102:2c** and Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom, otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself

**What happens if anyone of the three legs are taken away?**

**6:7** Be not deceived; ***God is not mocked***; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **6:8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the ***Spirit reap life everlasting***. **6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. **6:10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the **household of faith**.  
[Galatians 6:7-10]

# THE VISIT

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1. What Should the Visit be about?
2. How Should We Prepare?
3. What Should Occur during a Visit?

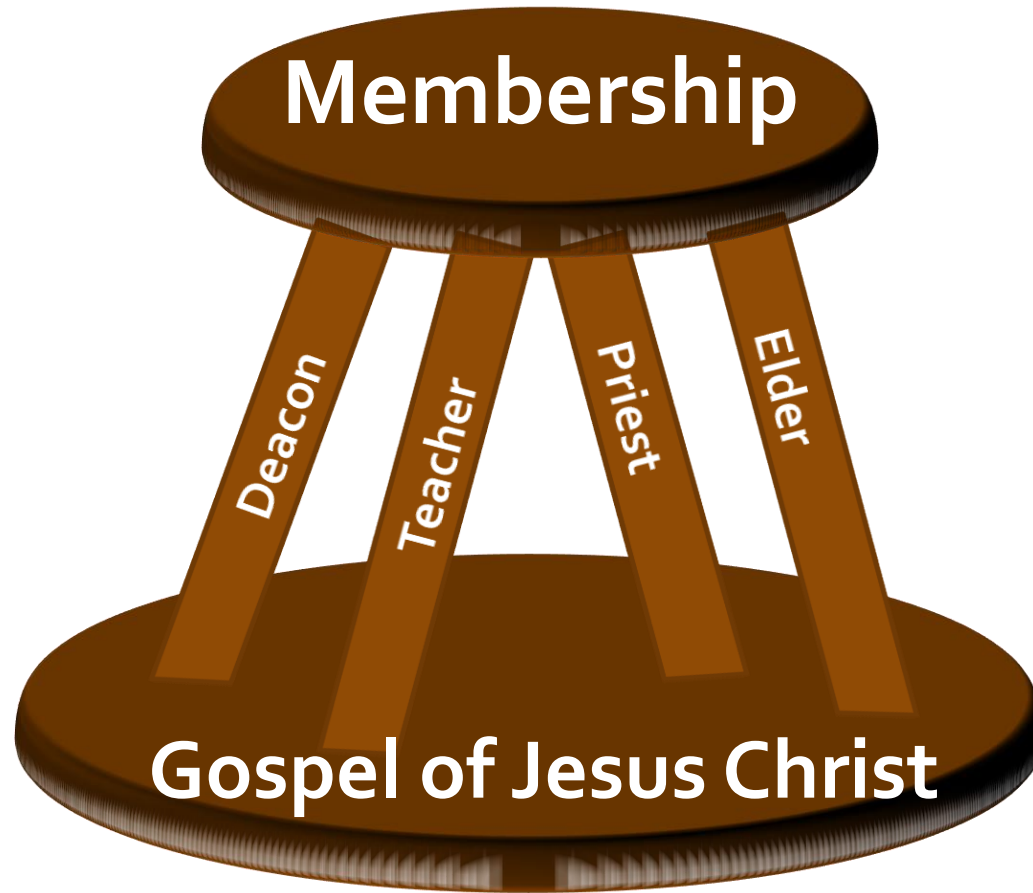


**42:5a** And again, the elders, priests, and teachers of this church shall **teach the principles of my gospel** which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in which is the fullness of the gospel; **42:5b** and they shall observe the covenants and church articles to do them, and these shall be their teachings, as they shall be **directed by the Spirit**; and the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith, and if ye receive not the Spirit ***ye shall not teach.*** **42:5c** And all this ye shall observe to do as I have commanded concerning your teaching, until the fullness of my Scriptures is given. [DC 42:5a-c]

**2:11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, *except he has the Spirit of God.* **2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **2:13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the *Holy Ghost teacheth*; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. [1 Corinthians 2:11-13]

**43:4a** Again I say, hearken ye elders of my church whom I have appointed: **43:4b** ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands **by the power of my Spirit**; **43:4c** and ye are to be taught from on high. [DC 43:4a-c]

**Revelation 3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God...



**Matthew 23:7-9:** Neither be ye called masters; for one is your master, even he whom your heavenly Father sent, *which is Christ*, for he hath sent him among you that ye might have life. **23:8** But he that is greatest among you *shall be your servant*. **23:9** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased of him; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted of him.

**1 Peter 5:2-3:** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, *but willingly*; not for filthy lucre, but of *a ready mind*; **5:3** Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being *ensamples* to the flock.

**1 Corinthians 1:24:** Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are *helpers of your joy*, for by faith ye stand.

**Alma 18:14:** See that ye are not lifted up unto pride: yea, see that ye do not boast in your own wisdom, nor of your much strength; use boldness, *but not overbearance*;

# WHAT SHOULD THE VISIT BE ABOUT?

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**DC 17:10d** visit the house of each member; exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret, and attend to *all family duties*.

**3:18** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. **3:19** Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. **3:20** Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. **3:21** Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. [Colossians 3:18-21]

**68:4a** And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them *not to understand* the doctrine of repentance; faith in Christ the Son of the living God; and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands when eight years old, the **sin be upon the head of the parents**; **68:4b** for this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized; and their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands: **68:4c** and they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord. [DC 68:4a-c]

**2:1** But speak thou the things which become *sound doctrine*; **2:2** That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. **2:3** The aged women, likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **2:4** That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, **2:5** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. **2:6** Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded. **2:7** In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, **2:8** Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. **2:9** Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; **2:10** Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may *adorn* the doctrine of **God our Savior in all things.** [Titus 2:1-10]

**17:65** And now my son, remember the words which I have spoken unto you: trust not those secret plans unto this people, teach them an everlasting hatred against sin and iniquity; **17:66** Preach unto them repentance, and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ: teach them to humble themselves, and to be meek and lowly in heart; teach them to withstand every temptation of the devil, with their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ; **17:67** Teach them to never be weary of good works, but to be meek and lowly in heart: for such shall find rest to their souls. **17:68** O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support;

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**17:69** Yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good:

**17:70** Yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou riseth in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day. [Alma 17:65-70]

**85:21b** And I give unto you *a commandment*, that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom; teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that is expedient for you to understand [DC 85:21]

**9:21** 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. **9:22** And this is mine everlasting covenant, that when thy posterity shall **embrace the truth, and look upward, then** shall Zion look downward, and all the heavens shall shake with gladness, and the earth shall tremble with joy; **9:23** And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come. And this is mine everlasting covenant, which I made with thy father Enoch. [Genesis 9:21-23]

# HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE?

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**2 Nephi 14:4** Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do

**2 Nephi 14:12:** But behold I say unto you, that **ye must pray always**, and not faint: that **ye must not perform anything** unto the Lord, save in the first place ye shall pray unto the Father in the name of Christ, that he will **consecrate** thy performance unto thee, that thy performance may be for the **welfare of thy soul**.

**Alma 12:3-5:** And what added more to his joy, they were still his brethren in the Lord; yea, and they had *waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth*; **12:4** For they were men of a **sound understanding**, and they had **searched the scriptures diligently**, that they might *know* the word of God. **12:5** But this is not all: they had given themselves to much **prayer, and fasting**, therefore they had the spirit of prophecy, and the spirit of revelation, and when they taught, they taught with power and authority, even as with the power and authority of God.

**Mosiah 11:15:** And also trusting no one to be your teacher nor your minister, **except he be a man of God, walking in his ways and keeping his commandments**.

**10:9a** Keep my commandments; hold your peace; **appeal unto my Spirit**; **10:9b** yea, cleave unto me with all your heart, that you may assist in bringing to light those things of which have been spoken; yea, the translation of my work; be patient until you shall accomplish it. **10:10a** Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments; yea, with all your might, mind, and strength; seek not to declare my word, but **first seek to obtain my word**, and then shall your tongue be loosed; **10:10b** **then**, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit, and my word; yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men; **10:10c** but now hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating; **10:10d** yea, until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this generation; and **then** shall all things be added thereunto.

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**10:11a** Behold, thou art Hyrum, my son; *seek the kingdom of God*, and all things shall be added according to that which is just. **10:11b** Build upon my rock, which is my gospel; deny not the spirit of revelation, nor the spirit of prophecy, for woe unto him that denieth these things; **10:11c** therefore, treasure up in your hearts until the time which is in my wisdom that you shall go forth: behold, **I speak unto all who have good desires**, and have thrust in their sickles to reap. [DC 10:9-11]

- **Prayer**
- **Study**
- **Live the Commandments**
- **Seek the Kingdom of God**

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE?

# WHAT SHOULD OCCUR DURING A VISIT?

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**Alma 14:113** And we have entered into their houses and taught them...



- **Begin with light discussion**
- **Invocation**
- **Prepared Outline/Message/Purpose**
- **Family Concerns**
- **Time Considerate**
- **Benediction and Blessing upon the Family and their Home**

**WHAT SHOULD OCCUR  
DURING A VISIT?**

**6:29** And it came to pass that Alma ate bread and was filled; and *he blessed Amulek and his house*, and he gave thanks unto God. [Alma 6:29]

**8:15** And again, I know that the things whereof he hath testified are true; for behold, I say unto you that as the Lord liveth, even so he has sent his angel to make these things manifest unto me; and this he has done while this Alma hath dwelt at my house;

**8:16** For behold, he hath blessed mine house, he hath blessed me, and my women, and my children, and my father, and my kinsfolks; **8:17** Yea, even all my kindred hath he blessed, and the blessing of the Lord hath rested upon us *according to the words which he spake*. [Alma 8:15-17]



