

## LESSON 25 by Dennis Roberts

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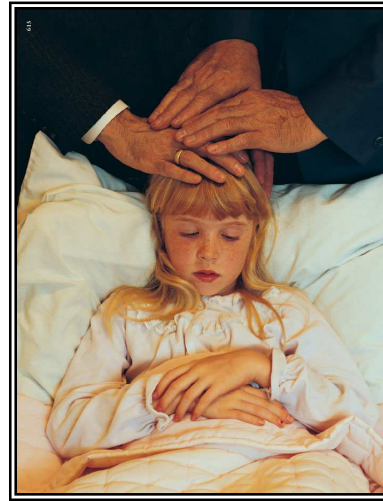
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Any recent examples of people being blessed because of the priesthood?

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History of priesthood discussed in Lesson 8

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When was the restoration complete? Still being restored.

**God Promises:**  
 Sanctify man to the renewal of the body (v33).  
 Man to become a son of Moses and Aaron (v34).  
 Man to become the seed of Abraham (v34).  
 Man to become a part of God's Kingdom (v34).  
 Man to become the elect of God (v34).  
 Man will receive Christ and the Father (v36-37).  
 Man to receive all the Father has (v38).  
**Give His angels charge over us (v 42).**

**Man Promises:**  
 To faithful to obtain the Priesthood (v33).  
 Magnify callings in the Priesthood (v33).  
 Receive the Lord's servants (v36).

1978 - Priesthood for all men  
 1997 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Quorum of Seventies / Area Authorities

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Who makes covenants as revealed in the oath?

Does the priesthood make men superior to women?

Can the priesthood be a thorn for some in this day of equality?

Make chart on WB

How do we balance time for self, work, family, and God?

How does this knowledge help us in times of need and in times of plenty?

These principles are important in all human relationships!

**3- Principles for using the priesthood**

- a. D&C 121:34-40 What might inhibit priesthood power?----- Priesthood and priesthood are two separate entities
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- c. D&C 121:39 What is "unrighteous dominion"?----- What are some consequences of doing this?
- d. Supplement #3 Elder M. Russell Ballard----- What might we see in a person who exercises no unrighteous dominion?
- e. D&C 121:41-42 What principles give power to priesthood?----- Examples: helping a child with decision; someone failed an assignment; making group decisions
- f. D&C 121:43-44 What are some principles for giving correction?----- "betimes" = promptly; "sharpness" = precisely, not severely / done in love
- g. D&C 121:45-46 What does each verse mean to you?----- How can we keep evil out of our minds? We are surrounded by it!

**How does this apply to me?**

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