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CHAPTER 18

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# The Law of the Church

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**I**n Kirtland, Ohio, the Lord gave a very important revelation to Joseph Smith. It is called the law of the Church.

Doctrine and Covenants 42, section heading



The Lord said the Saints should teach the gospel to all people. Men who go on missions should be ordained to the priesthood by leaders of the Church.

Doctrine and Covenants 42, section heading  
Doctrine and Covenants 42:7, 11



Two missionaries should work together. They should teach from the Bible and the Book of Mormon. They should pray to have the Holy Ghost with them. The Holy Ghost would tell them what to teach.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:6, 12, 14



Missionaries should baptize people who believe the gospel.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:7



The Lord said members of the Church should obey the Ten Commandments. They should not kill. They should not tell lies. They should not say bad things about other people. They should not do any other bad things.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:18–27



The Saints should share what they have with other people. Sharing with others is like sharing with Jesus.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:30–38



Jesus gave the Saints other commandments. No Saint should think he or she is better than another person. The Saints should be clean. They should work hard.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:40–42





The Saints should take care of sick members. Men who have the priesthood should bless the sick. Those who

have faith can be healed. They will not die if it is not time for them to die.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:43–44, 48



Righteous Saints should not be afraid to die. Death is wonderful for righteous people.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:46



Jesus said He would reveal many things to righteous members. These revelations would bring joy. The Lord told the Saints to obey the law of the Church.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:61, 66