

Lesson 12

Doctrine and Covenants 63–67

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

Complete assignment 3 and any two of the other assignments:

1. Doctrine and Covenants 63. “He That Is Faithful and Endureth Shall Overcome the World”

- a. Read the institute student manual “Historical Background” for section 63 (page 133), and read verses 1–6 of Doctrine and Covenants 63. In writing, summarize the Lord’s warning to the wicked in these verses. Also write a sentence or two explaining how the historical background helps you understand why the warning was given.
 - b. Read Doctrine and Covenants 63:7–12; Ether 12:6; and the student manual commentary “D&C 63:7–12: How Is It That Signs Depend on Faith and the Seeking of Signs without Faith Is a Sin?” (pages 133–134). Explain in a few sentences why the Lord condemns sign seeking.
 - c. Identify in writing the consequences of righteousness or unrighteousness that the Lord gave in Doctrine and Covenants 63:13–20, 23, 32–34, 47. How are the warnings, as well as the promised blessings, evidence of the Lord’s love for us?
 - d. Read Doctrine and Covenants 63:48–54. Although some of this counsel is specific to the time in which the revelation was given, identify in writing at least two principles from these verses that can help you prepare now to receive an eternal inheritance in Zion.
- e. Read Doctrine and Covenants 63:58–64 and the student manual commentary “D&C 63:61–64: ‘Let All Men Beware How They Take My Name in Their Lips’” (page 135). In your own words, write a few sentences that summarize how Elder James E. Talmage’s (1862–1933) definition helps you understand verse 62.

2. Doctrine and Covenants 64. The Lord Requires Our Heart

In Doctrine and Covenants 64, the Lord demonstrates His concern for the condition of our hearts. Read the student manual commentary “D&C 64:22: Why Does the Lord Require the Hearts of Men?” (page 137), and then complete the following:

- a. Read Doctrine and Covenants 64:1–10. Write a few sentences that explain how the Lord’s declarations in verses 1–7 can help you obey the commandment He gives in verses 8–10.
- b. Read Doctrine and Covenants 64:11–13. Then write answers to the following questions:
 - What consequences do the wicked who do not repent bring upon themselves?
 - What reasons are given for these actions?
- c. From what you read in Doctrine and Covenants 64:20–25, create a list of some ways the Lord requires “the hearts of the children of men” (verse 22). Explain in writing how obedience to the principles of sacrifice and tithing mentioned in verse 23 corresponds to the Lord’s requirement of our hearts.
- d. Read Doctrine and Covenants 64:31–35, and then write answers to the following questions:
 - What does it mean to “be not weary in well-doing”? (verse 33).
 - How does this commandment relate to giving the Lord “the heart and a willing mind”? (verse 34).

3. Doctrine and Covenants 65. “May the Kingdom of God Go Forth, That the Kingdom of Heaven May Come”

- a. Read Doctrine and Covenants 65:1–5 and Daniel 2:44–45. Summarize in writing what the restoration of the “keys of the kingdom of

God” (verse 2) would result in, as described in these verses. Write a few sentences to explain what you can do to help the gospel roll forth and fill the whole earth.

- b. Read the student manual commentary “D&C 65:6: The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven” (pages 139–40). Explain in writing the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven. Describe two ways in which the service you give to the kingdom of God helps prepare the earth for the kingdom of heaven.

4. Doctrine and Covenants 66–67. “Humble Yourselves before Me”

- a. Read the student manual commentary “D&C 66:1–13: What Was the Spiritual Condition of William E. McLellin When This Revelation Was Given?” (pages 140–41) and the student manual “Historical Background” for section 67 (pages 141–42). Also read Doctrine and Covenants 66, and then write responses to the following:

- What praise did the Lord give to William E. McLellin?
- List one correction and one promised blessing the Lord gave in section 66.
- How does the message the Lord gave William E. McLellin in verses 3 and 10 relate to the principle taught in Ether 12:27?

- In what ways is the Lord’s love and concern for William E. McLellin evident in this revelation?
- List one way that the counsel in this revelation applies to you.
- How is this revelation similar to your patriarchal blessing? (if you have received yours).

- b. Read the institute student manual “Historical Background” for section 67 (pages 141–42) and the section heading for Doctrine and Covenants 67; then read verses 4–14 in the same section. Then write responses to the following:

- How do verses 5–8 apply directly to William E. McLellin?
- What responsibility does the Lord give those who know the truthfulness of the revelations He gave to Joseph Smith?
- Record how you feel about the revelations you have studied so far in the Doctrine and Covenants. Identify at least one passage from the Doctrine and Covenants that has impressed you, and explain how it has made a difference in your life.
- Summarize in a few sentences what you learn from Doctrine and Covenants 67:10–14 about preparing yourself to return to the presence of God. How does patience help you in this process?