

IDEAS FOR PREPARING TO RECEIVE A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING

1. Strive to be worthy
2. Learn how to listen to the Spirit
 - A. Open your mind and conscience in order to receive the inspiration of the Holy Ghost through personal prayer
3. Build your trust in Jesus Christ, His purpose, mission, and His Plan of Salvation
 - A. Include fasting and prayer as you prepare
4. Develop a testimony of the Scriptures
 - A. Read, search, ponder, and pray about them
5. Prepare yourself spiritually
 - A. Through meditation, contemplation, and earnest, sincere prayers
6. Maintain a pattern of prayer and scripture study
 - A. Develop a desire to want to learn more about yourself and your purpose in life
7. Ponder and pray about your feelings when you are alone
 - A. Think about the potentials that can come to you through a patriarchal blessing
8. Talk with your parents about receiving a patriarchal blessing
 - A. Seek their support through their faith and prayers in your behalf
 - B. Be sincere in your efforts
9. Think about receiving answers to your questions about life
 - As a Patriarch I always ask the recipient receiving His or Her patriarchal blessing, two important impromptu questions just before their receiving of their patriarchal blessing.
 - I. What brought you to the conclusion that this is an appropriate time for you to receive a patriarchal blessing?
 - II. What do you hope to learn today from receiving your patriarchal blessing?

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