

Doctrine and Covenants 123

The Importance of Keeping Records

At the final judgment, all mankind will be "judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12). As you study Doctrine and Covenants 123, see if you can learn about some records that could be used in the judgment and how those records might also be used before the final judgment.

Understanding the Scriptures

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Propriety (v. 1)—Correctness, properness

Affidavits (v. 4)—Written testimonies of truth made under oath

Libelous (vv. 4–5)—False and hurtful

Concatenation of diabolical rascality (v. 5)—Collection of wicked lies

Nefarious and murderous impositions (v. 5)—Evil and murderous deeds

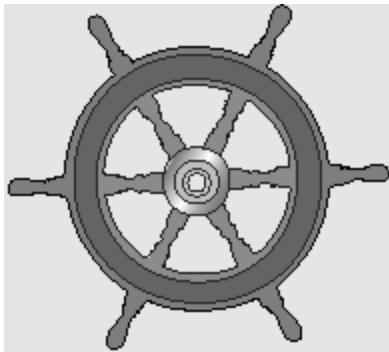
Enjoined on us (v. 6)—Required of us

Imperative (v. 7, 9, 11)—Essential

Riveted (v. 7)—Fastened, made immovable

Futurity (v. 15)—The future

Helm (v. 16)—Device for steering a ship



"A very large ship is benefited very much by a very small helm in the time of a storm, by keeping workways with the wind and the waves" (D&C 123:16).

Studying the Scriptures

Do activity A as you study Doctrine and Covenants 123.

A What Would You Need to Do?

1. If you had been a member of the Church in 1839, what would you be expected to do to fulfill the Lord's command in Doctrine and Covenants 123:1–5?
2. From what you learn in verses 5–15, list what you would need to do with the information you had gathered.
3. What records could you keep now that might bless future generations in the Church?