

Instructions to Priests

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Leviticus 10.
- B. God teaches us through Leviticus what our priesthood means today.
- C. Society is falling apart because of a lack of priesthood.

II. Instructions to priests.

A. Privileges of priests.

- 1. To distinguish between the clean and the unclean. He has to tell the difference between right and wrong, good and evil.
- 2. To teach reality. There are so many things that people are mixed up with today.

B. Anything that hinders our judgment and discrimination is forbidden to us as priests.

C. Sources of strength for the priest.

- 1. There is a reminder that one must lose one's life to save it.
- 2. When you are beaten down and it seems that no one is taking notice, you remind yourself of God's love for you.

D. It always pleases God to press beyond the rituals to what happens in the heart. (Psalm 51)

Application questions:

1. How does the Levitical priesthood parallel the priesthood of the believer today?

2. How can we find strength as a priest of God in the trials of life?

3. What is the role of rituals in the Christian life and what is the extent of their effectiveness? Explain.
