

WHAT IS PRIESTHOOD?

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The prophet says that priesthood is power...
The power of God.

Engine-like, it uses energy burning within itself, to alter forces existing outside itself. In man, the Spirit glowing within to bless the lives of those without.

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As the Spirit lights the way, one learns to magnify one's priesthood. as he gives ear to the Spirit learns God's will. as he directs us through the Spirit, and then to obey His direction implicitly.

One cannot gather to himself the blessings of The Spirit, hoard them, and thus enlarge his store; for priesthood power is impotent in one who tries to use it selfishly:

It is a tow truck, not a Rolls Royce;

It is a search light, not a night light;

A furnace, not a blanket;

A faucet, not a sponge.

It is through losing ourselves in the service of others that we find, for ourselves, the enlarging influence of the priesthood in our lives.

As we serve thus, we fulfill the injunction of Saint Francis of Assissi, who poetically expresses the most poignant feelings of one who would use priesthood righteously:

"Lord, make me an instrument in your hand.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Saint Francis of Assissi