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- A-1 God has ***built in His own proof system***
- A-2 ***of the Book of Mormon*** as found in Moroni, chapter 10, and in the testimonies of the Three and the Eight Witnesses and in various sections of the Doctrine and Covenants.
- B-1 We each need to *get our own testimony* of the Book of Mormon
- B-2 through the *Holy Ghost*.
- C-1 Then our *testimony*, coupled with the Book of Mormon, should be *shared with others*
- C-2 so that they, too, can *know through the Holy Ghost of its truthfulness*.
- D-1 Nephi testifies that the Book of Mormon contains the "words of Christ"
- D-2 and that if people "believe in Christ," they will believe in the Book of Mormon (2 Nephi 33:10).
- E-1 It is *important*
- E-2 that in our teaching we make use of the language of holy writ.
- F-1 Alma said, "***L...do command you in the language***
- F-2 ***of him who hath commanded me***" (Alma 5:61).
- F-1' ***The words and the way they are used*** in the Book of Mormon
- F-2' ***by the Lord***
- E-1' *should* become
- E-2' our source of understanding and should be used by us in teaching gospel principles.
- D-1' God uses the *power* of the word of the Book of Mormon
- D-2' as an *instrument to change people's lives*.
- C-1' "As the *preaching of the word*
- C-2' had a great tendency to *lead the people to do that which was just--*
- B-1' yea, it had had more *powerful effect upon the minds* of the people
- B-2' than the *sword, or anything else*, which happened unto them--
- A-1' therefore Alma thought it was *expedient* that they ***should try the virtue***
- A-2' ***of the word of God***" (Alma 31:5).

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