

# PMI Center for Biblical Studies

Distance Bible and Pastoral Ministry Training

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## Introductory Pack and Application for Bible College & Seminary Level Training Programs

### Overview of the Opportunity

**Uniqueness:** The PMI Center is a very **UNIQUE SCHOOL**. We began in 1981 with the belief that our incarcerated Christian friends deserved the same quality Bible and ministry education provided to those studying through the best distance education schools in the nation. We believe we provide that quality and after Luther Rice Seminary - the undisputed pioneer in distance education - reviewed our materials, they agreed and congratulated us for achieving that integral goal.

**Recognition:** The PMI Center is a **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL**. Since 1981, we have enrolled over 25,000 students while having served as a referral ministry for David Jeremiah, Jack Van Impe, Bill Glass, Chuck Swindoll, Billy Graham, Radio Bible Class, International Prison Ministry, and many other well respected Christian organizations. Under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ, our goal has always been to equip evangelists, pastors and teachers with the inerrant, infallible, inspired Scriptures, so that they may win souls, disciple their converts, and earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 1:3). **HOWEVER**, we have no interest in aligning ourselves with government recognized “accredited” schools that teach things we believe are unbiblical and untoward. If “accreditation” is important to you, or you are enrolling here to earn “cheap” credits to transfer to another school, please don’t apply because other schools may or may not accept our credits for transfer.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is the doctrinal position of the PMI Center?

**A:** We stand without apology as independent, fundamental, and dispensational King James Bible teaching school.

**Q:** I heard somewhere you are tuition free so why are you asking for money?

**A:** Tuition-free means we don’t charge per credit hour *tuition fees* to pay these expenses. That said, please hear me dear friend: Isn't it time we quit looking at giving to the Lord's work with *disdain* and began viewing it with *delight* instead? Paul commanded: *Let him that is taught communicate unto (share with) him that teacheth (Gal. 6:6)*. Just as Moses asked for money (Ex. 35-36), David asked (1 Chron. 29:1-20), King Hezekiah asked (2 Chron. 31:4), Nehemiah asked (Neh. 2:7-8), and Paul asked (1 Cor. 16:1-4) for ministry money, we likewise ask for supporters to help with monthly gifts per student to help pay our ongoing ministry expenses. We strive to be good stewards with what the Lord provides and we do our best to keep costs as low as possible for students, while providing quality education and training for service in the Lord’s work.

**Q:** Does PMI offer degrees?

**A:** No. PMI offers diplomas. Degrees are available without any additional work from our co-op college Calvary Christian College and Seminary. PMI will provide and handle all paperwork at the appropriate time.

**Q:** How do the PMI programs work?

**A:** Once you are accepted into the college and seminary level study program and have your sponsorship underway, you will receive your Orientation Pack, which contains everything you need to get started, including your first course. All Undergraduate programs are 4-year, 120 credit hours long and are an intense combination of work in Biblical Studies in Right Division, training in your chosen concentration, and collateral assignments covering a wide range of theological topics. You will qualify for a Diploma upon completion. If you matriculate without any previous credits, you will qualify for an Associate’s degree after completing 60 hours.

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**Q:** How can I receive credit for my ministry experience and/or Bible courses I've taken or taught?

**A:** Request a **DEGREE AND CREDIT EVALUATION (DACE)** form to submit to PMI for an analysis.

**Q:** I've put my family and friends through enough. I won't ask them to help me or contribute to PMI.

**A:** Think carefully about this! The Bible teaches everything belongs to God (Job 41:11) and Christians are merely stewards of what the Lord owns (Luke 12:42-48; 1 Cor. 4:2). We are *all* therefore *expected* to give to the Lord out of that which He has loaned to us. Let me say that another way: we don't own anything. Therefore, what we give isn't really ours, it's all His!! Now this is exciting. When we obey God by giving tithes and offerings from His money, He not only promises to provide *seed to the sower* (2 Cor. 9:10) but He blesses us for distributing **WHAT HE HIMSELF PROVIDED**. (Luke 6:38). In Israel, when they withheld tithes and offerings, God indicted them for stealing from Him (Mal. 3:8-10); and God can't bless a thief! Now, the question at hand isn't "*should* your friends and relatives give their offerings to God's work?" but rather "*where* shall they give them?" Since 1981 PMI has proven to be a faithful and trustworthy storehouse for tithes and offerings. Therefore, when you deny your family and friends even an opportunity to receive a letter explaining our ministry and giving them a chance to help, you are actually usurping the work of the Holy Spirit by removing any opportunity whatsoever for God to touch their hearts and bless them for helping us help you.

**Q:** What happens to applications from students with no sponsors?

**A:** They will not be approved, I'm very sorry.

**Q:** Can I assist in my own sponsorship?

**A:** Yes. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2Co 9:7 KJV)

**Q:** How much do I need to give or raise from sponsors?

**A:** The minimum is \$30 per month per academic year, reduced to \$20 for prisoners. However, some students are led to give \$40, \$50, even \$100 per month per year. Stamps are always needed and very welcome.

**Q:** What happens to students with sponsors who aren't faithful in monthly giving?

**A:** Students without support are put on temporary hold until finances resume. I'm sorry.

**Q:** Do you ordain women?

**A:** No. Women students are offered and provided with non-pastoral studies.

**Q:** Can I work on more than one study program at a time?

**A:** No! We used to allow this, but it didn't work out.

**Q:** Can I continue my studies when I'm back in the Free World?

**A:** Yes. Be sure to call or email Dr. Ted when released.

**Q:** How do I get started?

**A:** Find a sponsor then fill out and submit to us the application on the next page.

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**Neatly print all information except your signature!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial Your D.O.C. Number

Prison Name/Unit/Cell/Bunk/etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  I am a Prisoner  I am *not* a prisoner

### My Educational Background (check all that apply)

I am a graduate of PMI (year) \_\_\_\_\_ with a [ ] diploma [ ] degree in \_\_\_\_\_

I completed the 8 Foundation's Study Project (date) \_\_\_\_\_  I have *not* completed it yet

I've taken other Bible courses and/or have Ministry experience. Please send me a **DACE** form

### My Spiritual Life (which of the following best describes your belief system)

Armstrong/Worldwide Church of God  Baptist  Charismatic/Pentecostal

Catholic  Jehovah's Witness  Mormon  Sacred Name  Sabbatarian

Seventh Day Adventist  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### My Support Documents (100-200 words each). Applications returned to students if **both** are not included.

How did you get saved?  How do you hope to use your PMI Center training in your ministry?

My sponsor:  Me  Spouse  Mom  Dad  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Ted,

I alerted my sponsor of the cost of the program I am interested in, and that when a year is paid in advance, they can take advantage of a generous 30% discount. My sponsor assured me the first offering will be on its way to PMI shortly with a note that it is for my training program. **I understand that course work and materials will not be sent until an offering is received.**

I affirm that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that like church membership, my enrollment in the PMI Center is a privilege and not a right. My enrollment may be terminated for any reason including poor academic performance and ungodly or un-Christlike behavior.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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Select one Study Major *OR* one Certificate Program:

### Study Majors

All study programs are \$30/month, \$360 per academic year – **REDUCED for prisoners** to \$20/month (\$240 per academic year). **DISCOUNT NOTICE:** We offer a generous 30 percent DISCOUNT when paying the year in advance: \$252 for non-prisoners and for prisoners \$168. The only exceptions are the 2-year, Old Scofield Study Track which is \$140 total and the Dispensational Bible Study, which is \$100 total.

[ ] **Biblical Studies Track (4 Yrs-6 Yrs – 120-180 Hrs)** - Prepares Bible teachers, pastors, and preachers. You will study the Bible cover to cover for 180 credits and up to six years- along with many other relevant collateral reading assignments. Each year completed you'll earn a PMI Diploma in Biblical Studies and an optional degree from your 2nd year Associate of Biblical Studies degree to your 6th year Doctor of Biblical Studies degree.

[ ] **Christian Education Track (4 Yrs - 120 Hrs)** - Prepares pastors and CE directors, not school teachers. Discover all the major topics in a typical seminary master's program: Old and New Testament studies, Systematic Theology, Church History including the Reformation, Puritanism, and the Great Awakenings, World Religions, Christian Leadership, Missions, Ethics, Christian Education, Apologetics, and much more. Bachelor to Master of Christian Education available upon completion. (PhD possible, discussed below).

[ ] **Ministry in Pastoral Studies Track (4 Yrs-6 Yrs – 120-180 Hrs)** - Especially for men called to be evangelists, pastors, and church ministry leaders. Step by step pastoral ministry instruction on how to conduct weddings, funerals, communion, baptisms, sermon prep & delivery, and much more. As part of a complete education in Ministry, you will also learn biblical and creation apologetics, evangelism, prophecy, and counseling. Our Nouthetic Counseling program is designed for men in pastoral roles and includes text materials covering courses in Intro to Nouthetics, Nouthetic Theology, and much more. Optional Ordination available after 5 years - 150 hours Master of Ministry and qualifications met. Bachelor to Doctor of Ministry available.

[ ] **Theology (4 Yrs-5 Yrs – 120-150 Hrs)** - The Theology student will study many theological texts covering a wide array of topics such as Theology Proper, Christology, Angelology, Demonology, Soteriology, Harmatology, Pneumatology, and more. The student will also learn Biblical and Creation Apologetics, covering such topics as: the authority and purpose off the Bible, its origin, documentation, deity of Christ, Biblical criticism, alleged contradictions, skepticism, Gnosticism, creationism vs. evolution, big bang, stellar evolution, age of earth, problem of times, dating methods and much more. Rounding out the student's education is the study of eschatology, or prophecy: how world events predicted long ago by the prophets affect our world today. You will survey and study prophecy including, Daniel, Revelation, the Rapture and the Revelation, and more. Bachelor to Master of Theology available; PhD possible. See below.

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[ ] **PhD in Christian Education (2 Yrs – 60 Hrs)** – Hold a valid Master's degree with 150 hours of transferrable credit. Initial coursework sent for each of the above after your sponsor sends in the first year of offerings. We offer used text materials in Apologetics, Christian Ed, Religious Ed, and Theology programs. Check with your prison about this before enrolling. \$20/month, \$240/year

[ ] **PhD in Theology (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) - PhD requirements:** Hold a valid Master's degree with 150 hours of transferrable credit. Initial coursework sent for each of the above after your sponsor sends in the first year of offerings. \$20/month, \$240/year. We offer used text materials in Apologetics, Christian & Religious Ed, and Theology programs. Check with your prison about this before enrolling.

### Certificate Programs

[ ] **Old Scofield Bible Theology Studies – 2 Years** - Prepares evangelists, pastors and teachers with a good working knowledge of Biblical doctrine. Dr. Ted has used the Scofield notes for many years and believes it to be the finest study Bible on the planet. His recommendation to students that only have time for one study program is to enroll in and complete this study track. This Special Program consists of 4 Modules, priced at \$35 each (\$140 total), with no further discounts offered. We send the Bible and Module 1 upon receipt of the first \$35 offering. The three remaining Modules sent as we receive each \$35 offering. Students completing this course will be eligible for a Theology Diploma.

[ ] **Dispensational Bible Studies – 2 Years** - This is a 2 module course that examines the Bible from a dispensational point of view. Students are taught to study Scripture in context and to rightly divide between Israel and the Church. Program cost is \$50 per module (\$100 total), no further discounts offered. Students completing this course will be eligible for a Biblical Studies Diploma.

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