

PMI CENTER FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES

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



Dear student and friend: I am excited about the distance education studies program for prisoners offered by the PMI Center for Biblical Studies. Dr. Michael Johnston's ministry is meeting the definite and growing need for discipleship and Bible training in this segment of our society. I have personally reviewed (and contributed to) the curriculum and found it to be Scripturally sound. --Dr. Jack Van Impe

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 20,000 students while having served as a referral school for well-respected ministries such as **Jack Van Impe** and many others. 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, Mid Acts 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. NOW I'll be brutally honest: If asking for money offends you, **PLEASE give this application to a mature Christian** who understands the basics of meeting ministry needs.

Q: Does PMI offer degrees?

A: No. PMI offers diplomas. Degrees are available without any additional work from our co-op college Calvary Christian where Dr. Van Impe is a graduate. 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 complete an intense 2 year, 60 credit hour program in Right Division Biblical Studies which will qualify you for a diploma upon completion. If you matriculate without any previous credits, you will qualify for a Counselor of Biblical Studies degree after completing 30 hours and an Associate of Biblical Studies degree after completing 60 hours.

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.

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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 \$20 per month per academic year. However some students are led to give \$30, \$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. Mike 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 (if applicable) _____

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 not included.

Testimony of your salvation (100 words) *Why I Chose the PMI Center to train me (100 words)*

My sponsor: Me Spouse Mom Dad Other _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Dr. Ted,

I alerted my sponsor that all programs except the Old Scofield are \$20 per month 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 not that it is for my schooling.

X _____
Signature Date

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Upon completion of the 2 Year, 60 Hour Right Division Biblical Studies program, and after finding a sponsor, you will be able to matriculate into any one of the following study tracks except for the PhD programs which have special education requirements:

Biblical Studies Track (4 Yrs - 120 Hrs) - Prepares evangelists, pastors and Bible teachers with a great working knowledge of Scripture as each of the 66 Books are studied in their full expository context. \$20/month, \$240/year

Christian Education Track (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) - Prepares pastors and CE directors, not school teachers. Reinforces America's great Christian Heritage along with setting up and administrating a CE program in a local church. (PhD possible, discussed below). Initial coursework sent after your sponsor sends in the first year of offerings. \$20/month, \$240/year

Ministry in Nouthetic Counseling Track (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) - Prepares pastors and nouthetic counselors to use the Word of God in dealing with life's problems. Students will develop a confident competency in this program by studying the methodology and theology of Dr. Jay Adams followed by a wide variety of case studies and practicum - Initial coursework sent after your sponsor sends in the first year of offerings. \$20/month, \$240/year

Ministry in Pastoral/Ordination Studies Track (2 - 3 Yrs - 60-90 Hrs) - Prepares pastors with step by step soul winning training along with other church ministry preparation including doctrinal studies, heresy awareness, sermon prep and writing, preaching, weddings, funerals and a variety of ministry duties like communion, baptism, and much more. 3rd Year optional M.Div with enough credits. \$20/month, \$240/year

Religious Education Track (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) - The RE degree track will help prepare writers, counselors, pastors, and teachers to contemplate and discuss important contemporary issues surrounding ethics, theology, and apologetics. Your teachers will include scholars such as Norman Geisler, Ravi Zacharias, Josh McDowell, and many more. (PhD possible, discussed below). Initial coursework sent after your sponsor sends in the first year of offerings. \$20/month, \$240/year

Theology in Apologetics Track (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) - Prepares pastors, writers, and teachers to contend for the faith in the face of the relentless assaults against the Scriptures and Creationism. Initial coursework text materials sent upon receipt of first year offerings. \$20/month, \$240/year

Theology in Prophecy - Jack Van Impe Track (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) - Prepares pastors, teachers, and writers with a sound grasp of eschatology. The Bible is at least twenty-five percent prophecy, and your faith in Christ will grow strong as you study it and teach it to family, friends, and church members. Learn from premier prophecy experts like Dr. Jack Van Impe and others. \$20/month, \$240/year

PhD in Christian Education (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) – Requirements listed below. \$20/month, \$240/year

PhD in Religious Education (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs) – Requirements listed below. \$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 Ed, Religious Ed, and Theology programs. Check with your prison about this before enrolling.

Special Old Scofield Study Bible Track Offer

[] **Theology in Scofield Bible Track (2 Yrs - 60 Hrs)** - Prepares evangelists, pastors and teachers with a good working knowledge of Biblical doctrine. Dr. Mike preached the Scofield notes for over 30 years and believed it is the finest study Bible on the planet. His recommendation to students that only have time for one study program was to enroll in and complete this study track. To help make it possible, Dr. Ted has reduced the cost to just \$200; or 4 payments of \$50. No further discounts will be offered. We send the Bible and Module 1 upon receipt of the first \$50 offering. Three remaining Modules sent as we receive each \$50 offering.