

COMMISSIONED WITH HONORS MAJORING IN MEN[®]

ESSAY QUESTIONS

One essay question must be completed from three different books in order for a Majoring In Men[®] commissioning candidate to be commissioned “with honors.”

Instructions for Essay Exam:

1. Write each essay as a separate paper. Use 10 pages or less for the three essays combined. Write the question at the top of your exam before you answer.
2. Your exam must be written clearly. If you do not have access to a computer then good, clear handwriting is acceptable. Illegible exams will be returned.
3. Choose one question from three different books. You will write a total of three essays. Choose essays that will help you in the area of ministry you feel God is directing you.

Give your completed exam to your pastor or men’s leader.

Choose ONE essay question per book from THREE of the following books:

Communication, Sex and Money

1. Many men have referred to the book Communication, Sex and Money as the “Sex and Money” book. Write reasons why men think of those two items and not communication. What is necessary for men to develop good communication skills? Compare the ideal with the real. Discuss why communication may be hard for men.
2. From the materials studied, create a list of what you believe are the most important attributes in a healthy marriage. Support your opinions with Scripture references.
3. Why do marriages fail? Give reasons, ways to prevent it, and steps to restoration. Include Scripture references. Write your answer in essay form or create a presentation using any method.

Courage

1. Devise what you believe are the necessary steps and elements for the “new construction” of a person’s life. What is necessary for “reconstruction”? Compare the two. Discuss which is harder and why.
2. From the materials studied, create a list of what you believe are the most important lessons a young man must learn. Support your opinion with Scripture references.
3. Why do men rebel? Give reasons, ways to prevent it and steps to restoration, including principles from the Parable of the Prodigal and any other Scripture references that apply. Write your answer in essay form and provide a teaching outline to be used for speaking as well.

Maximized Manhood

1. Based on 1 Corinthians 10, write a comparison of the Israelites coming out of Egypt and

a modern man becoming “maximized.” Use specific comparisons, such as the Red Sea in the Old Testament and baptism in the New Testament. Include Scripture references.

2. Contrast the Kingdom of God to the Kingdom of Satan, using specific attributes such as love and lust. Explain the counterfeit nature of Satan’s Kingdom and how what appears to be good is actually bad.
3. Prepare a one-hour presentation on “How to Maximize Your Manhood.” Write the outline of it, including Scripture references.

Never Quit

1. Rephrase the ten steps of entering and leaving in your own words. Give an example of why each is important. Then offer ways to accomplish each step, listing difficulties that may occur and how to overcome them.
2. Imagine you have been invited to speak about God’s faithfulness to a group of prison inmates. What would you tell them about their situation? What hope do they have? Write an outline for a one-hour presentation, including scriptural references and personal experiences you may have had.
3. The path to victory can be excruciatingly painful. Create a chart that shows specific steps to victory backed by Scripture. Then show the steps to maintain victorious living using biblical principles.

The Power of Potential

1. From the Book of Genesis, write your personal opinion on why Joseph is a good role model for modern men who are trying to achieve a dream. Include patterns and principles Joseph encountered or learned while waiting for his dream, with Scripture references. Include where applicable, quotes from men today who have achieved their dreams.
2. Write a personal testimony of where you have seen the Holy Spirit work in your life through the supernatural or spectacular, or both. Give instances from Scripture of both the supernatural and the spectacular. Draw parallels where possible between your experiences and those in Scripture.
3. Prepare a one-hour presentation of any kind on “lessons from the Life of Joseph.” Write an outline for it. Include Scripture references.

Real Man

1. Write on the principle that “private philosophy determines public performance,” by choosing a Biblical story or series of scriptures. Include patterns, principles, Scripture references and modern quotes as applicable.
2. Prepare a personal written testimony on “spiritual unemployment.” Why is it essential for a man to be spiritually employed and active? Support your conclusions with Scripture.
3. Create a one-hour presentation of any kind on the principle that “fame can come in a moment but greatness comes with longevity.” Write an outline for it. Include Scripture references and news media or personal illustrations.

Sexual Integrity

1. List some sexual problems men encounter before *and* during marriage. Take each of the problems you listed above and provide examples of how men might fall into these problems. In your essay, try to walk in the shoes of fallen men and empathize with their situations. Offer solutions to the “problems,” recognizing them as sin, and showing a way men can recover from sin in each situation.
2. Explain the covenants of the Bible from a scriptural perspective, including the covenant of marriage.
3. Imagine you have been invited to speak to 500 teenagers to convince them to keep themselves pure until marriage. Prepare an outline of what you would say, using Scripture references and emphasizing what points you would use to convince them.

Strong Men in Tough Times

1. Part One: Develop a plan for stopping “Scriptural Illiteracy” in a person’s life. Part Two: Expand it into a plan for an entire church. Give biblical support for each stage of your plan.
2. Explain a father’s need to provide his family with intimacy, discipline, love and value. Give a scriptural illustration for each of the four. In what ways can drugs, cults or gangs offer a counterfeit family to children? Support your opinions with references from the news media, backed by Scripture.
3. Write what you believe about God and what God has for your life. If you are married, work on it with your wife. After writing it out, condense it to create a short confession of roughly 50 words. Share the entire project with your children, adapting it to their age level. Teach them the confession and lead them in it daily.

The Unique Woman

1. Clarify the difference between men and women by writing a speech that could be given to young teenagers. In what ways are women to be treated differently than men? Support each point with Scripture.
2. Imagine you find a group of men who have been hidden in a bunker since a war occurred in your country around twenty years ago. Find a way to prepare them for how women have changed since they last saw one. In what ways are the changes good? In what ways are the changes bad? Who is to blame or to be congratulated? Give them a scriptural basis for conducting themselves around modern women.
3. What is the surest way to live a long, good life with the spouse of your youth? What is the surest way to destroy it? Write specific steps to avoid destruction and build a good marriage, using Biblical principles and quotes. Use personal examples only with your spouse’s approval.