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2 Timothy 4

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Matthew 28

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Luke 24

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs,

being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

John 20

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were

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the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Romans 1

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

1 Corinthians 1

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Peter 5

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Corinthians 11

1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Romans 16

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

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Introduction

Baptist International University School of the Scriptures, offered through *Rhode Island Baptist Seminary*, is a complete program whereby servants of the Lord Jesus Christ can better prepare themselves for service, learn *to do*, participate effectively in *World Evangelism, Teach all Nations*, and be rewarded accordingly with Academic Degrees.

The Ph.D. level is well-earned. We require men, not only to fulfill the lower levels of the Curricula, but we also require learning to preach and teach in a Foreign Language and be involved with Scripture Distribution World-wide. These two things, among others, set us apart from most other Universities.

Another things that sets us apart is the principle that we are really never finished learning, serving, achieving, and teaching.

The commandment to *Love as Jesus loved* (John 15:12): “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.”) is always applicable, and we expect men at the post-doctorate level to continue as leaders serving others as humble servants.

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant (Matthew 20:27) are not empty words, but very serious words and a commandment to all. Again: ***But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant*** (Matthew 23:11) shows us the Lord’s measurement of greatness. We should all strive to be better servants.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28) follows verse 27 above. Ph.D.’s in the work are men who serve and minister – they are not looking to be ministered unto.

Furthermore, they are humble and live their lives as ensamples of humble servants. God hates a proud look (Proverbs 6:16-17). Most people also reject proud people.

Other attributes of our *Doctors* are these:

- They are generous and giving with time, money, help, and knowledge.
- They are willing to give of themselves to help others succeed.
- They are patterns for reproduction.
- They have a deep heart-felt love for Missions and the free distribution of God’s word.
- They help in the redemption of their brothers – salvation (sin) and financial (mammon).
- They are not respecters of persons.
- They honor New Testament churches and submit themselves to them accordingly.

Lastly, we expect our Doctors to have proper vision:

- A High Vision – one that sees as God sees as revealed in his word.
- A World Vision – one that sees the world as a whole and works accordingly to “teach all nations,” taking that commandment personally.
- A Long Vision – one that sees how short his life is and the necessity to influence others for the cause of Christ.

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Lesson 1: 701 Post-Doctoral Work

Once a man has completed the requirements of the entire curricula he is now expected to continue in the post-doctoral work. He is an ambassador for Christ and is an ensample of Christ's Doctrine.

Men who have fulfilled the doctorate level curriculum should continue to be involved in the teaching and scripture work. Men who have reached this level will understand their responsibility and know what they ought to be doing.

The post-doctoral areas of service are defined in the lessons that follow. Men at this level should consider adding to the body of material that is part of *Baptist International University*.

Men at the Ph.D. level can be used to facilitate the creation of schools, work on the translation of scripture and other works, and edify churches (Ephesians 4).

The Post-Ph.D. level of service includes the elements of the following lessons, but it is not limited to them. A man at this level is led by God and will do as God leads.

Lesson 2: Preaching and Teaching

Matthew 28 and Mark 16 command the leadership of the New Testament church to "Teach all Nations" and "Preach the Gospel to Every Creature."

Personal Evangelism and Edification are commanded and expected. One can see that regardless of the leadership position, the work is the same – see Ephesians 4:

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Whether an apostle, an evangelist, a pastor, or a teacher; the work is the same:

- the perfecting of the saints
- the work of the ministry
- the edifying of the body of Christ:

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Paul also gives the reason for this work:

- so that all come in the unity of the faith
- and of the knowledge of the Son of God
- unto a perfect man
- unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ
- that we henceforth be no more children,
- who are tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine,
- by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive

Paul then tells us how to do this work:

- speaking the truth in love,
- may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ

Paul then tells us the outcome:

- from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth
- according to the effectual working in the measure of every part
- maketh increase of the body
- unto the edifying of itself in love.

The preaching and teaching at the post-Ph.D. level is expected in all areas of ministry, and in all places. The man at this level is ready, willing, and able to preach and teach from his Jerusalem unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

His preaching and teaching are exhortations in the areas of giving towards missions, the scripture work, initiation of schools, and other needs of the ministry.

Lesson 3: Local and World Evangelism using the Scriptures

The man at the post-Ph.D. level understands from his heart the need for scriptures and he is an ensample of how to acquire and use them for world evangelism.

He knows how to identify departure texts and *gracefully* show others the reasons why we use the pure text.

He uses the scriptures to preach, teach, and evangelize.

Lesson 4: World Evangelism and Mission work

The post-doctorate men are busy in the mission work. They travel to mission fields, encourage the support of missions, and help missionaries in their efforts. This effort, with the use of scriptures, is the work of the sower and seed.

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Lesson 5: Writing

Men at this level are writers. They write not opinions or for the sake of contention, but they write helpful articles and studies that complement the work of Christ. When identifying error, they speak the truth in love.

There are many opportunities for the writing of tracts, papers, studies, booklets, pamphlets, etc.

Lesson 6: Generating Scriptural Studies

As men progress, their understanding of the scriptures and their experience grow. As the man progresses, he takes the time to document what God has showed him out of the word of God.

Lesson 7: Generating other New Studies for *Baptist International University*

There is always a need for new studies in the B. I. work. As men do the work at any level, they should be ready to write material that will be helpful to the work.

For example, in Peru, Pastor Luis Huayaban started having mission conferences. We are at about the fifth annual conference, and our church has participated in their mission programs for four years.

The work of a mission conference in Lima was somewhat a novelty and coupled with the different culture, it was incumbent upon a national pastor to blaze the trail on a purely indigenous mission conference. The work has been successful, with earnings every year.

Pastor Huayaban has done very well in adjusting the vision of his church and updating the property and facilities for these conferences. He houses, feeds, schedules, and cares for the many missionaries who attend.



Furthermore, there is an emphasis, not only for the support of the missionaries attending, but also an exhortation for the existing mission works to support other missionaries.

Our church has had the privilege to partner in the vision to support a Baptist missionary in every district of the country. There are 24 districts and we currently support men in 12 of those districts, with plans of adding 4 missionaries every year.

Brother Huayaban's learnings, when documented, will be a help to other pastors in Peru who should follow in the mission conference work.

Additionally, for *Baptist International University*, we have documented the notes from our teaching and participation at these conferences. These notes are found in the Class 310 World Evangelism Paper (Example).

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Lesson 8: Translations

Because of the commandment to teach all nations, there are many opportunities in the post-doctorate work to translate works for the benefit of foreign speakers. Many studies, helps, classes, articles, etc. can be of a great help to brethren around the world.

We have seen – likely because of the great influence of the *King James Bible* and the 400 years of study associated with it – that in English there are many good works for the student of the Bible that are not available in their languages. *Of making many books there is no end*, the preacher said in Ecclesiastes 12:12.

A servant of the Lord with the ability and world vision would be happy to provide to people of other tongues the benefit of these studies. He can translate, layout, and publish these works. It should be noted that these principles be followed:

1. All work is offered free of charge
2. We should never violate copyright laws. We should re-write and re-study the lessons if we do not have permission or if the works are not public domain.
3. With the many translation software programs available, the translation work is made easier. However, every computer-generated translation should have thorough human review for accuracy and applicability.
4. Scripture references used should be from T/R or MT translations and from versions not copyrighted.

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Language study and translation is an on-going process whereby the student continually improves his ability. With God's help and favor, the post-doctorate man will affect the lives of many in this area of work.

Lesson 9: Syllabi Generation, Revision, and Translation

Since there are no *Divine Lesson Plans*, the existing syllabi are subject to improvement, addition, and updating based on the ever-progressing work of the Lord and world technology.

For example, we have updated the Class 206 *Introduction to Scripture Publishing* based on new technologies, the digital age, and local church publishing. We also added improved diagrams and images.

Although we use *Google® Translator* for translation, we still have the need for review and revision based on men with knowledge and understanding. Furthermore, there are some languages not available through digital means, and these would require manual translation.

There is also the possibility of new syllabi being generated and added to seminaries worldwide. Since the teachers are Holy Ghost-led; they will have particular information applicable to their culture or circumstance that we do not have. In such cases, these teachings should be documented.

Lesson 10: Support of the Baptist International University S. O. S. Vision

Post-Ph.D. men will have the S. O. S. Vision, which is a world vision for Teaching all Nations. They personally understand their obligation to serve others and will be available as God allows to teach on subjects helpful to churches.

Lesson 11: All areas of Inter-church Service

Inter-church service includes every facet of the ministry. Post-Ph.D. men are true servants, with humility and love, who give of themselves and their resources to serve others.

Lesson 12: Help with Financial Corrections and Redemption Ministry

Paul wrote to Philemon in respect to Onesimus in verse 18: "*If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account....*" Paul was willing to redeem his brother in order to keep the peace and further the work of God. Paul understood the profitability of Onesimus: "*Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me...*" (verse 11). The profit of men in the work far outweighs financial expenses.

Jesus understood the profit of a man – "*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*" (Mark 8:36.)

Post-Ph.D. men also understand this concept. Whether at an individual or church level, the need for financial corrections and redemption abounds.

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One will note that Paul worked so he would not be chargeable to others in the ministry (2 Corinthians 11:9; 1 Thessalonians 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:8). Paul was clear in Acts 20:33-35:

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

It is indeed more blessed to give than to receive. Some are givers, some are takers. Some are heads, some are tails. Some are free, some are bound. Some operate in want; some operate in abundance. Some are slothful, some are diligent. Some lack, and some prosper as their soul prospers.

Men at the post-Ph.D. level help brethren and churches become givers, heads, free; and to operate in abundance, through diligence, right savings and investing, and giving properly. They are *self-sufficient* financially. If they request support, it is support for others, and they offer themselves as patterns to follow in this support.

Men at this level know the financial principles of God's word and apply them, and they teach them to others. Psalm 112 applies.

Lesson 13: Reproduction of Faithful Men

Being a good pattern to follow (an ensample) is important in the lives of meant this level. A man *does* before he *teaches*. He can teach from experience without hypocrisy. Briefly listed, the main areas visible in this man's life are these:

- Being a Follower of Christ
- Practicing Love Commandment Doctrine
- Servicing in Love
- Having Humility
- Being Diligent in every work
- Having Faithfulness in every work
- Being Generous in giving of self and possessions

Lesson 14: Involvement in the Scripture Work

Post-Ph.D. men have experience in all areas of the scripture work and can advise and labor in any area. They are still active in scripture production and distribution, and in exhortation work for such.

Lesson 15: Being an Ensample of a Servant

Serving in love is a mark of someone who is great in the work of Lord – Matthew 23:11: “*But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.*” Also, Luke 22:26: “*But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.*”

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The doctorate is not sought after for boasting purposes. It is a recognition of service to God and others in love. This love-service is the primary attribute of men at this level. They are willing to serve in love.

Lesson 16: Being an Ensample of Charity (“by love serve one another”)

Closely related to service is *Charity*. Without charity one is nothing and nothing is profitable – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

We can define charity as: “the action of God’s love working through a person benefiting others.” Charity has its source in God, and its object as others. Post-Ph.D. men exemplify this character of Godly Charity.

Paul mentions these areas in which charity should be manifest:

- Speaking with charity (1 Corinthians 13:1)
- Understanding and knowledge with charity (v. 2)
- Having faith (v. 2)
- Bestowing goods, feeding the poor (v. 3)
- Being a martyr for Jesus (v. 3)

Paul further shows how Charity is manifested (v. 4-7):

- Suffers long
- Is kind
- Does not envy
- Does not vaunt itself
- Is not puffed up
- Does not behave unseemly
- Seeks not her own
- Not easily provoked
- Thinks no evil
- Rejoices not in iniquity
- Rejoices in the truth
- Bears all things
- Believes all things
- Hopes all things
- Endures all things

Lesson 17: Language and Translation Studies

Besides learning a second language at the Ph.D. level, these men also further develop their language abilities. It is a constant, but profitable, work to improve and learn languages. Furthering their work, they practice translation.

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Lesson 18: Publishing Book and other Works (offered free of charge)

Working at this level, men will be writing and documenting teaching material. As God leads, there will be opportunities for the man to publish a book or other works.

Lesson 19: Involvement in the Support and Facilitation of New and Existing B. I. schools

Men at this level will help churches start seminaries and do what is needed to support the work. He may be called upon to help in all areas of the S. O. S. curricula.

Lesson 20: Helping with Scripture Production, Distribution, and Support

As with the above, Post-Ph.D. men will be called upon to help in all areas of scripture production and distribution.

Lesson 21: Translation of Scripture

Post-doctorate men will already have experience in scripture translation, either by preaching in a second language (an active use), by ministering to people of tribal languages and giving them the gospel in that language, or by actually working on a written translation of portions of scripture.

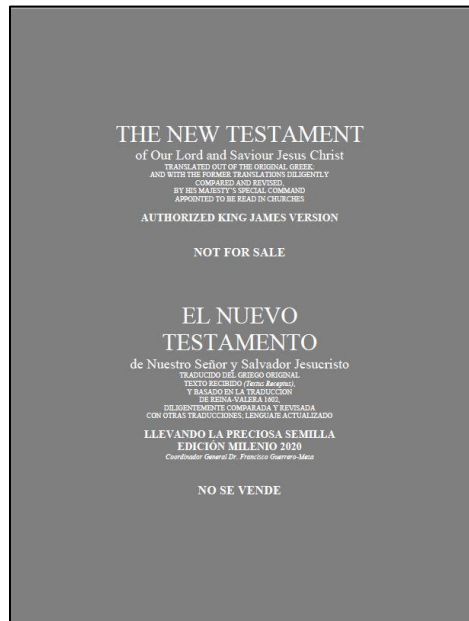
For example, Dr. Francisco Guerrero, the vice-president of *Baptist International*, started a translation of the Spanish New Testament in the 1980's. Dr. N. S. Desent, in conjunction with Dr. Guerrero, worked on this translation through the 1990's and 2000's. It was finished in 2015 and is offered freely to all. It is called the *Bearing Precious Seed Spanish New Testament*.

Historic Baptist Church first printed the John and Romans part of this New Testament starting in 1991 (that was all that was available). In the latter part of the 1990's, Missionary Robert Baker took a printing press to remote parts of Honduras and printed in-country the same *Juan y Romanos* for the people of Honduras, in the three churches he started. Brother Baker was a missionary out of Historic Baptist Church.



Since the completion of the B. P. S. New Testament, it has been printed in the USA and Peru, and distributed free of charge to a few other countries

Recently, Historic Baptist Church printed (and offers free of charge) a parallel New Testament featuring this B. P. S. Spanish N. T. along with the King James Version. This can be used for comparison work and learning the Spanish language.

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Also, because of the nearly 30 years involvement in the translation of the New Testament, *Baptist International University* offers a syllabus for Class 505 *Introduction to Scripture Translation*, documenting the learnings over the decades in respect to the translation work.

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As a result of this translation and printing work, many things complementary to the B. I. curricula that are accomplished that we should like to list for the reader:

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1. There is a great encouragement and sense of accomplishment to have completed the translation. This work required exhortative communication. The blessing of accomplishment is difficult to put into words, but whether or not the version is used widespread, we know we have worked rightly handling the word of God
2. The work involved and encouraged the cooperative efforts of many brethren. In 2015 in Rhode Island we held a conference and a workshop on the translation that many brethren attended and participated in.
3. The work involved translation and verse comparison for every verse of the New Testament. The New Testament has 260 chapters, 7,959 verses, and roughly 184,600 words
4. By the printing work we showed production of scriptures previously studied and translated.
5. After production we distributed these scriptures free of charge to many places.
6. We were involved in typesetting and book layout.
7. We created a publishable work and published it.
8. Using the parallel New Testament, a student can easily do a verse comparison using the KJV as the baseline.
9. Because of the translation work we are able to create a study and teaching syllabus on the subject (Class 505). We follow the *do and teach* principle, so we could not write this syllabus without first doing the work.
10. We practiced God's principle and commandments not to take away or add to the word of God.

All in all, the post-doctorate work of scripture translation yielded many positive things for those involved and for those who follow.

This is provided as an example of the post-doctorate work.