

Christian Ministry 3 – 2011 Exam Review Guide

Week 1: The Big Picture: A Lifestyle of Self-Giving Love

- Be familiar with the features and outcomes of the self-giving and self-serving lifestyles.
- A truly fulfilling life requires a lifestyle of receiving God's love and giving God's love away to others.
- Be able to state and explain the 4 statements about missions as the central theme of the Bible.

MEMORY VERSES:

Matt. 16:25* - only two ways of life (self-serving or self-giving) leading to only two outcomes (death/misery or life/fulfillment)

Gen. 12:1-3** - The Abrahamic Covenant is the foundational covenant of God's redemptive plan, promising Abraham a land, a nation, and a descendant ("Seed") through whom God will bless all nations.

Matt. 28:18-20* – The fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant that applies to the Church Age—evangelize and disciple people from all nations.

Week 2: Loving the World: Missions & the Poor

- Be able to explain "Top Line/ Bottom Line"
- Be able to respond to the accusation that missionaries are cultural imperialists.
- Understand the issue of contextualization.
- Know the five practical things that we can do to help minister to the poor.

MEMORY VERSES:

Matt. 24:14* - Jesus will return to establish his kingdom only after the Great Commission is fulfilled.

Prov. 14:31* - We honor or reproach God by how we treat the poor.

Ps. 140:12* - God is committed to the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor.

Week 3: Loving One Another: Spiritual Gifts

- Know the six ministries in which all Christians should be involved (areas of ministry uniformity).
- Be able to define spiritual gifts, ministries and effects.
- Be able to explain some steps Christians can take to discover their spiritual gifts.

MEMORY VERSES:

1 Cor. 12:4-6** - God gives individual Christians a variety of spiritual gifts, which create a variety of ministries with varieties of effects.

Week 4: Loving One Another: Encouragement & Admonition

- Be able to define biblical encouragement and admonition and explain why each is important (CHART).
- Be familiar with practical principles for giving encouragement and admonition to other Christians.

MEMORY VERSES:

Rom. 15:14* - All Christians are able to admonish because we all have access to God's love ("goodness") through his Holy Spirit and to God's truth ("knowledge") through his Word.

1 Thess. 5:14* – All Christians should both receive and give encouragement to one another.

Heb. 10:24,25* – All Christians need to regularly gather together to encourage one another, which includes motivating one another to a loving lifestyle.

Week 5: Loving the Lost: Evangelism

- Know what is at stake in a church having an evangelistic focus.
- Be able to explain God's part, our part, and the hearer's part.
- Define Harvest and Search Theology.

MEMORY VERSES:

2 Cor. 5:18-20* - All Christians have been given the ministry of reconciliation, sharing the gospel with people so they can be reconciled to God through Christ.

Col. 4:3-6** - All Christians should pray for opportunities to share their faith with non-Christians, for clarity in our communication of the gospel, and for wisdom to speak and act graciously.

Week 6: Loving the Lost: Answering Objections

- Contrast the two views of truth and the two views of tolerance.
- Be familiar with the 5 important communication guidelines when speaking with non-Christians.
- Using the arguments put forward in class, respond to the following statements:
 - "How can you say that Christianity is the only valid religion?"
 - "Why should I regard the Bible as God's Word? What about all of the other scriptures?"
 - "How can your religion consign people to hell because of an accident of birth?"

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Pet. 3:15* - All Christians should be able to answer non-Christians' objections to our faith, and to do this in a gentle and respectful way.

Week 7: Loving Through Financial Generosity: Principles of Christian Giving

- Know and describe the seven principles of financial giving.

MEMORY VERSES:

2 Cor. 8:7* - Our financial giving is an important index of our spiritual vitality and maturity.

2 Cor. 9:6-11** - God abundantly blesses the gracious financial giver.

1 Cor. 16:2* - Our first financial giving responsibility is to support our local church.

Week 8: Loving Through Financial Generosity: Resisting Materialism

- Be able to define materialism.
- What are the two ways to struggle against and replace materialism?
- How do we pursue God's kingdom instead?
- What action steps can you take to trust God with material anxiety?

MEMORY VERSES:

1 Tim. 6:9* - It is wrong for Christians to desire and pursue material wealth, and this will result in damage to their spiritual lives.

1 Tim. 6:17-19** - It's not wrong to be rich, but the rich do have special temptations and unique responsibilities to use their money to have an eternal impact on people.

Week 9: Staying on Course: Principles of Spiritual Guidance

- Be familiar with the four key principles of guidance (scripture; prayer; acting; willingness).
- Be familiar with the "Road Signs" used in discovering God's will.

MEMORY VERSES:

Rom. 12:2* - God's will centers around transforming our values and lives so that they are in accordance with his moral will.

Jn. 7:17* - God normally requires willingness to do his will before giving us confirmation of or further knowledge of his will.

Matt. 13:12* - Lack of guidance is often because of refusal to obey the guidance God has already given us.