

# ***WCFS – Missions Course: Testing Candidates for Successful Mission Practice at Home and Abroad***

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**Summary:** The WCFS Missions Course: Testing Candidates for Successful Mission Practice at Home and Abroad will rigorously test those seriously considering deploying to the mission field whether short or long term, at home or abroad. Major key matters critical to preparation for and successful practice of missions will be taught. Testimonies of real failures and successes of missionaries will empower students to succeed in missions by imitating their successes and avoiding their failures. An overview of mission history from Acts to the Present will be followed by the key subjects, expecting students to promptly embrace and apply the truth presented in their daily walk with Christ. The course is designed for students who are eager to be transparent about personal lives in the spirit of Psalm 139:23-24 and to embrace real change where necessary to fit themselves for God's work. Students must be prepared for an intense spiritual environment which may include much spiritual revelation, vision and joyful anticipation of serving God and overcoming evil with good as well as painful examinations, confessions and gruesome encounters with God's Holy Spirit as He deals with their hearts.

**Syllabus:** A review of mission history is followed by a progressive cycle of preparation which will begin with vetting each heart for sin and damages and progress through, the general and specific calling of a saint, their consecration to God's service, contact with the people and their enemy, conflict and overcoming, recovery and re-engagement.

Pre Course Concepts from the review of mission history from Acts to Present

- Apostles, Early Church, Key Saints
- Notable concepts, faith, cross/sacrifice, word of God, team, worship/prayer, warfare
- Compare to our service conception
- Correct our expectations
- Clarify motives

Missions Course:

1. Conversion: Do you know that you are a child of God?
  - certify conversion and regeneration/salvation/faith
    - forgiven
    - free
    - do you walk in freedom from sin/sinful habits?
    - provide testimonial evidence
2. Cleansing: Preparing the Vessel for Service, Clean and Empty
  - clear the conscience
    - restitution
    - forgiveness
    - do you have a clear conscience? Often family members
  - confess sin for deliverance/hidden secrets, occult involvement, etc.
    - toward God
    - toward man
    - do you have hidden sin?
    - describe your accountability situation
  - current service to Christ

- home
  - local body
  - where do you serve now?
  - provide references.
  - competent prayer/worship life
    - evidence of answers/journal excerpts
    - singing/music skills
    - demonstrate familiarity with the book of Psalms
  - comfort the soul
    - talk to a confidant
    - cling to the word
    - invite the Holy Spirit
    - legitimate comforts
      - Davgaa's Pepsi, etc.
      - drinks, bathing, music, sauna, foods, fellowship, children, pets, etc.
      - describe how you comfort your soul
3. Callings: General/Specific:
- Shepherd's Voice
    - Samuel's example
    - submit evidence that God speaks to you
      - times of obedience
      - times of disobedience
  - General call to missions, all are called generally
    - find a low place of service, that which is wanting cannot be numbered
    - be faithful
    - anticipate promotion patiently
    - endure hardness
    - refuse to move till God indicates it with liberty of heart
    - waiting on the Lord, permission to do nothing till He speaks
    - call to singleness or marriage
    - where are you at now?
  - Specific call to missions, God speaks
    - quiet, tranquility to hear, I Sam. 3:21
    - G. Mueller on knowing the will of God
    - perfect knowledge, 100% sure, peace
    - specific assignment
    - anointing
    - gifting
    - counsel of leaders
    - single
    - married, careful consideration, each situation unique, generally God doesn't divide a couple.
    - Are you called? If yes, proceed with consecration, if not go back to general call.
  - Study for deployment, ravenous appetite for knowledge
    - orientation
    - spiritual history of target
    - current status, intelligence gathering, spy out the land

- what do you know about the people you are called to serve?
4. Consecration: Devotion of all to the Lord
- general lifestyle of sacrifice
    - giving – right heart, praying – right mind, fasting – right soul
    - 100% not 10%
  - consecration to a cause/people
  - sending/going
  - team/group
  - God's work uses the resources of God's people consecrated to Him
  - dedication of children, release to God
  - paying the price, no way to imagine before hand what it will cost
    - marriage
    - missions
  - trauma of following Christ, surprise sacrifices required, I didn't sign up for this
  - missions to save life, escape world, etc.
  - \* Trump's comments to his family regarding the price they paid.
  - \* Disciples ran away, not willing to die
  - offended or not?
  - What level of sacrifice are you willing to live at so that others can have what they need?
    - Health, children, spouse, assets, family savings, friends, reputation, etc?
5. Contact: Deploying to your theater of action
- a. People:
- Unbelievers:
    - temptation to hate the people God calls you to serve, truly worthless people apart from Christ just like you and I.
    - Not loveable or lovely
  - Believers
    - expectations of maturity in new believers unfounded
    - two way street, you learn from them,
    - God working on you
    - dying daily
    - price discovery
    - learning to enjoy the people you serve
    - appearance of evil
    - Good name model of Paul
      - no money – deals with greed
      - no women – deals with lust
      - no power, position, title
      - how will you handle temptations like these?
  - Missions, like sports, exposes your character as well as developing
  - living down the failures of missionaries or believers who preceded you
- b. Spirits:
- jurisdictions, national, state, local
  - authority derived from sins of the people
  - prevailing sins vary from place to place
  - history of authority goes back in time
  - temples, places of sacrifice or worship of idols

## 6. Conflict: Missions as warfare:

- attacks
  - personal
    - mental
    - medical
    - health
    - family
    - extended family
  - marriage, to divide
    - amplification of irritations
    - exaggeration of offenses
    - confusion in communication
    - anger
      - straw that breaks the camels back
      - underlying cause needs to be revealed
  - family, (see marriage above)
  - coworkers
    - reminds of someone at home
  - business contacts
  - governing officials, multiple and varied agendas
  - accidents, things breaking, health crisis, freak accidents
  - kickback on extended family, if they can't get you they will attack the weakest link in the chain.
  - Seducing spirits, sexual temptation,
  - romantic attachments for girls
- BAM, divided heart, 10 challenges of BAM
- Singing as a lifestyle, not listening to music only, but active praise
- personal integrity
- counsel of local Spirit filled leaders
- taking authority in the spiritual realm
- getting you to sin so God will need to judge you Himself
- sin in the camp, Achan
- spiritual atmosphere
- fear and response
  - Pray/rejoice always, antidote to fear
- two are better than one
- women hit the hardest, usually sacrifice more in life and ministry
- burn out

## 7. Recovery:

- Failure is normal, welcome to the club.
- Tour of duty ends.
- Rest and recovery, don't despise this
- debrief is not optional
- Do you have someone to debrief with?

## 8. Re-engagement: Start the cycle over again.

- abiding, do you know this secret
- difference between seeing a need and answering a call
- resting model of warfare
- Hudson Taylor