

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## FINAL EXAM 2

### ANSWER KEY

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#### *I. LISTING QUESTIONS*

1. What is Sunday School? (List three things.)
  - 1) A school that meets on Sunday - the church's school
  - 2) A school using the Bible as its textbook
  - 3) A religious training/teaching program for people of all ages - adults and children
2. From Genesis to Revelation, what are two ways that God's Word is used to guide people?
  - 1) Reaching souls
  - 2) Teaching them to obey His laws
3. List the six requirements for ALL Sunday School teachers.
  - 1) They must be faithful, proven members of your congregation, who have obeyed the gospel (Acts 2:38) and who are living a life above reproach.
  - 2) They must be willing and eager to be used in the work of God.
  - 3) They must be prayerful and careful with the souls placed in their charge.
  - 4) They must be students of the Bible.
  - 5) They must live a separated life.
  - 6) The Sunday School teacher should make a personal commitment to try to win people to Christ.
4. What five groups of people should make up the division for Sunday School? (This should be the goal for beginning or small churches also.)
  - 1) Those children not schooling yet
  - 2) Older children who are able to read and write
  - 3) A New Convert's Class
  - 4) A Youth/Young Married Class
  - 5) The Regular Adult Sunday School class for mature adults who do not fit Young Married or Youth groups
5. List four examples of how Jesus, the Master Teacher, taught His lessons. Use specific examples from Scripture for each, please.
  - 1) Jesus always used things and ideas that were familiar to His students (Matthew 17:24-27). Money from a fish's mouth taught Peter (a fisherman) about tribute.
  - 2) Jesus challenged His followers to discover things for themselves (Matthew 16:14-20). Jesus' question about who men said that He was prompted the same question for His disciples. After all they had seen and heard, He wanted them to think for themselves.
  - 3) Jesus was always watching for opportunities to take events and turn them into a learning experience (Matthew 20:20-28). The mother of James and John asked for

honor for her two sons. Jesus used this to teach about how we should treat one another.

- 4) Jesus gave His followers the opportunity to practice what they had learned (Matthew 26:20-25; 31-35; 47-50; 55-56; 69-75). During the Last Supper, special attention is given to both Peter and Judas. In the following hours/days, they each used the lessons learned at the feet of Jesus in different ways.
6. What are the three ingredients to "hiding God's Word in our hearts"?
  - 1) Knowing what God's Word says
  - 2) Having a clear understanding of Bible truths
  - 3) Living our lives according to God's laws
7. List the three keys to scripture memory. Define each one.
  - 1) **COMPREHENSION** - enough understanding to use the information or help that the verse supplies
  - 2) **APPLICATION** - this asks the question "how does this verse fit my life right here, and right now"?
  - 3) **REPETITION** - the same thing is done over and over until there is no doubt that the Scripture will never be forgotten.
8. List the six characteristics that should be a part of every lesson aim.
  - 1) It should be brief.
  - 2) It should be plain enough to meet student needs.
  - 3) It should be clear enough to be obvious.
  - 4) It should be practical and easily accomplished.
  - 5) It should be interesting enough to get students involved.
  - 6) It should be relevant to both the student and the purpose of the church as a whole.
9. What are the five parts to the "Inductive Study Method", and what does each one mean?
  - 1) Observation - What does it say?
  - 2) Interpretation - What does it mean?
  - 3) Generalization - What is the big idea?
  - 4) Application - What difference does it make?
  - 5) Implementation - What must I change?
10. List four things that are a part of all types of discipline.
  - 1) The training of the mind and character
  - 2) A mode of life in accordance with rules
  - 3) Self-control
  - 4) Control, order, obedience to rules

## **II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. What is the difference between "training" and "teaching"?

Teaching means to impart knowledge, while training involves a dedication to not only knowing God and His ways, but using this knowledge in our lifestyle. Training also means to "cultivate a taste for".

2. How do we know we are able to be creative?  
We know that we are able to be creative because we have been made in the image of God - the original creator of all things.
3. Give one example (with scripture reference) of how a lack of the written Word of God caused the spiritual downfall of a family.  
Judges chapters 17 and 18 tell the sad story of a man named Jonathan who became a priest for idols. He was the grandson of Moses (his father's name was Gershom - Moses' first-born son). This story follows the sad fact found in Judges 2:10. The generation of Israelites that came after the death of Moses and Joshua did not know God, and did not even know the great wonders He had done for the children of Israel.
4. Why might it be difficult to teach small children or new converts to memorize Acts 2:38?  
Some of the terms found in this verse need to be explained and discussed carefully before they are memorized so the students will understand how they are important in their own lives.
5. How are the "heart" and "minds" of humans similar? Give at least two Scripture references to support your answer.  
Matthew 12:34 says that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. Luke 6:45 says the same thing. The heart of a person (the organ that pumps blood throughout the body) is not capable of speaking. All speech is controlled by the mind of a person. These two things spoken about in Scripture (the heart and the mind) are one and the same.
6. Why is it important to know what each different age group needs in our churches?  
If you feed a certain group of people the wrong thing, they will die spiritually. Babies don't eat meat, and grown mature adults need more than milk!
7. What is the purpose of all Sunday Schools?  
The purpose of all Sunday Schools is to teach people that God's Word has the answer to all of their needs, and to be sure they know how to find those answers for themselves. This means that they must be taught how to use God's Word, and become familiar with it as a daily friend.
8. Why is the Youth Division one of the most important groups in your Sunday School work?  
The Youth group is important because these young people are making life decisions, and their bodies and brains are developing into mature areas of work and home.

9. What did "teaching" mean for God's people in the Old Testament? (Who taught? Who did they teach? Where was this teaching done?)  
In the Old Testament, "teaching" was for the purpose of acquainting God's chosen, special people with His laws. There was no such thing as "school" so all instruction was in the home. The father was responsible for all of this instruction for his entire family in the home. The laws of God were so strict, that if he failed to teach his family, they could be put to death.
10. What did "teaching" mean for God's people in the New Testament? (Who taught? Who did they teach? Where was this teaching done?)  
By New Testament times, the practice of teaching in the home had been forgotten. The Pharisees were fanatical in following the Law, but their heart was wrong, and they missed the whole purpose of being a separated, blessed people. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, and wanted us to understand how important and valuable it was in His kingdom. The religious leaders did the teaching in the synagogue. It was mainly young boys who were given an education. However, it was thought that they would in turn teach their families at home.

### **III. FILL IN THE BLANKS.**

1. The Great Commission was talking about ALL people of all ages, from everywhere.
2. The book of Deuteronomy was God's instructions, through Moses, of how the children of Israel were to live.
3. When the pastor is setting goals for his church, he should consider the size and needs of his people/church right now. He should also consider his hopes and dreams for the future.
4. Our "conscience" is the inner voice born in each of us which tells us when we do something right or wrong.
5. An underlying purpose in all Christian Education is to encourage and train students to worship God.
6. You should use creativity in the way you present the Bible story.
7. "Creativity" comes from the same word as: breath, Spirit, wind.
8. Surprise is a valuable tool of creativity in any learning situation.
9. Creativity is the foundation that makes all writing interesting.
10. The three precious gifts that our writing will help preserve are: our heritage, our faith (or message), and our descendants (future).

### **IV. TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS**

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| (TRUE)  | 1) God is the author of creativity.                              |
| (TRUE)  | 2) God's Word should NEVER be changed while I am being creative. |
| (FALSE) | 3) We remember 70% of what we "see and hear".                    |
| (TRUE)  | 4) The brain controls the "gates" to our soul.                   |
| (FALSE) | 5) Discipline is punishment and force.                           |
| (TRUE)  | 6) A "monologue" is a speech by one person.                      |

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- (TRUE) 7) You can make a story come alive by changing your voice to a whisper or a shout.
- (TRUE) 8) The introduction of any lesson should be brief, because the Bible story is most important and needs most of your time.
- (TRUE) 9) The closing of every lesson should lead your students to action and decision.
- (TRUE) 10) Winning souls to Christ is the aim of all Christian Education.
- (FALSE) 11) We become the most blessed of all people when we are well educated and earn plenty of money.
- (TRUE) 12) Students of all ages need to learn verses that will help them live as Jesus lived.
- (TRUE) 13) In Psalms 57:7, the word "fixed" means "prepared".
- (TRUE) 14) "Scripture memory" is another term for "hiding God's Word in our hearts".
- (TRUE) 15) The local church is responsible for providing the Sunday School a place where classes can meet.
- (TRUE) 16) The number one priority of Sunday School in any church is the needs of your students.
- (FALSE) 17) It doesn't matter how old your students are - their needs will be the same.
- (FALSE) 18) The term "children" means "babies".
- (TRUE) 19) The most consistent and useful means of helping people "know" how to live for God is the local church Sunday School.
- (TRUE) 20) The true purpose of every church is to teach all nations to observe all the commandments of God.