

APPENDIX VI

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
PORTFOLIO FOR EVALUATION

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School S O R Department 1160

Name Dr. Elmer L. Towns

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**FACULTY PORTFOLIO**

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**DEAN, SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

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**LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

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# CURRENT CURRICULUM VITAE

-ELMER L. TOWNS-

## POSITION

Vice President, Dean, School of Religion, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia.  
Professor of Systematic Theology, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia, (1979-1996).

Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology, 1999.

Senior Consulting Publisher, Regal Books/Gospel Light Publishing, Ventura, California.  
Dean, Global Pastors Network, Campus Crusade for Christ, Orlando, Florida

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## PERSONAL DATA

Born, October 21, 1932, Savannah, Georgia.  
Wife, Ruth Jean (Forbes) Towns, married 8/21/53  
Children: Deborah, Stephen (Sam), Polly

## EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts, Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1954.  
Master of Arts, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1958.  
Master of Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, 1958.  
Master of Religious Education, Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, 1970.  
Doctor of Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, 1983.

## POSITIONS:

Instructor, Dallas Bible College, Dallas, Texas, 1957-58.  
President, Canadian Conference of Christian Educators, 1963-64.  
Advisory Council, Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Wheaton, Illinois, 1959-61.  
Associate Professor of Christian Education, Midwest Bible College, St. Louis, Missouri, 1958-61.  
President, Winnipeg Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1961-65.  
Associate Professor of Christian Education, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, 1965-71.  
Associate Professor (summer school) Winona Lake School of Theology, Winona Lake, Indiana, 1966-68.  
Executive Vice President and Co-Founder, Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1971-73.

Executive Vice President and Co-Founder, Baptist University of America, Decatur, Georgia, 1974-77.  
Editor in Chief, Jerry Falwell Ministries, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1977-80.  
Dean, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1979-92.  
Dean, School of Religion, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1980-Present.  
Member, planning committee for Amsterdam 2000, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1999.  
Vice President, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1985-98; 2003-2004.

#### **EXTENSION POSITIONS:**

Adjunct Professor:

California Graduate School of Theology, Glendale, California, 1973-80.

Visiting lecturer:

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California, 1997.

Word of Life Bible Institute, Schroon Lake, New York, 1983-94.

Horizon Bible Institute (on campus of Horizon Christian Fellowship), San Diego, California, 1997.

Visiting Professor:

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, 1999, 2001, 2003.

Baptist Bible College West, Anaheim, California, 1998, 1999.

Birmingham Theological Seminary (campus of Briarwood Presbyterian Church), Birmingham, Alabama, 1997, 1998.

Dallas Theological Seminary Extension, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1999.

Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, 1999.

Evangel Theological Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 2001, 2003.

Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, 1987.

Northwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 1990.

Northwestern School of Ministry, Kirkland, Washington, 1997.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 1993.

Tennessee Temple Theological Seminary, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1992.

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, 1985.

Wellspring School of Theology, Cincinnati, OH, 2002.

Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio, 2003.

#### **GUEST LECTURESHIP AND SPECIAL SPEAKER AT COLLEGES:**

Altoona Bible Institute, Manitoba, Canada

Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana

Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky

Assembly of God Theological Society, Springfield, Missouri

Atlantic Christian University, Monkton, New Brunswick, Canada

Baptist Bible College, Seoul, Korea

Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Missouri

Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Texas

Berean Baptist College, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Bethany Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma

Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

Biola University and Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, California

Bob Jones College, Seoul, Korea

Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Saskatchewan

Broadfording Christian College, Hagerstown, Maryland

Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee

California Baptist College, Sacramento, California

Canadian Bible College, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary, Pine Level, North Carolina  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Chongshin University, Seoul, Korea  
Circleville Bible College, Circleville, Ohio  
Colorado Christian College, Denver, Colorado  
Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina  
Covenant College, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Covenant Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri  
Crown College, Crown Point, Indiana  
Denver Baptist Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado  
Eastern Nazarene College, Greater Boston, Massachusetts  
Eastern Wesleyan College, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Faith Way Bible College, Greater Detroit, Michigan  
Florida Bible College, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee  
George Fox College, Newburn, Oregon  
Georgia Baptist College, Wynette County, Georgia  
Gulf Coast Bible College, Houston, Texas  
Hyles-Anderson College, Hammond, Indiana  
Indiana Baptist College, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana  
John Wesley College, High Point, North Carolina  
Korean Theological Seminary, Koshin University in Pusan  
Liberty Baptist College, delivered in Bristol and London, England, "The History of Wesleyanism."  
Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida  
Massillon Bible College, Massillon, Ohio  
Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania  
Miami Christian University, Miami, Florida  
MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, Kansas  
Midwestern Baptist College, Pontiac, Michigan  
Mountain View Bible College, Didsbury, Alberta, Canada  
National Baptist Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea  
Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana  
North Central University, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Northeastern Bible College, Essex Falls, New Jersey  
Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho  
Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois  
Ontario Baptist Bible College, London, Ontario, Canada  
Oxford University, St. Regis College, Oxford, England  
Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College, National City, California  
Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College, San Dimas, California  
Practical Bible College, Johnson City, New York  
Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada  
Providence College and Seminary, Otterburne, Manitoba, Canada  
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi  
Shasta Bible College, Redding, California  
Southeastern Baptist College (Baptist Missionary Association), Laurel, Mississippi  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina  
Southeastern College, Lakeland, Florida  
Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

Southwestern School of Ministry, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Southwestern University, Waxahachie, Texas  
Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Florida  
Steinbeck Bible Institute, Steinbeck, Manitoba, Canada  
The Jerry Falwell College, Trivandrum, India  
The John Wesley College, Owosso, Michigan  
The United Wesleyan College, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, Tennessee  
Trinity Baptist College, Jacksonville, Florida  
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida  
Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, California  
Virginia Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia  
Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi  
Western Baptist College, Salem, Oregon  
Western Evangelical Seminary, Greater Portland, Oregon

## **LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Accreditation:

State Council of Higher Education, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS), 1971-1973. Directed reaffirmation of School of Religion, Liberty University, 1985, 1996.

Led Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary to associate membership in Association of Theological Schools (ATS), 1983.

Consultant in accreditation to Beeson Divinity School (campus of Samford University), Birmingham, Alabama, 1997.

## **ACADEMIC HONORS**

Doctor of Divinity, Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, 1970.

Doctor Litterarum, California Graduate School of Theology, Anaheim, California, 1973.

Professor of the Year, Liberty University Student Government, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1990.

Donald A. McGavran Award, American Society for Church Growth, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, 1994.

Distinguished Professor, Systematic Theology, Board of Trustees, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1999.

Doctor of Divinity, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Washington, DC, 2000.

Doctor of Divinity, Providence Theological Seminary, Otterburne, Manitoba, Canada, 2002.

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

Editor, *Missionary Crusader*, Lubbock, Texas

Editor, *The Evangelical Witness*, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Editor, *Evangelical Christian*, Toronto, Canada

Editor, *Christian Life Magazine*, Wheaton, Illinois

Editor, *Faith Aflame*, Lynchburg, Virginia

Editor, *Fundamentalist Journal*, Lynchburg, Virginia

Editor, *Journal Champion*, Lynchburg, Virginia

Editor, *Bible Expositor and Illuminator*, Cleveland, Ohio

## **OTHER MINISTRIES**

Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia

Pastor's Bible Class- 1987 - Present

Church Growth Institute, Lynchburg, Virginia, Co-founder, 1983.

The Church Growth Institute was founded in 1984 by Larry Gilbert and Elmer Towns to provide practical resources to help pastors, churches, and individuals reach their potential for Christ; to promote spiritual growth in churches, and to equip pastors so they can equip their church members to do the work of the ministry.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Audiotapes**

#### Lessons and Sermons (1986 – present)

What We Must Believe. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), eight cassettes.

The Normal Christian Life. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), six cassettes.

God Has A Plan For Your Life. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), four cassettes.

Bible Attitudes Towards Good Things. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), two cassettes.

Tight Spots -Great Escapes. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

How To Develop Character. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), four cassettes.

Life Is What You Choose. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), five cassettes.

Friends: The Glue Of Life. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), five cassettes.

The Touch Of God: Believing Makes The Difference. (Lynchburg Virginia: Acorn Publications), two cassettes.

Principles By Which I Live. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

The Dreams Of Joseph. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

One Chapter Books. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), four cassettes.

The Lord's Prayer. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), four cassettes.

Learning To Worship. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), two cassettes.

David: Struggling To Make It. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), eleven cassettes.

Outreach 12: Successful Evangelism (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), twelve cassettes.

Our Favorite Psalms. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), seven Cassettes.

The Miracles In John's Gospel. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), eight cassettes.

The Book Of Judges -Overcoming A Weakness To Serve God. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), six cassettes.

Elijah. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

Elisha. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), five cassettes.

Eleven Accomplishments Of Calvary. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

Turning Points In Our Life From The Old Testament. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), eight cassettes.

When You Miss Your Goal: Living With Leah When You Love Rachel. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

Patience: Don't Be Controlled By Your Emotions. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

The Call Of God. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

Making Dedicated Disciples Out Of Nominal Believers. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

The Challenge Of Obedience. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

The Ethics Of Love. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

The Greatest Mother In The World. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

Ehud: Overcoming A Handicap. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications).

First Basic Steps Of A Believer. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), eight cassettes.

What Wants To Give Us. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), four cassettes.

Stewardship Is A Choice. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

Giving Above And Beyond. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

Stewardship Is Management. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), six cassettes.

Iraq: The Tribulation In Sequence. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

Christmas. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), three cassettes.

Through The New Testament In One Year. (Lynchburg, Virginia: Acorn Publications), fifty two cassettes.

The Faith of Abraham. (Church Growth Institute, 1983), twelve cassettes.

Say-it-Faith. (Church Growth Institute, 1983), twelve cassettes.

My Father's Name. (Church Growth Institute, 1990), twelve cassettes.

The Names of Jesus. (Church Growth Institute, 1982), twelve cassettes.

#### **METHODOLOGY (EVANGELISM/CHURCH GROWTH)**

Towns, Elmer L. Cassette Campus (Winona Lake, Indiana: Ken Anderson Films, 1974), three cassettes.

Towns, Elmer L. The Laws of Successful Biblical Sunday School Growth (Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1982), five tapes of ten messages.

Towns, Elmer L. 154 Steps to Revitalize Your Sunday School and Keep Your Church Growing (Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1983), four cassettes.

## ACORN PUBLICATIONS

This organization was the official arm of the Thomas Road Baptist Church to write and publish the church's Sunday school lessons, then make them available to other churches and the general public.

### Attitudes Towards Good Things

- Lesson 1      How To Celebrate Your Birthday
- Lesson 2      How To Get A Raise
- Lesson 3      How To Enjoy Your Vacation
- Lesson 4      How To Celebrate Your Anniversary

### Baby Boomers

### Barriers to Joshua's Leadership

### The Book of Judges - Overcoming A Weakness To Serve God

- Lesson 1      Judges: The Cycle Of Compromise, Corruption and Catastrophe
- Lesson 2      What They Forgot ... What They Changed ... What They Lost
- Lesson 3      Ehud: Overcoming Handicap
- Lesson 4      Deborah
- Lesson 5      Jephthah: Should We Always Keep A Promise
- Lesson 6      Samson: How A Good Person Goes Bad
- Lesson 7      Gideon: His Call, and God's Victory

### The Call of God

### Christmas

- Lesson 1      Seven Persons of Christmas
- Lesson 2      Seven Symbols of Christmas
- Lesson 3      Worshipping the Savior at Christmas

### Cross of Christ/Easter

### David: Struggling To Make It

- Lesson 1      When Those Close Ignore You
- Lesson 2      When Others Threaten To Eat You Alive
- Lesson 3      When the Boss Hates you
- Lesson 4      Jonathan: A Friend Helps You In Struggles
- Lesson 5      Principles That Make You Victorious
- Lesson 6      When You Finally Win
- Lesson 7      Doing Right-the Wrong Way
- Lesson 8      When you Can't Reach Your Dreams
- Lesson 9      Gratitude Is the Least Remembered
- Lesson 10      How To Tell A Person About His Problems
- Lesson 11      Dealing with Criticism

### Discovering the Joy of Stewardship

- Lesson 1      Stewardship Is An Attitude
- Lesson 2      Stewardship Is Obedience
- Lesson 3      Stewardship Is Accountability
- Lesson 4      Stewardship Is A Decision

### The Dreams of Joseph

- Lesson 1      When Dreams Begin
- Lesson 2      When It's Hard to Dream

### Easter Series - The Resurrection of Christ

- Lesson 1 Questions Children Ask About Easter
- Lesson 2 Questions Christians Ask About Easter
- Lesson 3 Three Witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection

### Eleven Accomplishments of Calvary

- Lesson 1 Immediate Results
  - 1) Substitution, 2) Redemption, 3) Propitiation, 4) Reconciliation, 5) Satisfaction of the Law
- Lesson 2 Applied Results
- Lesson 3 Taking Hold of God's Plan

### Elijah

- Lesson 1 How To Stand Alone
- Lesson 2 God Has A Plan For Your Life: Identifying God's Plan
- Lesson 3 How God Meets Our Needs

### Elisha

- Lesson 1 Answering God's Call
- Lesson 2 Successful in Testing
- Lesson 3 God Supplies Our Needs
- Lesson 4 The Erosion of Character
- Lesson 5 Getting Back the Lost Power

### Ethics of Love

### Eyewitnessing the Parables

### Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough

- Lesson 1 The Disciple's Fast - Breaking Sin's Addiction
- Lesson 2 The Ezra Fast - To Solve A Problem
- Lesson 3 The Elijah Fast - to Break A Habit
- Lesson 4 The Samuel Fast - for Revival & Soul Winning
- Lesson 5 The Saint Paul's Fast - For Wisdom and Decision-Making
- Lesson 6 The Daniel Fast - For Physical Health
- Lesson 7 The John the Baptist Fast - For Spiritual Testimony
- Lesson 8 The Esther Fast - For Spiritual Protection
- Lesson 9 The Seven Last Words

### The First Basic Steps of A Believer

- Lesson 1 Assurance of Salvation
- Lesson 2 The Lord's Table Is Necessary
- Lesson 3 Why Be Baptized?
- Lesson 4 The Necessity of Baptism
- Lesson 5 The Church Is Necessary/Why Join and Attend a Church?
- Lesson 6 Church Attendance Is Necessary
- Lesson 7 Membership Is Necessary
- Lesson 8 Giving to the Church Is Necessary

### Friends: The Glue of Life

- Lesson 1 Bible Answers To Friendship Myths, Part I
- Lesson 2 Bible Answers To Friendship Myths, Part II
- Lesson 3 Good Christians Help Their Friends
- Lesson 4 Friends Who Help Us
- Lesson 5 What It Means To Be A Friend Of Jesus

## Getting Things From God

- Lesson 1      How To Ask
- Lesson 2      How To Fast

## Giving Above and Beyond

- Lesson 1      The Challenge of Faithfulness
- Lesson 2      The Challenge of Sacrifice
- Lesson 3      The Challenge of Obedience

## God Has A Plan for Your Life

- Lesson 1      Identifying God's Plan
- Lesson 2      Being Happy with God's Plan
- Lesson 3      Good Attitudes About God's Plan
- Lesson 4      Taking Hold of God's Plan

## The Greatest Mother in the World

### How To Focus Your Life

### How To Love God More

### How To Solve Problems

- Iraq:    The Tribulation in Sequence
- Lesson 1      The Rapture
  - Lesson 2      The Battle of Armageddon
  - Lesson 3      Instant Expectation

## Joshua: Possessing Your Inheritance

### Learning to Worship

- Lesson 1      The Ark of the Covenant
- Lesson 2      Wrong Methods of Worship

### Life Is What You Choose

- Lesson 1      How To Make Biblically Based Decisions
- Lesson 2      How To Frame Your Decisions
- Lesson 3      How To Make A Wrong Decision
- Lesson 4      Decision-Making
- Lesson 5      Good and Bad Decisions

### Little Known Saints and Little Known Gifts

- Lesson 1      Barnabas: Gift of Exhortation /Encouragement
- Lesson 2      Philip: From Helps to Evangelist
- Lesson 3      Lois and Eunice: Parental Gift of Teaching
- Lesson 4      Aquilla and Priscilla: Gift of Giving/Ruling

### The Lord's Prayer

- Lesson 1      Our Pattern of Prayer
- Lesson 2      The First Three Petitions
- Lesson 3      The Last Three Petitions

### Making Dedicated Disciples Out of Nominal Believers

### The Miracles of John

Lesson 1	Miracles in John
Lesson 2	Second Miracle - John 4:39-54
Lesson 3	The Third Miracle - John 5
Lesson 4	The Fourth Miracle - John 6
Lesson 5	The Fifth Miracle - John 6:15-35
Lesson 6	The Sixth Miracle - John 9
Lesson 7	The Seventh Miracle - John
Lesson 8	The Eighth Miracle - John 21

#### The Normal Christian Life

Lesson 1	What Experience Can the Christian Expect with Christ?
Lesson 2	Our Dual Problem: Sin and Sins
Lesson 3	Is Normal for All Believers? Living in Two Worlds
Lesson 4	Miracles

#### The One Chapter Books

Lesson 1	Jude
Lesson 2	Philemon
Lesson 3	II John
Lesson 4	III John

#### Our Favorite Psalms

Lesson 1	Favorite Psalms - Psalm 1
Lesson 2	The Psalm of Two Books - Psalm 19
Lesson 1	The Psalm of Help - Psalm 23
Lesson 2	What To Do When Facing the Storm - Psalm 37
Lesson 3	The Psalm for Growing Older - Psalm 90
Lesson 4	A Call to Praise - 100
Lesson 5	The Everlasting Presence and Power of God - Psalm 139

#### Outreach 12: Successful Evangelism

Lesson 1	Andrew - The First Called Disciple
Lesson 2	John - The Youngest Disciple
Lesson 3	James - The Quiet Disciple
Lesson 4	Peter - The Primary Disciple
Lesson 5	Philip - The Analytical Disciple
Lesson 6	Matthew - The Tax Collector
Lesson 7	Bartholomew - The Sincere Disciple
Lesson 8	Simon - The Zealous Disciple
Lesson 9	Judas Thaddaeus - The Disciple with Three Names
Lesson 10	Thomas - The Doubting Disciple
Lesson 11	James - The Unknown Disciple
Lesson 12	Judas - The Betrayer

#### Overcoming a Weakness to Serve God

Lesson 1	The Book of Judges - 6:1-7:22
Lesson 2	The Book of Judges - 3:15-30
Lesson 3	The Book of Judges - 4:1-3

#### Patience: Don't Be Controlled By Your Emotions

#### Personal Growth Plan Series

Lesson 1	The Secret of Your Future
Lesson 2	Getting Started Daily

Lesson 3	Growth Through Private Worship
Lesson 4	How To Study the Bible
Lesson 5	Practical Helps for Praying
Lesson 6	Practical Helps for Witnessing
Lesson 7	Making Decisions In Life
Lesson 8	Living In Assurance
Lesson 9	How To Be Victorious Over Sin
Lesson 10	Developing Character
Lesson 11	Growing Through Your Church
Lesson 12	Growing Through Involvement

#### Principles By Which I Live

Lesson 1	Principles are Truths That Work
Lesson 2	We Direct, But God Controls
Lesson 3	Why Live By Principles

#### Questions Christians Ask

#### Remembering Biblical Mothers

#### The Resurrection of Christ

#### Stewardship Is A Choice

Lesson 1	I Choose Stewardship of Biblical Attitudes
Lesson 2	I Choose Stewardship of Biblical Principles
Lesson 3	How Big Is Your Shovel?

#### Stewardship Is Management

Lesson 1	Who Owns Your French Fries?
Lesson 2	What Ya' Gonna Do With What Ya' Got
Lesson 3	Stewardship: Input Determines Output
Lesson 4	Don't Give God A Happy Meal - Rolls Royce
Lesson 5	Jesus Teaches Stewardship
Lesson 6	Stewardship: Adventure In Resource Management

#### The Three Witnesses to Jesus

#### Through the New Testament in One Year

Lesson 1	Zacharias and Elizabeth: The Birth of A Son
Lesson 2	Joseph and Mary
Lesson 3	John the Baptist
Lesson 4	The First Week of Ministry
Lesson 5	A Passover to Remember
Lesson 6	The Samaritan Woman
Lesson 7	Jesus Ministers In Galilee
Lesson 8	Focusing on Peter
Lesson 9	Choosing Twelve Apostles
Lesson 10	The Battle for the Sabbath
Lesson 11	The Sermon On the Mount
Lesson 12	A Witness of Faith and Unbelief
Lesson 13	The Long Day
Lesson 14	Ministry in the Face of Opposition
Lesson 15	Beginning His Last Year
Lesson 16	Beholding His Glory
Lesson 17	The Twelve: In Pursuit of Greatness
Lesson 18	The Light Shining In Darkness

Lesson 19	The Twelve: Recovering Lost Power
Lesson 20	Ministry In Perea
Lesson 21	Lazarus: Death and New Life
Lesson 22	The Final Journey to Jerusalem
Lesson 23	Saturday, Sunday and Monday
Lesson 24	Tuesday - Wednesday
Lesson 25	The Events of Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Lesson 26	From the Garden to Golgotha
Lesson 27	From the Cross to the Grave
Lesson 28	The Resurrection
Lesson 29	Jesus' Final Days Among His Disciples
Lesson 30	Pentecost and the New Church
Lesson 31	Problems in the New Church
Lesson 32	Philip: Reaching Out from Jerusalem
Lesson 33	Saul of Tarsus
Lesson 34	Cornelius: The Beginning of Gentile Christianity
Lesson 35	Barnabas: Outreach to the Gentiles
Lesson 36	James: Leading the Church into Liberty
Lesson 37	Taking the Gospel to Europe
Lesson 38	Ministry in Greece
Lesson 39	The Church at Ephesus
Lesson 40	From Ephesus to Jerusalem
Lesson 41	Paul's Defense
Lesson 42	The Journey to Rome
Lesson 43	Paul in Rome
Lesson 44	Paul's Last Imprisonment
Lesson 45	Peter: Apostle to the Jews
Lesson 46	Hebrews: The Fall of Jerusalem
Lesson 47	John: Life at the End
Lesson 48	Jude: The Growing Apostasy in the Church
Lesson 49	The Course of This Age
Lesson 50	The Rapture of the Church
Lesson 51	The End of the Tribulation
Lesson 52	The Beginning of Eternity

#### Tight Spots - Great Escapes

Lesson 1	Co-Workers Squeeze You
Lesson 2	The Boss Pressures You
Lesson 3	Trouble From the Family

#### Tithing Is Christian

Lesson 1	Why Give Money to God?
Lesson 2	Where to Give an Offering
Lesson 3	Jesus Teaches Stewardship

#### The Touch of God: Believing Makes the Difference

Lesson 1	To Touch and Be Touched By Christ
Lesson 2	When In Trouble

#### The Tribulation in Sequence

Lesson 1	The Rapture
Lesson 2	The Battle of Armageddon

#### Turning Points in Our Life From the Old Testament

- Lesson 1 Moses: Returns to Obedience
- Lesson 2 A Terrible Decision, I Samuel 13 & 15
- Lesson 3 Is Father Like Son?
- Lesson 4 Omri and Ahab - the Sin of the Father Becomes the Double Sin of the Son
- Lesson 5 Hezekiah
- Lesson 6 Turning From Bright Light
- Lesson 7 Daniel Predicts the Coming Christ
- Lesson 8 Daniel - Testing Builds Character

#### What Am I Going to Be Like In Heaven?

- Lesson 1 Heaven Will Not Be That Unlike Our Life On This Earth (Part 1)
- Lesson 2 Heaven Will Not Be That Unlike Our Life On This Earth (Part 2)
- Lesson 3 What Will Hell Be Like?

#### What God Wants To Give You

- Lesson 1 How To Ask
- Lesson 2 Biblical Fasting: For Tough Answers To Prayer
- Lesson 3 How To Fast
- Lesson 4 Posture In Prayer

#### What We Must Believe . . .

- Lesson 1 What We Believe About the Bible
- Lesson 2 What We Believe About God
- Lesson 3 What We Believe About Christ
- Lesson 4 What We Believe About the Holy Spirit
- Lesson 5 What We Believe About People
- Lesson 6 What We Believe About Salvation
- Lesson 7 What We Believe About the Church
- Lesson 8 What We Believe About Eschatology

#### When Good People Go Bad

#### When People Make Good and Bad Decisions

#### When You Miss Your Goal - Living With Leah When You Love Rachel

### **GENERAL AUDIO RESOURCE PACKETS**

The Church Growth Institute of Lynchburg, Virginia, released two types of audiotapes by Towns. The first was a general tape album, and the second was a monthly series called "Sunday School Update."

Towns, Elmer L. "154 Steps to Revitalize Your Sunday School." Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1992, 4 tapes.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Becoming A Leader." Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1988.

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A New Look At Old Ideas

Auditorium Bible Class

Best Kept Secret for Church Growth

The Family Sunday School, A New Beginning

Future of Sunday School

How To Begin a Second Sunday School

Introduction: Why American Sunday School

New Workers: Finding, Recruiting and Involving Them

Reaching Unchurched Buster

Restarting Old Traditional Sunday School

Second Sunday School

Seven Parts of Sunday School Vision

Small Sunday School Approaching 12 Major Problems

Spiritual Factors of Church Growth Revival

The State of Sunday School Union: Quo Vadis

Up-To-Date Ideas

Upsizing Sunday School in Downsizing Times

Using Leadership

Using Vision . . . Building Ministry

Using Your Faith To Build Sunday School

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31	6	Jun	2002	Church Planting is the 'Main Thing'	Kevin Garber	Church Planting	Chicago, IL
31	4	Apr	2002	Converted Muslim Prepares for Ministry	Jamal-Jivanjee	New Life Community Church	Columbus, OH
30	8	Aug	2001	The '20/20 Vision'	Chris Brown	New Life Community Church	Canal Winchester, OH
30	7	Jul	2001	Turning Over a New Leaf in Church Planting	Dave Earley	New Life Community Church	Columbus, OH
	4	Apr	2001	Purple Heart Winner Now Has a Heart for Ministry	Mark Jarvis	Open Door Baptist Church	Culpeper, VA
30	2	Feb	2001	Crusade Evangelism Endured	Steve Wingfield	Wingfield Ministries	Harrisonburg, VA
29	11	Nov	2000	The Modesto Manifesto	Billy Graham		
29	11	Nov	2000	Why God Used Billy Graham	Billy Graham		

29	9	Sep	2000	Imitating a Cutting Edge Ministry to Young People	Lee Vukich	Thomas Road Baptist Church	Lynchburg, VA
29	7	Jul	2000	Energizing Young People to Seek Christ	Tony Philpott	Liberty Youth Department	Lynchburg, VA
29	4	Apr	2000	The Importance of Developing Influential Youth Leaders	Steve Vandegriff	Professor of Youth Ministries	Lynchburg, VA
29	3	Mar	2000	Liberty Continues Its Legacy of Training Tomorrow's Church Leaders	Young Sun Park	Lamp Presbyterian Church	Korea
				World Leader In Missions	John Hull	People's Church of Toronto, Canada	Toronto, Canada
29	2	Feb	2000	A Year of Exciting Victories	Matt Fry	Cleveland Community Church	Raleigh, NC
28	12	Dec	1999	Using Christmas to Cultivate Souls	Ken Otto	The Christian Missionary Alliance Ch.	Bloomington, GA
28	10	Oct	1999	Vision of Ministry and Revival in Upstate New York	Lee Dittman	North Syracuse Baptist Church	Syracuse, NY
28	9	Sep	1999	Ministry Inside the Capital Beltway	Steve Reynolds	Capital Baptist Church	Washington, D.C.
28	7	Jul	1999	Liberty Grad Plants Church in North Atlanta	Brian Bloye	West Ridge Church	Paulding County, GA
28	3	Mar	1999	Bearing Fruit 21 Years Later	Dara Suon		
28	3	Mar	1999	I Just Couldn't Eat	Jimmy Draper		
28	2	Feb	1999	Donation Will Enhance Liberty Founder's Chair			
28	1	Jan	1999	Fasting Brings New Call to Service for Gene Mims	Gene Mims		
27	11	Nov	1998	Growth in Muscle Shoals	Jeff Noblit	First Baptist Church	Muscle Shoals, AL
27	11	Nov	1995	Ronnie Floyd: Calling a Convention to Fasting	Ronnie Floyd	First Baptist Church	Springdale, AK
27	11	Nov	1998	Dual Effort			
27	10	Oct	1998	'Coaching' a Church	Tom Mullins	Christ Fellowship	
27	10	Oct	1998	Church Growth by a Satellite Campus	Joe B. Brown	Hickory Grove Baptist Church	Gr. Charlotte, NC
27	9	Sep	1998	A Church Born In Prison	Barry Minkow	Community Bible Church	Gr. San Diego, CA
27	8	Aug	1998	Ronn Read's Multiple-Service Ministries	Ronn Read	Olympic View Baptist Church	Tacoma, WA
27	7	Jul	1998	Cutting-Edge Churches			
27	6	Jun	1998	Growth in Transition	Tom Messer	Trinity Baptist Church	Jacksonville, FL
27	5	May	1998	Joe Focht Leads Calvary Chapel	Joe Focht	Calvary Chapel	Philadelphia, PA

27	3	Mar	1998	Keep the Red Light Burning			
27	2	Feb	1998	The Dramatic Transformation of Bill Purvis	Bill Purvis	Cascade Hills Baptist Church	Columbus, GA
26	11	Nov	1997	Video to be Distributed to Russian Churches		Gospel Light	Ventura, CA
26	11	Nov	1997	The Most Intensive Evangelistic Effort in History			
26	9	Sep	1997	Managing Money for Growth	Darrell Waller	The Church of God	Winchester, VA
26	8	Aug	1997	A Legacy of Growth and Change at Cielo Vista Church	Terry Chapman	Cielo Vista Church	El Paso, TX
26	7	Jul	1997	Ohio Church Dedicated			
26	7	Jul	1997	Names can be Deceiving			
26	4	Apr	1997	Church Aflame in South Korea	Young Sun Park	Lamp Presbyterian Church	Korea
26	2	Feb	1997	Growth from A Sunday Evening Sunday School	Michael Rose	Albany Baptist Church	Albany, OH
26	1	Jan	1997	Changing the Way Your People Pray			
26	1	Jan	1997	Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Elmer Towns	Thomas Road Baptist Church	Lynchburg, VA
25	11	Nov	1996	Prayer Summit Revitalizes Church	Daniel Henderson	Arcade Baptist Church	Sacramento, CA
25	8	Aug	1996	Friend Day: Ten Years of Steady Growth			
25	8	Aug	1996	Explosive Attendance Growth in Korea			
25	7	Jul	1996	Rural Church Enjoys Steady Growth	Mark Grooms	Thomas Terrace Baptist Church	Concord, VA
25	7	Jul	1996	Vision Day Influences Church Growth	Greg Bennett	Ponte Vedra Baptist Church	Jacksonville, FL
25	6	Jun	1996	Defying the Odds in Japan			
25	6	Jun	1996	Evangelism Leads to Strong Church Growth	Ken Hankins	Seven Lakes Baptist church	Moore County, NC
25	3	Mar	1996	Fasting for Revival at Central Baptist Church	Ron Phillips	Central Baptist Church	Chattanooga, TN
25	1	Jan	1996	From 55 to 129 on Double Day	Mike Shipman	Morningside Baptist Church	Brevard, NC
24	12	Dec	1995	Steady Growth at Brambleton Baptist Church	Phil Whitaker	Brambleton Baptist Church	Roanoke, VA
24	11	Nov	1995	I Will Build My Church			
24	11	Nov	1995	Peoples Church: World Leader in Missions	John Hull	Peoples Church	Toronto, Ontario
24	11	Nov	1995	Healing Spiritual in Southern Mexico	Armando Guzman	Baptist International Mission	Chiapas, Mexico

24	10	Oct	1995	Take the Church to Them	Charles Wade	First Baptist Church	Arlington, TX
24	10	Oct	1995	Towns Receives Prestigious Gold Medallion Award			
24	10	Oct	1995	Breathing Space for Growth	Bob Huffaker	Grove City Nazarene Church	Grove City, OH
24	10	Oct	1995	Mammoth Super-church has a Distinguished History			
24	10	Oct	1995	Salt and Light Leads to Growth	Rick Scarborough	First Baptist Church	Pearland, TX
24	10	Oct	1995	Saturation of a Resort Community	Sam Bailey	Twin Lakes Baptist Church	Mountain Home, AR
24	10	Oct	1995	Church Planting in a Tough Area	Mike Henderson	Lighthouse Baptist Church	Charlottesville, VA
24	9	Sep	1995	Liberty Bible Institute Enjoys Explosive Growth			
24	9	Sep	1995	Friend Day Produces Explosive Growth in Roanoke Church	John Ott	Parkway Wesleyan Church	Roanoke, VA
24	9	Sep	1995	A 200-Year Old Church Gears up for Century 21	Harold Rawlings	Landmark Baptist Temple	Cincinnati, OH
24	8	Aug	1995	Laying the Foundation for 10 Years	Johnny Brewer	New Life Baptist Church	Baltimore, MD
24	8	Aug	1995	Restarting A Former Big Bus Church	Jim McAllister	Free Will Baptist Church	Farmington, MO
24	8	Aug	1995	Five LU Grads Plus 10 Years Equals a Great Church	Dave Earley	New Life Community Church	Gr. Columbus, OH
24	7	Jul	1995	Pastor Ronnie Floyd: Man of Great Vision	Ronnie Floyd	First Baptist Church	Springdale, AK
24	7	Jul	1995	Temple Baptist Detroit A Great Past A Great Future	Brad Powell	Temple Baptist Church	Detroit, MI
24	7	Jul	1995	Upon This Rock the Miracle Continues	Ronnie Floyd	First Baptist Church	Springdale, AK
24	7	Jul	1995	Old Church With New Life	Rob Hoffman	Capitol City Baptist Church	DesMoines, IA
24	7	Jul	1995	Who Says You Can't Go Back Home	Bob Christiansen	Baptist Bible Fellowship	Manchester, NH
24	7	Jul	1995	A Capital Idea for a Baptist Church	Steve Reynolds	Central Baptist Church	Washington, DC
24	6	Jun	1995	The Gage Group Gives Churches Leadership			
24	6	Jun	1995	Rehobeth Baptist Leads Convention in Baptism-- 1144 in '94	Richard Lee	Rehobeth Baptist Church	Atlanta, CA
24	6	Jun	1995	A Downtown Church Still Winning Souls	Jerry Vines	First Baptist Church	Jacksonville, FL
24	6	Jun	1995	Phenomenal Growth in Dallas	Ed Young, Jr.	The Fellowship of Las Colinas	Irvine, TX
24	6	Jun	1995	A World-Class Church Sets World-Class Record	Rick Warren	Saddleback Valley Community Church	Lake Forest, CA
24	5	May	1995	Liberty University Grads Reunite in India			Ashland, OH

24	5	May	1995	A Baptist Church Taking the Gospel to Korea	Daniel Kim	Bible Baptist Church	Seoul, Korea
24	4	Apr	1995	Liberty University Gave Vision for Church Planting	John McCourt	Trinity Baptist Church	Ashland, OH
24	4	Apr	1995	How Promise Keepers Helped a Church	Ron Phillips	Central Baptist Church	Chattanooga, TN
24	4	Apr	1995	The 'Saturation' of a Community			
24	4	Apr	1995	Can a Fundamentalist Church Still Grow	Gordon Godfrey	Marcus Pointe Baptist Church	Pensacola, FL
24	3	Mar	1995	Mid-Way Baptist Church	Larry Upchurch	Mid-Way Baptist Church	Raleigh, NC
24	2	Feb	1995	Saddleback Valley Community Church A Purpose-Driven Church	Rick Warren	Saddleback Valley Community Church	Lake Forest, CA
24	2	Feb	1995	Grasping the Trend of Today's Church Growth Movement			
24	1	Jan	1995	Leadership Summits on Sunday School			
24	1	Jan	1995	The Ministry of a Hometown Boy	David Price	Grace Baptist Church	Washington, DC
24	1	Jan	1995	Fasting for National Revival			
ND			1995	They are Thriving in Pensacola	Dale Patterson	East Brent Baptist Church	Pensacola, FL
ND				Bible Exposition Reaches the African-American Community	Allen McFarland	Calvary Evangelical Church	Portsmouth, VA

#### FILM & VIDEOTAPE SERIES:

The following were those films and/or videos that were filmed, produced and offered to the public, 1986-1999.

**FASTING FOR SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1996.

This videotape has nine lessons that were taught in the Pastor's Bible Class at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, during May and June 1995. This was the first time that Towns presented the material on fasting. There is a discussion question available at the end of each session. The introduction and conclusion discussion question was taped in a Liberty University studio.

**FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES OF FAITH**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1993.

See *Foundational Doctrines of Faith* resource packet annotation.

**HOW TO GO TO TWO SERVICES**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1988.

See *How to Go to Two Services* resource packet annotation.

**HOW TO PUT YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE CUTTING EDGE**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1990.

This is a taped video of the seminar that Dr. Towns taught based on the book, *The Ten Sunday Schools That Dared to Change*, Regal Books, Ventura, California, 1994. The seminar surveyed the material in the book, looking at each of the ten churches, and their innovative contributions that benefited the Sunday School movement. Then, after he

presented each one of the changes that were reflected in each of the Sunday Schools, he explained how that change could be implemented into other churches. The worktext used in the seminar was supplied in this resource packet, making it a seminar that could be taught in the local church by video presentation. Most of the people who attended the seminar did not buy the resource packet; therefore, it was dropped shortly after it was introduced.

**HOW TO STUDY AND TEACH THE BIBLE**, Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1996.

This tape series of eight lessons was filmed in a local church in Ventura, California, by Gospel Light Publications and released for local churches to teach or re-train their teachers on how to study the Bible, with suggestions how to teach the Bible. The definition of teaching by Towns is prominent in this video series, i.e., "Teaching is the preparation and guidance of learning activities." Note the three aspects of Towns' definition. First, a teacher begins the teaching process when he/she begins to prepare the lesson, therefore preparation is vital to the teaching process. Teaching is preparing learning activities for the learning process. Second, Towns believes that teaching is guidance. He believes that teachers should guide the intellectual, emotional and volitional experiences of pupils. This includes social, as well as spiritual experiences. Third, Towns emphasizes learning activities. He says there is no teaching unless there is learning, and to him learning is activity-driven.

This tape series begins with an introductory lesson covering the definition of teaching and Bible study. Then, the next seven lessons cover seven unique ways scripture is communicated. The eight lessons in this series are as follows:

1. Introduction
2. How To Study and Teach Bible Characters
3. How To Study and Teach Bible Doctrine
4. How To Study and Teach Bible Poetry
5. How To Study and Teach Parables
6. How To Study and Teach Books of the Bible
7. How To Study and Teach Bible Narrative
8. How to Study and Teach Prophecy

**HOW TO REACH THE BABY BOOMER**. Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1989.

See *How to Reach the Baby Boomer* resource packet for annotation.

**MY FATHER'S NAMES**, Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1992.

This video series was taped at Liberty University for Regal Books/Gospel Light Publications, Ventura, California. Towns prepared 12 lessons, each lesson covering a chapter in the book *My Father's Names*. These lessons had been previously taught in Thomas Road Baptist Church in 1991. There is little change in content from the lessons taught in the Bible class and the video presentation. However, the greatest change is the interactive involvement between TV screen and the notes that are provided for the students. At the end of each lesson, a discussion question is given so that those who have been viewing the film can discuss what they have just seen.

**THE NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1995.

Towns believes that this is the most technically advanced of the video series that he filmed because of the art work, technical support material, camera work, and background photography. The series was filmed by the staff of Liberty University School of Life Long Learning, in Lynchburg, Virginia. The interaction between worktexts in the hands of the viewers and the screen presentation makes this an interactive lesson more than just a talking head. There is a question for class discussion among the viewers after the film is over.

**PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH**, Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1997.

This video was filmed in the studio of EDP (External Degree Program of Liberty University, new name for LUSLLL). This is the first filming of a live audience by EDP and gives credibility to viewers (previous live audience filming was done in the Thomas Road Baptist Church auditorium of the Sunday School class).

This series has eight lessons. There is an interactive outline for viewers to enhance the learning experience.

**SPIRITUAL FACTORS OF CHURCH GROWTH.** Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1990.

See *Spiritual Factors of Church Growth* resource packet for annotation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.** Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1993.

See *Sunday School Enrollment* resource packet for annotation

**LEADING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL INTO THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY,** with Stan Toler, Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1997.

This series was taped by Dr. Elmer Towns and Dr. Stan Toler in the Simi Valley, California, by the production crew of Gospel Light Films and has been distributed by them for the past two years.

Originally, Toler prepared a seminar called the *Model Sunday School*. However, Toler was not known as a Sunday School authority, and some of the material in his seminar had been taken from Towns' seminar *154 Steps to Revitalize Your Sunday School and Keep Your Church Growing*. Therefore, Toler asked Towns if the two of them could combine to make a seminar that could be presented in one day to a local group of Sunday School workers. Towns added four lectures to the material of Toler, who had four lectures.

Towns and Toler have presented this series on numerous occasions to denominational conferences and/or conventions. Primarily, they have presented the material in Nazarene state conventions, Wesleyan state conventions and Church of God conventions.

1. The Sunday School Challenge - Towns
2. Recasting The Sunday School Vision - Toler
3. Changes and Sunday School - Towns
4. A New World Class Sunday School - Toler
5. A New Role For The Teacher - Towns
6. A New Structure for Sunday School - Toler
7. Characteristics of a Healthy Sunday School - Towns
8. A New Sunday School Paradigm - Toler

**WHAT EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SHOULD KNOW,** Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1995.

This series was originally taped in Kansas City, Missouri, by the Sunday School Board of the Church of the Nazarene. Five thousand free copies of the video were sent to each district church of the Nazarene churches. The Nazarene Church gave Gospel Light Publications the right to release and sell this series. It covers questions that Sunday School leaders need to know. This tape is vintage Elmer Towns, giving his unique approach to Sunday School and what he feels is necessary to solve the Sunday School decline in America.

## **RESOURCE PACKETS (SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGNS)**

Over the years, Towns has produced a number of packets to be used primarily by churches, but also other groups, to teach or train followers in the area of Christian character or Christian service. These packets generally include interactive lesson outlines, video checklists for implementation, instruction for use and clip art for promotion. The following packets are listed alphabetically:

**154 STEPS TO REVITALIZE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND KEEP YOUR CHURCH GROWING**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1987.

This resource packet has been the most successful teaching tool to grow out of one of Elmer Towns' seminars because: (1) This seminar was most successful in Saturday presentations, and its effectiveness carried over to many churches that bought the video and showed it to a Sunday School teacher's meeting and/or had a Saturday seminar showing the video; (2) it was a large seller for Church Growth Institute; and (3) it produced "referred sales" of other products from Church Growth Institute. This means that when people viewed the *154 Steps* seminar on video, they went out and bought other products from Church Growth Institute.

Technically, the listing of the points one through *154 Steps* has evolved into three separate listings. The first listing of points Towns used to teach the seminar in Saturday presentations for approximately two years, i.e., 1983-1985. The second series of listings one-154 was a slight modification from the first (about 10 points change) Towns had the seminar videotaped and Church Growth Institute then packaged it into a resource packet for sale to other churches. The third listing of the numbers one-154 came approximately 1994. Towns had taught the seminar for more than 10 years and wanted to include new material in his presentation that he had been including in the previous presentation. However, to make room for more new material, Towns eliminated approximately 15 of the original points and added new points to make the seminar more contemporary. Also, the worktext changed from yellow stock with black printing to green stock with black printing to make sure people knew the difference.

The *154 Steps* seminar is arranged in five videotape presentations. Each one lasts approximately 40 minutes in length. Many churches viewed the video in five succeeding Sunday School teacher's meetings; also, some churches had a video seminar on Saturday where they viewed the seminar.

**FASTING FOR SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1996.

This resource packet is a video series of nine lectures of Towns that covered the nine chapters in the book, *Fasting For Spiritual Breakthrough*. This series was taped as Dr. Towns originally taught the chapters in his Sunday School class at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. While the material on the tape and the chapters are similar, they are not identical. Obviously, after Towns taught the material, it was edited, some material being deleted and some material being added. However, the original passion and drive for fasting is felt in this series because it was taught to his large Sunday School class.

The series was originally offered to Gospel Light/Regal Books but they thought the book on *Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough* would not be that big of a seller, so there would be no need for a video series. However, time has proven them wrong. *Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough* has been one of Towns' best selling books of all time, and the book has had a broad influence in many different areas. On several occasions, Bill Greig, III, has said he wished he had taken the option of distributing this video series.

**FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES OF THE FAITH**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1992.

This resource packet contains a video presentation of Towns teaching the nine basic doctrines of the faith. Also, there is a textbook by the same name, *Foundational Doctrines of the Faith*, as well as interactive worksheets for the students to take notes as they watch the video being taught. Towns has often said this textbook and video is one of the most concise presentations of historic Protestant theology, i.e., Bible doctrine, that is available for teaching lay people the doctrines of the Church. When writing this book, Towns said, "I basically took the doctrines in *What the Faith is All About* and reduced it down to nine basic chapters/topics. According to Larry Gilbert, the response of pastors who have shown this series to their church has been very supportive and encouraging.

**FROM VICTORY TO VICTORY**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1997.

This is a stewardship packet to help churches raise funds for their operational budget. This is a video of Towns teaching the Sunday School class at Thomas Road Baptist Church in March 1997. This also includes a video sermon of Dr. Jerry Falwell's message on stewardship.

**GETTING A CHURCH STARTED**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1993.

This resource packet contains five recorded audiotapes of Towns teaching listeners how to plan and plant a new church. He gave these lectures at the North American Society for Church Growth in Orlando, Florida, November 1997. Because many new teachers were coming to the North American Society for Church Growth who had never understood the historical foundation of the Society, nor did they understand the biblical foundation of church planting, the Society asked Towns to teach five-1 hour lectures the day before the annual meeting of the North American Society for Church Growth.

The leaders of the Society expected approximately twelve to attend, but there were 20 in attendance, these being denominational officials, professors of Church Growth, and those who wanted information on planting a church. Originally, C. Peter Wagner held a 3-day conference on Church Planting at Fuller Theological Seminary during the late 1970s. That conference attracted many church leaders from all over the nation, and out of that conference, the North American Society of Church Growth was organized. However, over the succeeding years many that attended had lost the original vision and burden for church planting. Therefore, Towns was asked to make this presentation.

The material presented was not a “how-to” practical session for a church planter to go out and begin a new work. This material was a complete overview and introduction to the science of church planting as presented through the discipline of Church Growth and evangelism.

Earlier, Towns had prepared a book, *Getting A Church Started*, which was a “how-to” manual that was printed by Church Growth Institute (first edition, 1975 Impact Books, Nashville, Tennessee; second edition, 1985, Church Growth Institute; third edition, 1993, Liberty University, School of LifeLong Learning).

This practical manual takes a church planter through the process of “step-by-step” procedures that must be followed in beginning a new church.

The first four lectures of this resource packet lay a biblical and theological foundation for church planting. The last audio lecture presents the practical message that Towns has developed, “*Eighty-four Steps to Plant a Church.*” The book *Getting A Church Started* is included in this resource packet.

**HABITS OF THE HEART**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1994.

This video resource pack was filmed at Thomas Road Baptist Church in the Fall of 1993. The author was working as a graduate assistant for Elmer Towns and helped in this project. When the lessons were filmed, attendance was approximately 2,200.

In these eight sessions, Towns developed a definition for character and a paradigm that suggests how character is formed. As a result the young people at Liberty University attended because they wanted to know how their character was formed and how they could have more Christ-like character. Towns defined character as “habitually doing the right thing in the right way.” Then, he devised a paradigm that suggests a cycle of how an individual develops character. Note the following stages: 1. When you change a person’s thinking, you change his/her belief; 2. When you change a person’s belief, you change his/her aspirations or expectation of life; 3. When you change a person’s expectation or vision, you change his/her attitude of life; 4. When you change a person’s attitude, you change his/her actions; 5. When you change a person’s actions on a habitual basis, you form habits; and 6. When you form a habit, you have formed character.

The above paradigm could be one of the greatest contributions of Elmer Towns’ systematic thinking. He has not yet developed the paradigm into a book nor into a research project. The author would exhort him to do so.

**HOW TO GO TO TWO SERVICES**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1989.

Larry Gilbert, President of Church Growth Institute, said this is the second most influential resource packet by Elmer Towns. Obviously, *Friend Day* is the most influential because sales approach 50,000 units, and many churches testified to him of their benefit in using the *Friend Day* program. According to Gilbert, *How to Go to Two Services* has sold almost 10,000 units (at a larger price of \$159.00) and he gets letters constantly of churches that have used the videotape to instruct its leaders in the procedures of adding an additional worship service.

The resource packet contains a video, lesson outlines, instructions to use the packet, promotional helps and a worktext of 12,000 words.

Towns wrote the worktext out of his involvement with many churches attempting to add an additional worship service. The ideas included in this worktext were not field tested, but rather grew out of Towns' observation and field experience. However, according to him, the principles and methods have worked for a decade, demonstrating their practicability.

The strength of this resource packet is that it gives the reader a step-by-step "checklist" for implementing another worship service. After ten years of use, Towns says, "I wouldn't change a step, nor would I take anything out of the worktext."

**HOW TO REACH THE BABY BOOMERS**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1990.

This was perhaps the second most effective seminar by Dr. Towns. Obviously, his most popular and effective seminar is *154 Steps To Revitalize Your Sunday School And Keep Your Church Growing*. In 1986 he began offering a seminar in convention hotels by the title of this resource packet.

This seminar produced more money to Church Growth Institute, because people paid \$99 each to attend this all-day seminar. The seminar examined the Baby Boomer generation and what the church must do to meet their needs. According to Larry Gilbert, this seminar began offering help to evangelize the Baby Boomers, long before an analysis of Boomers became popular in the modern media. As a result, this seminar had a great influence on churches. According to Towns, there were six major lessons that he wanted to teach the churches from the seminar:

1. **Leadership**: Towns wanted pastors to examine their role of leadership, and change their method of leading.
2. **Worship**: Towns indicated that to reach the Baby Boomer generation, a generation that was experiential, pragmatic, and focused, the church would have to introduce praise music, practical preaching on how to live the Christian life, and be very user-friendly in approaching them.
3. **Church Growth Models**: Towns had previously indicated there were at least six church growth models. In this seminar he taught Baby Boomers were especially attracted to the Renewal and the Bible Expositional models. Yet, all of the other models of worship had some appeal to a certain section of the Boomer population.
4. **Consumer orientated**: Towns taught churches to organize their outreach in a businesslike way, without becoming a business. They had to understand niche marketing, so they could target effectively to reach certain people. He taught them to be "user friendly," and to be "seeker sensitive." He said that all churches can't do all things, so each church should emphasize doing what they can do best.
5. **Innovation**: Towns taught the churches that they were going to have to innovate their methodology without giving up eternal principles. To get this principle across, he used the formula, "Methods are many, principles are few, methods may change, but principles never do." He taught churches to distinguish what was eternal, and be strong in holding to it. He taught the churches how to recognize methods, and how to change methods to reach young people.
6. **Research**: Towns adopted the phrase "Data-Driven, Bible-Based" to teach this point. He said a church must be data driven, i.e., meaning a church must base its methods on effective research, but never deny the Word of God. He taught them to be innovative, and at the same time to ask a question, "Why do people choose a church?"

According to Larry Gilbert, this seminar was well received by the church public. Many people who came to visit the seminar were challenged by what they saw and heard. They bought the video and shared these ideas with their staff and church boards.

Pastor Ron Shaver of Little Flock Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, went to the original Baby Boomer seminar in Chicago Illinois (127 in attendance) and came home to a church of around 150 people. He made the changes suggested in the seminar, instituted new worship, incorporated cells, and began to formulate ministry plans based on research. Over the next 10 years, his church grew to a weekly average of over a 1,000 in attendance. The church has built two large buildings, and integrated many forms of innovated ministry. Pastor Shaver gives credit to the Baby Boomer seminar for making those changes possible and giving him courage to make the changes.

**HOW TO REACH YOUR FRIENDS FOR CHRIST**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1989.

This resource packet contains four lessons to instruct the average church member on practical principles and methods to reach their friends and relatives for Christ. This resource packet is a continuation of *Friend Day* and F.R.A.N.gelism which helped local members target their friends, relatives, associates and neighbors for Christ. These four lessons have an accompanying video and audiotapes to help communicate to lay people in the church.

**MY FATHER'S NAMES**, Ventura, California: Regal Books, 1992.

This resource packet was prepared for Gospel Light/Regal Books and distributed to them in conjunction with the book title by the same name. The resource packet contained two video tapes each with six taped lessons each; covering the material in the textbook. There was a worktext in the resource packet that had an interactive outline sheet for the students to take notes while watching the video presentation. Whereas some of Towns' resource packets contain the videotaped lesson of his teaching the Sunday School at Thomas Road Baptist Church, this series was taped for Gospel Light in the EDP studios.

The outline of the tapes is identical to the outlines in the textbook. Gospel Light made this resource available to churches for approximately five years.

**THE NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, Ventura, California: Regal Books, 1995.

This resource packet contains 13 lectures by videotape of the chapters in the book, *The Names of the Holy Spirit*. This resource packet was taped at EDP studios in Lynchburg, and paid for and distributed by Gospel Light/Regal Books. This has been the most successful of the resource packets offered by Gospel Light/Regal Books. Also, Towns feels he did the best job in this resource packet of all those he has done, and the staff at EDP also agreed that this was their most professional series.

There was one video presentation for each chapter in *The Names of the Holy Spirit*, and there were interactive notes for the student to take notes when viewing the video presentation. This has been a successful series with Gospel Light/Regal Books, and they have used it for approximately four years.

**OUR FAMILY GIVING TO GOD'S FAMILY**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1992.

This is a resource packet including audiotapes, lessons, and resources to teach financial stewardship in a local church. Towns claims to have written this in the front seat of the Church Growth Institute van driving from Columbus, Georgia, to Birmingham, Alabama; to Jackson, Mississippi, to Springfield, Illinois; to St. Louis, Missouri and ending up in Joplin, Missouri. He then came home and taught the series in his Sunday School class in March, 1991. This was a part of his Baby Boomer lectures, but Church Growth Institute waited three years to release the packet after the seminar was dropped. As a result, this packet did not get financial support and was not a success. Towns thought that Baby Boomers had a high allegiance to their families, and therefore they must be taught that their family had to become involved in giving financial gifts to the church, which is God's family. The four lessons in this series are:

1. Partnership Giving
2. Father Leads the Family
3. Mother Coordinates the Family
4. Children Mature Through the Family

**SECOND FRIEND DAY**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1986.

This resource packet is a follow-up to the successful *Friend Day* packet that was previously produced by Towns and Gilbert in 1984. Many pastors who had a successful *Friend Day* wanted material for a second *Friend Day*. The strength of this resource packet is that Towns and Gilbert included many of the ideas and techniques that they heard about in successful *Friend Days*. The weakness of this resource packet is that new lessons and a new strategy were not included so many pastors thought it was just a re-write of the original. It was only a moderately successful presentation.

**SPIRITUAL FACTORS OF CHURCH GROWTH**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1990.

This was a seminar that Dr. Towns prepared and offered through Church Growth Institute that dealt with spiritual factors to cause a church to grow. Especially after he had been in an area to teach the *Baby Boomers* seminar, he returned to teach *Spiritual Factors of Growth*. Towns correctly predicted that the coming trend in Church Growth emphasized “spirituality” rather than “organization and administration.” Therefore Towns did not want to prepare more new programs and techniques or methods, he wanted to look at preparing the inner heart for spiritual growth so that when people knew the Lord, and revival came, there would be outer numerical growth.

The seminar on *Spiritual Factors of Church Growth* covered the following topics:

Prayer  
Revival  
Fasting  
Anointing preaching  
Meditation  
Faith  
Worship  
Spiritual reformation of the Church to bring about renewal.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1992.

This resource packet includes audiotapes, lessons, and resources designed for teaching Sunday School teachers in a local church. The lessons were not designed to be taught to Sunday School students, but designed to refocus Sunday School teachers to the purpose of enrolling new members in the Sunday School class. When teachers reinstated enrollment, they built loyalty to their class, providing a basis for following up absenteeism, a basis for outreach, and a basis for building the class into a homogeneous unit.

When writing the book, *Ten Sunday School That Dared To Change*, Regal Books, Ventura, California, 1994, Towns was impressed with the ministry of Dr. Bill Monroe, pastor of Florence Baptist Temple, Florence, South Carolina. This church had moved from the traditional Independent Baptist approach to Sunday School, which emphasized large class teaching and soul-winning evangelism. The Florence, South Carolina, church began emphasizing Sunday School enrollment. The Florence Baptist Temple reduced their class sizes to approximately 10 students in each class. They emphasized enrolling people in Sunday School and emphasized Bible teaching that laid the foundation for evangelism. Florence Baptist Temple doubled their attendance during the time Towns was studying this church. Out of his study came this resource packet on Sunday School enrollment. The eight lessons are:

1. Turning Around Attitudes
2. Building On the Strengths of Sunday School
3. Recycling Sunday School Enrollment
4. How To Enroll A Person In Bible Study
5. Windows of Opportunity
6. A Friendly Touch
7. A Biblical Basis for Inviting guests to Sunday School
8. Where Are You On the Stair-Steps?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVIVAL KIT**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1994.

This resource packet had a subtitle, *How To Turn Around Your Sunday School* which Church Growth Institute copyrighted in 1994, and grew out of a seminar offered in that year. Towns had done the book *Ten Sunday Schools That Dared to Change*, Regal Books, 1993, and then decided to present a seminar in the ten Sunday Schools of the book plus other churches around America, teaching people to turn around their Sunday School.

The material of the seminar and from the book became the outline for the *Sunday School Survival Kit*.

In this seminar, Towns surveyed ten outstanding Sunday Schools who had turned their Sunday School around (the first part of the seminar and survival kit). The second part of the seminar involved the Appendix to the book, i.e., 92 practical suggestions for turning around your Sunday School.

As noted in the annotation of the textbook, *Ten Sunday Schools That Dared to Changed*, Towns was disappointed that this book did not have a greater influence in the church world, and because of that; this seminar and resource packet was never greatly accepted by church leaders. According to Towns, it had little influence, and according to Gilbert, sales were very low, i.e., less than 500 packets were sold.

**TOWNS ON CHURCH GROWTH**, Vol. 1-2, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1993.

This seminar had a unique formation and journey before it arrived at Church Growth Institute. Towns originally filmed the intro course to the Doctor of Ministries degree at Liberty University (DMIN 951). After the course was taped, Liberty decided not to use the tape, because there was some question as to whether the doctorate program should be offered through EDP. As a result, Liberty decided not to use the program and sold the tapes to Church Growth Institute for \$500 (obviously much lower cost than Liberty's EDP costs).

This tape series contains 24 lectures; the chapter titles for this series are as follows:

Chapter One	Church Growth Presuppositions
Chapter Two	Consumerism and the Future of the Church
Chapter Three	Leadership and Philosophy of Ministry
Chapter Four	Pastoral Leadership and Church Size
Chapter Five	Seven New Testament Models of Pastoral Ministry
Chapter Six	Walrath Church Types
Chapter Seven	Principles of Leadership
Chapter Eight	How Leaders Influence Growth
Chapter Nine	Flavil Yeakley's Communication Models
Chapter Ten	Sociological Cycle of Church Growth
Chapter Eleven	Barriers, Evangelism, and Church Growth
Chapter Twelve	The Changing Shape of Sunday School
Chapter Thirteen	The Traditional Laws of Sunday School Growth
Chapter Fourteen	Cells and Celebration in the Church
Chapter Fifteen	Innovations in Sunday School and Evangelism
Chapter Sixteen	Leading Your Church Through a Friend Day
Chapter Seventeen	Leading Your Church Through a Stewardship Campaign
Chapter Eighteen	Leading Your Church Through Spiritual Gifts
Chapter Nineteen	Enabling and Team Ministry Spiritual Gifts
Chapter Twenty	Spiritual Gifts and Team Evangelism
Chapter Twenty-one	Team Leadership and Rewards
Chapter Twenty-two	Leading Through Inspection and Motivation
Chapter Twenty-three	Leadership through Building Morale and Solving Problems
Chapter Twenty-four	Leadership through Decision Making and Dreams

**TOWNS ON TEACHER TRAINING**, Vol. 1-2, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1989.

This resource packet was prepared by Towns with the view of teaching and equipping potential teachers in a Sunday School to become effective communicators of the Word of God. This series contains eight videotaped messages that can be shown to Sunday School teachers at their regular meeting or during other planned meetings with the view of equipping them for Sunday School ministry.

Originally, Towns wanted to call the series, "How To Motivate Teachers to Become Better Communicators of the Bible." Larry Gilbert wanted to use the phrase *Towns on Teacher Training* to key on Towns' reputation in Sunday School and to help sell the series.

In this series, Towns did not prepare a worktext that was published by Church Growth Institute, but an extensive worktext was written by Towns and appears in the three-hole punched binder that is available only to the teacher/presenter of this series. As a result, the background of each lesson is included for the teacher before he/she presents the material in videotaped lectures.

Larry Gilbert reports that *Towns on Teacher Training* has been an outstanding product for Church Growth Institute; because of its high dollar price, this resource packet has produced good income for Church Growth Institute. Also, Larry Gilbert reports that churches have a very positive response when they use this as a teaching tool for their workers.

**VISION DAY: CAPTURING THE POWER OF VISION**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1994.

Towns prepared this resource packet to help churches in several ways: first, to help them get a long-range vision, or clarify their vision; second, to help churches arrive at a mission statement and then a vision statement of ministry; third, to help pastors get followers involved in the process of envisioning, planning and developing a long-range strategy and plan; and fourth, to help churches develop long-range strategies and planning.

The resource packet contains a video with presentations for the pastor, presentations for the church board or long-range planning committee, and a presentation for general viewing by the congregation. Next the resource packet contains teaching helps, sermon helps, worship outlines, and a planning agenda. It includes community surveys and practical helps to study one's church.

Towns believes this is a great tool for helping churches, but has had only moderate sales success. He believes this is because most churches do not make long range plans.

**WHAT IS RIGHT**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1995.

This video resource packet has eight sessions that were taped at Thomas Road Baptist Church in 1993.

The author was working with Dr. Towns as a graduate assistant when this series was taped. There were around 2,200 in each session. The strength of the sessions is the use of students who were interviewed during the taping of the sessions, as well as surveys that were taken during the taping that contributed to the opinions that were shared in the class. See the entry reviewing textbook for lesson titles.

**WHAT THE BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT**, Ventura, California: Gospel Light Publications, 1996.

Beginning in 1993, Towns wanted to do more than to teach Church Growth principles and Sunday School principles to lay and professional conferences of church workers. He wanted to produce a seminar that would be taught to all Christians, i.e., the average man in the pew. Since people do not know what is in the Bible, he put together a series that was six lessons long to be taught in local churches on Saturday, beginning at 9:00 in the morning and ending at 3:30 in the afternoon. His intent was that a lay person could learn the whole Bible in a whole day. The series was constructed into an interactive worktext so that the pupils would have maps, genealogy, pictures, as well as the outlines in front of them. Most of the Scriptures that the pupils would need when taking this course, were printed in the worktext.

Because of the success of *What the Bible is All About*, Henrietta Mears, Gospel Light/Regal Books, Towns got permission to use that title in his seminar, i.e., *What the Bible is All About*. However, Towns' seminar does not follow exactly the format of the book by Henrietta Mears, only in general outline form. (Mears' book covers the Bible book by book, while Towns' course covers the Bible chronologically, looking at events in their sequence of appearance).

This seminar was not offered by Church Growth Institute, nor was it ever offered to lay people on the basis of a registration per attendee. Rather, Towns received a free-will offering for presenting this seminar, and only presented the seminar in churches where pastor-friends invited him to come and present the seminar. The success of the seminar was directly related to the ability of the pastor to gather a crowd for the Saturday seminar.

After three or four presentations, Towns realized he was not touching the leadership of the church (i.e., Sunday School teachers, officers, deacons, etc.), rather those who were faithful Christians who attended most of the church services were those who came on Saturday morning to hear him teach the Bible. He found that young Christians who needed the material most were not attending; rather, people who usually attend the traditional adult Bible class were in attendance. He felt the results were not worth the energy and time so he discontinued offering the seminar in churches. However, certain Sunday School conventions around the country have elective programs and this seminar has been offered in Sunday School conventions. As an illustration, Spokane, Washington, has the largest attended Sunday School convention in America, and on one occasion Towns taught this seminar in six sessions during one of the days of this convention. He averaged over 300 in attendance and felt the presentation was worth its while.

Once the seminar became standardized in Towns' name, it was videotaped by Gospel Light/Regal Books and offered as a resource packet to churches to help train their people in knowing what the Bible is all about. Gospel Light has sold approximately 1,300 resource packets to churches. Then, Bill Greig, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Gospel Light, attended the presentation of this seminar in Simi Valley, California, and became convinced it had to be translated into the Russian language. Towns raised the money from Liberty students (approximately \$4,500) that has been channeled to GLINT, the foreign missions arm of Gospel Light that publishes Christian and Sunday School literature in foreign languages. GLINT is preparing this seminar in the Russian language by having a "voice-over" Russian speaker translate the words of Towns. The intent is for the video to be distributed through the Russian Orthodox churches, and through their churches to their Sunday Schools and to be used in the public schools of Russia.

**WHEN GOD IS SILENT**, Lynchburg, Virginia: Church Growth Institute, 1995.

This video resource pack was taped at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, in the summer of 1993. The author was present while these lessons were being taped. They deal with contemporary questions that are being asked by today's audiences. See entry reviewing the textbook for lesson titles.

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## **OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS**

Dr. Towns has been the primary teacher for Pastor's Bible Auditorium Class since beginning February 1, 1987. The following is a partial listing of those lessons taught during this Sunday school class from August 1996 to the present:

### **PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS**

Date	Lessons	Series
1996-08-11	Growing through Your Church. Lesson 11	Personal Growth Plan
1996-08-18	Growing Through Involvement. Lesson 12	Personal Growth Plan
1996-08-25	Making a Difference Going Farther. Lesson 1	What Section Leaders Do
1996-09-15	Creation Thru The Patriarchs (II) Lesson 2	What the Bible Is All About
1996-09-22	Creation Thru The Patriarchs (III) Lesson 3	What the Bible Is All About
1996-09-29	Exodus To The Kingdom. Lesson 4	What the Bible Is All Bout
1996-10-06	Exodus To The Kingdom. Lesson 5	What the Bible Is All About
1996-10-13	From The First King To The End of O.T. Lesson 6	What the Bible Is All About
1996-10-20	The Life of Christ. Lesson 7	What the Bible Is All About
1996-10-27	The Life of Christ. Lesson 8	What the Bible Is All About
1996-11-10	Acts of the Apostles. Lesson 9	What the Bible Is All About
1996-11-17	Acts of the Apostles. Lesson 10	What the Bible Is All About
1996-11-24	Acts of the Apostles. Lesson 11	What the Bible Is All About
1996-12-01	The Revelation. Lesson 12	What the Bible Is All About
1996-12-08	Three of the Greatest Emotions in Life.	No Series
1996-12-15	The Revelation. Lesson 13	What the Bible Is All About
1996-12-22	Angels At Christmas.	No Series
1996-12-29	Nehemiah: Building and Battling.	How To Build
1997-01-26	Mark and the 4 Gospels. Lesson 2	The Gospel of Mark
1997-02-02	Chapter 1. Lesson 3	The Gospel of Mark
1997-02-09	Barriers To Jesus. Lesson 4	The Gospel of Mark

1997-02-16	Coming To Jesus. Lesson 5	The Gospel of Mark
1997-02-23	The Parable of the Sower. Lesson 6	The Gospel of Mark
1997-03-02	What You Can Know About Victory. Lesson 1	Stewardship: From Victory To Victory
1997-03-09	Learning From Stewardship. Lesson 2	Stewardship: From Victory To Victory
1997-03-16	Facing the Goliath in our Lives	No Series
1997-0-23	Lessons From Cross Bearing	No Series
1997-03-30	What Burns your Heart?	No Series
1997-04-06	The Bondage Breaker	The Gospel of Mark
1997-04-20	Differences Are No Different To Jesus	The Gospel of Mark
1997-04-27	Jesus Comes in the Storm	The Gospel of Mark
1997-05-04	Fasting For Spiritual Breakthrough	No Series
1997-05-11	Virtuous Woman	No Series
1997-05-17	Growing Like Jesus. Lesson 1	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-06-01	Perfect In Temptation. Lesson 2	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-06-08	Discipline of Humility. Lesson 3	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-06-15	Discipline of Obedience. Lesson 4	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-07-06	The Discipline of Relationship. Lesson 5	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-07-20	The Discipline of Time. Lesson 6	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-07-27	The Disciplines of Jesus. Lesson 7	The Discipline of Manliness
1997-08-03	The Discipline of Love. Lesson 8	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-08-10	The Disciplines of Jesus. Lesson 9	The Single -mindness of Jesus
1997-08-17	The Discipline of Prayer. Lesson 10	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-08-24	The Discipline of Suffering. Lesson 11	The Disciplines of Jesus
1997-08-31	The Origin of The Universe. Lesson 1	No Series
1997-09-21	Origin of Time. Lesson 4	Genesis Questions
1997-09-28	The Origin of Water. Lesson 5	Genesis
1997-10-05	Origin of Vegetation. Lesson 6	Genesis
1997-10-12	Practical Christianity. Lesson 2	How to Overcome Temptations
1997-10-19	Origin of Fish and Fowls. Lesson 7	Genesis
1997-10-26	The Sixth Day. Lesson 8	Genesis
1997-11-02	Origin of Marriage. Lesson 9	Genesis
1997-11-09	Beginning of Sin. Lesson 10	Genesis

1997-11-16	Origin of the Curse. Lesson 11	Genesis
1997-11-30	Principles of Parenting. Lesson 12	Genesis: Beginnings
1997-12-07	Second Generation Faith. Lesson 13	Genesis: Beginnings
1997-12-14	Ten Factors of Meditations	No Series
1997-12-21	The Mary Factor: Pondering Jesus	Ten Factors of Meditation
1997-12-28	Ten Factors of Meditation	No Series
1998-01-04	Lesson 1 Introduction	The Lord's Prayer
1998-01-11	Lesson 2 Thy Name Be Hallowed	The Lord's Prayer
1998-01-18	Lesson 3 Thy Kingdom Come	The Lord's Prayer
1998-01-25	Lesson 4 Thy Will be Done	The Lord's Prayer
1998-02-01	Lesson 5 Give Us Our Daily Bread	The Lord's Prayer
1998-02-08	Lesson 6 Forgive Us Our Debts	The Lord's Prayer
1998-02-15	Lesson 7 Lead Us Not Into Temptation	The Lord's Prayer
1998-02-22	Lesson 8 Deliver Us From Evil	The Lord's Prayer
1998-03-01	A Rich Farmer	God's Gift-My Gift
1998-03-08	God's Gift-My Gift	Stewardship
1998-03-15	Lord, How Do I Know If You're Listening?	No Series
1998-03-22	Learning From The Past	Planning For The Future
1998-04-05	He Wore My Crown of Thorns	No Series
1998-04-12	Events Of Three Dark Days	No Series
1998-04-19	Getting Wings	No Series
1998-04-26	Lesson 1	Knowing God Intimately
1998-05-03	Lesson 1 Jacob: Motivated by Fear	Encountering God
1998-05-10	Characteristics of a Good Mother	No Series
1998-05-17	Lesson 3 Moses: His Face Shone	Encountering God
1998-05-31	Fulfilling the Great Commission In this Country	No Series
1998-06-14	Lesson 2 Gideon	No Series
1998-06-21	Lesson 4 Elijah	Encountering God
1998-06-28	Lesson 5 Isaiah	Encountering God
1998-07-05	Lesson 6 Jeremiah	Encountering God out of Weakness
1998-07-19	Lesson 7 Ezekiel	Encountering God for a New Calling
1998-08-02	Lesson 8 The Woman with the issue of blood	Encountering God for Healing
1998-08-09	Lesson 9 Backsliding Peter restored to service	Encounter: To Be Restored
1998-08-16	Lesson 10 Mary taught by Christ	Encounter: To learn relationship
1998-08-23	Lesson 11 Saul: Becoming a disciple	Encounter: To Change The Mind
1998-08-30	Lesson 1 God's Call	Abraham's Journey Of Faith

1998-09-06	Lesson 2 Learning from Failure	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-09-13	Lesson 3 Choosing by Faith	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-09-27	Lesson 4 Faith that makes you fight	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-10-04	Fasting and Prayer for Revival	No Series
1998-10-11	Lesson 5 Waiting on God in Faith	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-10-18	Lesson 6 Renewed Promise	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-10-25	Lesson 7 The Prayer of Faith	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-11-01	Lesson 8 Consequences by rejecting faith	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-11-08	Lesson 9 Faith's Realization	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-11-15	Lesson 10 The Separation Of Faith	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-11-29	Lesson 11 Faith Tested	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-12-06	Lesson 12 When Death Tests Your Faith	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-12-13	Lesson 13 A Bride for Isaac	Abraham's Journey Of Faith
1998-12-27	How To Start Over	For The New Year
1999-01-03	When You Need to Make Changes	For The New Year
1999-01-10	When To Quit	For The New Year
1999-01-17	What You Do For Success	For The New Year
1999-01-31	Lesson 1 Timothy	Second Generation Christians
1999-02-07	Lesson 2 The Call To Serve	Timothy
1999-02-14	Lesson 3 Timothy Being Led By God	Timothy
1999-03-28	The Broken Body Of Jesus	No Series
1999-04-11	Lesson 2 The Blood which is Shed	No Series
1999-04-25	Lesson 1 Weeds	Weeds and Sweat
1999-05-02	Lesson 2 Sweat	Weeds ad Sweat-Dealing with Limitations
1999-05-16	Evangelism: The Woman at the Well	Women in Ministry
1999-05-23	Phoebe the Helper	Women in Ministry
1999-05-30	Deborah a Prophetess	Women in Ministry
1999-06-06	Lois and Eunice-Teachers	Women in Ministry
1999-06-20	Esther: The Gift of Exhortation	Ministry for Women
1999-06-27	Naomi -Mercy Shower	Ministry for Women
1999-07-04	Lydia -The Gift of Giving	Ministry for Women
1999-07-18	Martha-Administration	Ministry for Women
1999-08-01	Mary Magdalene-Shepherd	Women in Ministry
1999-08-08	Lesson 1 Meeting Jesus	Facing the End
1999-08-15	Lesson 2 When you first get to Heaven	Facing the End
1999-08-22	Lesson 3 Worshipping the Worthy One	Facing the End
1999-08-29	Lesson 4 Two Groups Worshipping	Facing the End
1999-09-05	Lesson 5 Looking into Heaven	Facing the End
1999-09-26	Lesson 6 Worship at the End	Facing the End

1999-10-03	Lesson 7 Worship Saying Hallelujah	Facing the End
1999-10-10	Overview of Worship	Worship at the End
1999-09-12	Lesson 1 Worship	The Importance of Personal Worship
1999-10-17	Lesson 1 Sixteen Steps to Bible Reading	READINMADEASY
1999-10-24	Lesson 2 Not Understanding What is read	READINMADEASY
1999-11-07	Lesson 3 Attitudes for Bible Reading	READINMADEASY
	A Great Door is Opened	Improving your Serve
1999-11-28	How did God become flesh	God Sent His Son
1999-12-05	Birth preparations for the Son of God	God Sent His Son
1999-12-12	Teaching the child Jesus	God Sent His Son
1999-12-19	Celebrating His 2000 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	God Sent His Son
1999-12-26	If you need to start over again	No Series
2000-01-02	Lesson 1 Date Setting is Wrong	When Is Jesus Coming?
2000-01-09	Lesson 2 Looking at Signs	When Is Jesus Coming?
2000-01-16		When Is Jesus Coming?
2000-01-23	Lesson 1 Nehemiah	Building a Great Work for God
2000-01-30	Lesson 2 Nehemiah	The Principles of a Great Work
2000-02-06	Lesson 1 Truth isn't what it used to be, or is it?	You can know for sure
2000-02-13	Lesson 2 How to know there is a God	You can know for sure
2000-02-20	Lesson 3 Where did everything come from?	You can know for sure
2000-02-27	Lesson 4 Did God write the Bible?	You can know for sure
2000-03-05	Lesson 1 Recognizing Lordship	Stewardship: Lordship Living Leads To Lordship Giving
2000-03-12	Lesson 2 Responding to Lordship	Stewardship: Lordship Living Leads To Lordship Giving
2000-03-19	Lesson 3 Receiving Lordship	Stewardship: Lordship Living Leads To Lordship Giving
2000-03-26	Lesson 1 John Believes	Resurrection Appearance
2000-04-09	Lesson 2 Seeing Jesus on the Emmaus Road	Resurrection Appearance
2000-05-07	Lesson 3 Thomas: Why we doubt	Resurrection Appearance
2000-05-14	Mary- the example of a godly woman	
2000-05-21	Lesson 1 The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want	Psalm 23
2000-05-28	Lesson 2 I shall not want	Psalm 23
2000-06-04	Lesson 3 Green pastures and still waters	Psalm 23
2000-06-25	Lesson 4 Paths of Righteousness	Psalm 23

2000-07-02	Lesson 5 Walking through death's valley	Psalm 23
2000-07-09	Lesson 6 I will fear no evil	Psalm 23
2000-07-16	Lesson 7 The rod and staff	Psalm 23
2000-07-23	Lesson 8 Thou preparest a table	Psalm 23
2000-08-13	Lesson 9 My cup runs over	Psalm 23
2000-08-20	Lesson 10 Goodness and Mercy	Psalm 23
2000-09-03	Lesson 1 Prayer Partners	The Power of Two
2000-09-10	Lesson 2 Helping others in prayer	The Power of Two
2000-09-17	Lesson 3 Prayer Partners	The Power of Two
2000-09-24	Lesson 4 Prayer Partners	The Power of Two
2000-10-01	Lesson 5 You and the Holy Spirit	The Power of Two
2000-10-08	Lesson 6 Praying with Jesus	The Power of Two
2000-10-29	Lesson 7 Agreeing what to ask	The Power of Two
2000-11-05	Lesson 8 How to agree	Two pray
2000-11-12	Lesson 9	The Power of Two
2000-12-17	Angels at Christmas	No Series
2000-11-19	What does God want for Thanksgiving?	No Series
2000-11-26	Lesson 1 Learn communication from Rebekah and Isaac	Bible Couples
2000-12-03	Lesson 2 Learning trust from Mary and Joseph	Bible Couples
2000-12-10	Lesson 3 Learning companionship	Bible Couples: Elizabeth and Zacharias
2000-12-31	Lesson 4 Learning respect from Ruth and Boaz	Bible Couples
2001-01-07	Lesson 5 Learning "togetherness" from Priscilla and Aquila	Couples in the Bible
2001-01-14	Lesson 6 Esther and Xerxes	Couple in the Bible
2001-01-21	Lesson 7 Learning contentment from Rachel and Jacob	Couples in the Bible
2001-01-28	Lesson 8 Eve and Adam	Couples in the Bible
2001-02-04	Lesson 9 Bathsheba and David: Used of God after a terrible beginning	Couples in the Bible
2001-02-11	Lesson 10 Samson and Delilah: Learning from bad choices	Couples in the Bible
2001-02-18	Lesson 11 Sapphira and Ananias: Hypocrisy	Couples in the Bible
2001-02-25	Lesson 12 Sarah and Abraham	Couples in the Bible
2001-03-04	Lesson 1 Tithe your talent	Firstfruits of all thine increase
2001-03-11	Lesson 2 Tithe your time	Firstfruits of all thine increase
2001-03-18	Lesson 3 Tithe your treasure	Firstfruits of all thine increase
2001-03-25	Bring 3 to VBS	Getting Ready for Outreach
2001-04-22	Questions about Jesus Return	

2001-04-29	Questions about Jesus Return	
2001-05-06	Lesson 1 What we believe about the Bible	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-05-20	Lesson 2 How to know the Bible is God's Word	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-05-27	Lesson 3 What we believe about God	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-06-03	Lesson 4 How to know there is a God	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-06-10	Lesson 5 What we believe about Christ	Foundational Doctrines of the Bible
2001-06-24	Lesson 6 What we believe about the Holy Spirit	Foundational Doctrines of the Bible
2001-07-01	Lesson 7 What we believe about salvation	Foundational Doctrines of the faith
2001-07-08	Lesson 8 How to know you are saved	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-07-15	Lesson 9 What we believe about people	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
20001-07-22	Lesson 10 What we believe about the church	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-07-29	Lesson 11 What we believe about Eschatology	Foundational Doctrines of the Faith
2001-08-05	Lesson 1 What does it mean to bless?	God Bless You
2001-08-12	Lesson 2 The Five Rules of God's Blessing	God Bless you
2001-08-19	Lesson 3 Adding Value to other people	God Bless You
2001-08-26	Lesson 4 Adding Value to Another	God Bless You
2001-09-09	Lesson 5 Applying the Blessing	God Bless You
2001-09-30	Lesson 6 How to bless your children	God Bless You
2001-10-07	How to know you are saved	
2001-09-09	The Millennium	
2001-09-02	The Battle of Armageddon	
2001-05-13	The Influence of Mothers	
2001-09-16	When the Towers Fall	
2001-10-14	A Christmas Response to Islamic Faith	
2001-10-21	Lesson 1 Cain and Abel	Family Faith Transfer
2001-10-28	Lesson 2 A second chance at faith transfer	Family Faith Transfer
2001-11-04	Lesson 3 Doing It Alone	Family Faith Transfer
2001-11-11	Lesson 4 The strong-willed child	Family Faith Transfer
2001-11-25	Lesson 5 In difficult circumstances	Family Faith Transfer
2001-12-02	Lesson 6 To spiritually receptive children	Family Faith Transfer
2001-12-09	Lesson 7 The youngest child	Family Faith Transfer

2001-12-16	Lesson 8 Joash: Trained for leadership	Family Faith Transfer
2001-12-30	Lesson 9 Train up a child	Family Faith Transfer
2002-01-06	Questions about Heaven	Family Faith Transfer
2001-12-23	Christmas Worship	Family Faith Transfer
2001-11-18	Stones of Remembrance	Thanksgiving
2002-02-10	Lesson 3 Creation of Man	
2002-02-17	Lesson 5 Creation of Man	
2002-03-03	Lesson 1 Family Partnership	Our Family Giving to God's Family
2002-03-10	Lesson 2 Money for the family	Our Family Giving to God's Family
2002-04-28	Lesson 1 The first commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-05-05	Lesson 2 The Second Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-05-19	Lesson 3 The Third Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-05-26	Lesson 4 The Fourth Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-06-02	Lesson 6 The Sixth Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-06-09	Lesson 7 The Seventh Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-06-23	Lesson 8 The Eighth Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-06-30	Lesson 9 The Ninth Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-07-07	Lesson 10 The Tenth Commandment	The Positive Side of the Ten Commandments
2002-05-12		
2002-07-14	Lesson 1 The Love Chapter	I Cor. 13
2002-07-21	Lesson 2 Serving without love	I Cor. 13
2002-08-04	Lesson 3 Sacrifice without love	I Cor. 13
2002-08-18	Lesson 4 Eight love knots	I Cor. 13
2002-09-01	Lesson 1 Experiencing revival	What happens when the church prays
2002-09-08	Lesson 2 Experiencing revival	What happens when the church prays
2002-09-15	Lesson 3 Experiencing reconciliation	What happens when the church prays
2002-09-22	Lesson 4 Experiencing release, Acts 12:1-19	What happens when the church prays
2002-10-13	Lesson 5 Experiencing renewed vision	What happens when the church prays
2002-10-20	Eternal Security	What happens when the church prays
2002-11-10	Lesson 1 Jacob the spiritual giver	Biblical Grandparents
2002-11-17	Lesson 2 Naomi	Biblical Grandparents
2002-11-24	Lesson 3 Asa	Biblical Grandparents
2002-12-01	Lesson 4 Lois	Biblical Grandparents
2002-12-08	Lesson 5 Unknown Grandsons	Biblical Grandparents
2002-12-15	Lesson 6 Joash	Biblical Grandparents
2002-12-22	Fear at Christmas	No Series

2002-12-29	Lesson 7 Mephibosheth Living below your inheritance	Biblical Grandparents
2003-01-05	Lesson 8 Samuel	Biblical Grandparents
2003-01-12	Lesson 9 Grandpa Mordecai	Biblical Grandparents
2003-01-26	Lesson 10 Moses	Biblical Grandparents
2003-02-02	Lesson 11 Noah	Biblical Grandparents
2003-02-16	Lesson 1	Iraq in Prophecy
2003-02-23	Lesson 2	Iraq in Prophecy
2003-03-09	Lesson 2 Giving at the obedience level	Giving at a higher level
2003-03-23	Lesson 4 Giving at the love level	Giving at a higher level
2003-03-30	Lesson 1	The Apostles Creed
2003-04-6	Lesson 2	The Apostles Creed
2003-04-13	GUEST SPEAKER	
2003-04-27	Lesson 3	The Apostles Creed
2003-05-4	Lesson 4	The Apostles Creed
2003-05-18	Lesson 5	The Apostles Creed
2003-05-25	Lesson 6	The Apostles Creed
2003-06-1	Lesson 7	The Apostles Creed
2003-06-8	Lesson 8	The Apostles Creed
2003-06-15	Lesson 9	The Apostles Creed
2003-06-22	Lesson 10	The Apostles Creed
2003-06-29	Lesson 11	The Apostles Creed
2003-07-06	Lesson 12	The Apostles Creed
2003-07-13	Lesson 1: Conversion	Bible Answers
2003-07-27	Lesson 2: Joining A Church	Bible Answers
2003-08-03	Lesson 3: Eternal Security	Bible Answers
2003-08-17	Lesson 4: Questions	Bible Answers
2003-08-24	Lesson 1: The Season of Life	The Bible and Retirement
2003-08-31	Lesson 2: The Season of Life	The Bible and Retirement

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154 Steps To Revitalize Your Sunday School	1988, Scripture Press
A Beginner's Guide to Bible Reading	2000, Servant Publication
A Beginner's Guide to Fasting	2001, Servant Publication
A Beginner's Guide to Reading the Bible	2001, Servant Publications
A Fresh Start In Life Now That You Are A Christian	1976, Sunday School Research Institute
A History Of Religious Educators	1975, Baker Book House
A Journey Through The New Testament	1996, Harcourt Brace
A Journey Through The Old Testament	1996, Harcourt Brace
A Practical Encyclopedia; Evangelism & Church Growth	1996, Regal Books
America's Fastest Growing Churches	1972, Impact Books
Apostles Creed	Unpublished
Ask Me To Pray For You RESOURCE PACKET	2003, Church Growth Institute
Becoming A Leader	1986, Church Growth Institute
Bible Answers For Almost All Your Questions	2003, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
Biblical Grandparents	Unpublished
Biblical Meditation for Spiritual Breakthrough	1998, Gospel Light/Regal Books
Biblical Models of Leadership	Unpublished

Biblical Studies for Fasting	1996, Church Growth Institute
Capturing A Town For Christ	1973, Fleming H. Revell Company
Christ -Centered Youth Work	1964, Winnipeg Bible College Press
Christian Journalism	1974, Genesis, Inc.
Christmas Traditions	1998, Beacon Hill Press
Church Aflame	1971, Impact Books
Church Aflame II	1981, Liberty Baptist Seminary
Church Growth: State of The Art	1986, Tyndale House Publications
Churches That Multiply	2003, Beacon Hill
Developing a Giving Church	1999 Beacon Hill Press
Evangelize Through Christian Education	1970, Evangelical Teacher Training Assoc.
Evangelize Through Christian Education (Leader's Guide)	1970, Evangelical Teacher Training Assoc.
Fasting Can Change Your Life	1998, Regal Books
Fasting for Financial Breakthrough	2002, Regal Books
Fasting For Spiritual Breakthrough	1996, Regal Books
Fasting For Spiritual Breakthrough (Leader's Guide)	1996, Regal Books
Foundational Doctrines of the Faith	1992, Church Growth Institute
Getting A Church Started (Student Manual)	1985, Church Growth Institute
Getting A Church Started In The Face Of Insurmountable Odds	1975, Impact Books
God Bless You	2003, Regal Books
God Encounters	2000, Regal Books
God Is Able	1986, Church Growth Institute
Gospel of John: Believe and Live (reprint)	2002, AMG Publishers
Great Soul-Winning Churches	1973, Sword of The Lord Publishers
Habits of the Heart	1996, Church Growth Institute
Have The Public Schools "Had It"?	1974, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
His Daily Presence	Unpublished
History Makers Of The Old Testament	1989, Scripture Press
How To Clean Up Your Town For Christ	1979, Old Time Gospel Hour
How To Create High Impact Bible Studies	1998, Broadman
How To Grow An Effective Sunday School	1979, Accent Books
How to Reach Your Friends For Christ	1989, Church Growth Institute
How You Can Produce Church Growth?	1984, Ministries
In Alternate Views of Faith, Free and Fulfilled	1997, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
In Dictionary of Christianity In America, "Baptist Mid-Missions"	1990, InterVarsity
In Dictionary of Christianity in America, "Dallas Franklin Billington"	1990, InterVarsity
In Dictionary of Christianity In America, "Francis Scott Key (1780-1894)"	1990, InterVarsity
In Dictionary of Christianity In America, "Richard Volley Clearwaters (1900-1998)"	1990, InterVarsity Press
In Dictionary of Christianity In America, "Stephen Paxson, "1837-1881)"	1990, InterVarsity Press
In Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, "Post-Tribulation View of Prophecy"	1996, Kregel Publishing
In Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, "This Course of This Present Age"	1975, Kregel Publishing
In From A Father's Heart, " ---"	1999, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
In Green Horns, "The Pastor and the Sunday School" & "Forward"	1999, 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Press
In Leaders On Leadership, "The Role Of Innovation In Leadership"	1997, Regal Books
In Leading In Times Of Chance, "Choosing Adventure Over Status Quo	2001, Beacon Hill Press
In Leading With Vision, "A Consuming Passion For Kingdom Usefulness"	1999, Beacon Hill Press
In Liberty Bible Commentary	1982, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
In Nelson's Children Bible Stories	1973, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
In New 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, " ---"	1991, Baker Book House
In Solving the Ministry's Toughest Problems	1984, Ministries
In The Five Star Church, " Forward"	1999, Regal Books
In The New Apostolic Churches, "Forward"	1998, Regal Books
In The Roots and Origins of Baptist Fundamentalism	1984, Baptist Press
Into the Future w/ Warren Bird	2000, Baker Book House
Is The Day Of The Denomination Dead?	1973, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
John: The Greatest Book In The Bible	1985, Fleming Revell
Joined Together	2003, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
Knowing God Through Fasting	2002, Destiny Image
Leaders on Leadership	1997, Regal Books
Literal Interpretation of Prophecy Dictionary of Premillennial Theology	1996, Kregel Publishing
Ministering To The Young Single Adult	1972, Baker Book House
My Angel Named Herman	1998, Tommy Books
My Father's Names	1991, Regal Books
My Father's Names Group Study Guide	1991, Gospel Light Publications

Our Family Giving to God's Family	1992, Church Growth Institute
Perimeters of Light	2003, Moody Press
Prayer Partners	2002, Regal Books
Praying the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Psalm	2001, Regal Books
Praying The Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough	1997, Regal Books
Praying the Psalms	2003, Destiny Image
Putting An End to Worship Wars	1997, Broadman Holman
Remembering Christmas Traditions	Unpublished
Richer Than Diamonds	Unpublished
Rivers Of Revival	1997, Regal Books
Say It Faith: Building the Sunday School by Faith w/ David L. Keith	1988, Wesley Press
Say-It - Faith	1983, Tyndale House Publishers
Seeing the Invisible	1994, Church Growth Institute
Stepping Out On Faith	1984, Tyndale House Pub., Inc.
Stories About My First Church	1997, Regal Books
Stories On The Front Porch	1996, Regal Books
Successful Biblical Youth Work	1973, Impact Books
Successful Church Libraries	1971, Baker Book House
Successful Lesson Preparation	1969, Baker Book House
Successful Ministry To The Retarded	1972, Moody Press
Successful Youth Work	1966, Gospel Light Publications
Talking to God on a First-Name Basis	Unpublished
Teaching Teens	1963, Winnipeg Bible Institute
Team Teaching With Success	1971, Standard Publishing
Ten Commandments (The)	Unpublished
Ten Innovative Churches	1990, Regal Books
Ten Sunday Schools That Dared To Change	1993, Regal Books
The Beginner's Guide to Fasting	2001, Servant Publications
The Bright Future of Sunday School	1969, Free Church Publications
The Christian Hall Of Fame	1971, Baker House
The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life in the Books You Read	1985, Camp Hill, PA
The Complete Book Of Church Growth	1981, Tyndale House Publishers
The Eight Laws Of Leadership	1992, Church Growth Institute
The Every Church Guide to Church Growth	1998, Broadman & Holman
The Gospel of John	1974, Genesis, Inc
The Gospel of John: Believe and Live	1990, Fleming H. Revell
The Greatest Book in the Bible	1985, Church Leadership Institute
The Names Of Jesus	1987, Accent Books
The Names Of Jesus Group Study Guide	1987, Accent Books
The Names of the Holy Spirit	1994, Regal Books
The Names Of The Holy Spirit (Leader's Guide)	1994, Regal Books
The Single Adult and The Church	1967, Regal Books
The Son	1999, Regal Books
The Successful Christian Life	1980, 1992, Accent Books
The Successful Sunday School and Teacher's Guidebook	1976, Creation House
The Ten Greatest Revivals Ever	2000, Servant Publications
The Ten Largest Sunday Schools and What Made Them Grow	1969, Baker Book House
The Triune God (Leader's Guide)	1968, The Evangelical Teacher Training Assoc.
The Year-Round Book of Sermon Ideas Stories & Quotes	2001, Gospel Light
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Theology For Today (REPRINT 2001)	2001, Harcourt and Brace
Tithing Is Christian	1975, Church Growth Institute
Town's Sunday School Encyclopedia	1992, Tyndale House
Understanding The Deeper Life	1988, Fleming H. Revell
Vision Day: Seeing the Invincible	1994, Church Growth Institute
What Every Pastor Should Know About Sunday School	2002, Regal Books
What Every Sunday School Teacher Should Know About Sunday School	2001, Regal Books
What is Right: Biblical Principles for Decision-Making	1995, Church Growth Institute
What Is the Call of God?	1985, Ministries
What The Faith Is All About	1983, Tyndale House Publishers
What The Faith Is All About (Leader's Guide)	1983, Tyndale House Publishers
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What the New Testament Is All About	1992, Sunday School Heritage
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When God Is Silent	1995, Church Growth Institute
Winning The Winnable-Friendship Evangelism	1986, Church Leadership Institute

Women Gifted for Ministry	2001, Thomas Nelson, Inc.
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- Dr. Towns has written and published over 2,000 popular and scholarly articles in many publications. Dr. Towns has served on the editorial staff of the following publications.
- Towns, Elmer L. Bible Teaching Editor, The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, (Cleveland, Ohio: July 1967 to March, 1971, 180 articles).
- Towns, Elmer L. Sunday School Editor, Christian Life Magazine, (Wheaton, Illinois: September, 1967 to September, 1982, 322 articles).
- Towns, Elmer L. Christian Youth Today, (Kansas City: June, 1969 to December, 1973, 42 articles).
- Towns, Elmer L. Christian Education Editor, The Evangelical Witness, (Toronto, Ontario, Canada: November, 1965 to July, 1967).

Towns, Elmer L. Senior Editor, Journal Champion, (Lynchburg, Virginia: May, 1978 to February, 1980) a weekly broad sheet newspaper of the ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Liberty University, and Related Ministries.

Towns, Elmer L. The Missionary Crusader (Lubbock, Texas, November, 1955 to October, 1958).

Towns, Elmer L. The Sword of the Lord (Murfreesboro, Tennessee, August, 1972 to March, 1974) a weekly tabloid newspaper emphasizing soul winning and revival.

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#### **WORKBOOKS:**

These workbooks represent interactive student manuals for seminars.

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, Evangelical Theological Society 1959 to present.

Member, North American Society for Church Growth, founding member 1985 to present. Served as president 1992-1993. Received the Donald A. McGavran Award in 1994.

Member, Council on Ecclesiology (meets yearly to discuss the future of the Christian church; made up of 14 members, each member representing a "faith" group. Dr. Towns represents the Independent Baptist and small evangelical denominations, 2002.

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Dean, Global Pastors Network

Before the recent death of Dr. Bill Bright, founder of the Campus Crusade for Christ International, Dr. Towns was named as one of the *four global chairs of the Global Pastors Network*. Upon completion of the Bill Bright Leadership Center in Orlando, this prestigious chair will become significant in the process of touching, teaching, and training more than five million pastors for churches without leadership training around the world through the Internet capabilities of the Global Pastors Network (GPN).

GPN is an interdenominational effort that consists of more than 40 different ministry groups, of which Dr. Elmer Towns serves as the Dean of GPN Digital Training. GPN was cofounded less than two years ago by Dr. Bright and Dr. James O. Davis, who also serves as its president and CEO. Since its inception, Dr. Towns has served in strategic leadership roles to bring together the finest training for pastors. Dr. John Maxwell now serves as chairman in place of Dr. Bright.

The *GPN Digital Training Series* is the primary instrument for training millions of ministry leaders around the world. It consists of more than 125 Core Curriculum Courses to provide spiritual and pastoral training for both beginners and seasoned ministers. Each course is a 90-minute, interactive video that consists of 6-minute segments that are prepared by some of the finest ministers/teachers of our day.

### BOOKS TRANSLATED INTO FOREIGN LANGUAGE TITLES

Title	Language	Foreign Language Publisher
10 of Today's Most Innovative Churches	Chinese	N/A
10 Of Today's Most Innovative Churches	Korean	Jordan Press Seoul, Korea
A Practical Encyclopedia of Evangelism and Church Growth	Korean	Wagner's Church Growth Institute
Churches That Multiply	Korean	Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
Fasting Can Change Your Life	Korean	Bethany Publishing House Minneapolis, MN
Fasting for Financial Breakthrough	Chinese (Traditional)	Elim Christian Bookstore Taipei, Taiwan
Fasting for Financial Breakthrough	Spanish	Zondervan
Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Arabic	Spring of Life Karak, Jordan
Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Chinese (Simplified)	Elim Christian Bookstore Taipei, Taiwan
Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Indonesian	Immanuel Publishing House Jakarta, Indonesia
Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Korean	Wagner Church Growth Institute Guro-ku Seoul, Korea
Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Spanish	Editorial Unilit Miami, Florida
God Encounters	Indonesian	World Harvest Jakarta, Indonesia
History of Religious Educators	Japanese	Keio-tsusin Company Inc.

		Tokyo, Japan
How to Create and Present High-Impact Bible Studies	Korean	Word of Life Press Seoul, Korea
How to Evangelize Through Christian Education	Korean	N/A
How to Grow an Effective Sunday School	Spanish	Editorial Vida Deerfield, Florida
How to Grow an Effective Sunday School	Thai	Thailand Sunday School Institute Bangkok, Thailand
My Father's Names	Indonesian	Yayasan Andi Yogyakarta
My Father's Names	Korean	Word of Life Press Seoul, Korea
My Father's Names	Thai	Church Education Bangkok, Thailand
Names of the Holy Spirit	Burmese/Myanmar	Rev. Kawl Vuta Thaketa, Myanmar
Names of the Holy Spirit	Indonesian	Yayasan Andi Yogyakarta
Names of the Holy Spirit	Nepali	Shanti Sandesh Publications Kathmandu, Nepal
Names of the Holy Spirit	Portuguese	Editora e Publicadora Quadrangular
Praying the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Psalm	Afrikaans	Christian Art Vereeniging, South Africa
Praying the Lord's Prayer	Indonesia	Metanoia Publishing
Praying the Lord's Prayer	Indonesia	Yayasan Media Buana Indonesia
Praying the Lord's Prayer	Korean	Wagner Church Growth Institute Guro-ku Seoul, Korea
Praying the Lord's Prayer	Spanish	Editorial Unilit Miami, Florida
Rivers of Revival	Korean	Wagner Church Growth Institute Guro-ku Seoul, Korea
Rivers of Revival	Spanish	N/A Colombia, South America
Rivers of Revival	Thai	N/A
Say-It-Faith	Korean	Word of Life Press Seoul, Korea
Successful Church Libraries	Korean	Korea Christian Cultural Institute Seoul, Korea
The 10 Greatest Revivals Ever	Korean	Servant Publications
The 10 Largest Sunday Schools	Korean	N/A
The 8 Laws of Leadership	Korean	Korean Church Enrichment Institute Seoul, Korea
The Beginner's Guide to Fasting	Spanish	Casa Creacion Lake Mary, FL
The Names of the Holy Spirit	Korean	GLINT Ontario, Canada
Tithing is Christian	Korean	Happy Day Press

Understanding the Deeper Life	Korean	Emmaus Publishing Company Seoul, Korea
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## FORTHCOMING BOOKS OF ACADEMIC IMPORTANCE

### **Four Views of Church Growth:**

Gary McIntosh, ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing, 2003).

It is time to reflect deeply on whether any truth exists in the criticisms leveled against the church growth movement. What exactly are the major viewpoints on the church growth movement in the United States as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. These questions will be addressed in *Four Views on Church Growth*. The four viewpoints and contributors are as follows:

**The Reformed View:** The Reformed view believes the Church Growth Movement within the USA has sold out the Gospel to the culture. Dr. Michael S. Horton is the primary spokesperson for this position.

**The Gospel in Culture View:** This view believes the Church Growth Movement within the USA does not engage the culture. Dr. Darrell Guder is the primary spokesperson for this position and is the invited contributor.

**The Centrist View:** The centrist view holds that the Church Growth Movement is culturally insightful but theologically superficial. Dr. Charles Van Engen is the primary spokesperson for this position and the invited contributor.

**The Effective Evangelism View:** This view holds that the Church growth Movement effectively confronts and penetrates the culture with the Gospel. Dr. Elmer Towns is the primary spokesperson for this position and the invited contributor.

### **Perimeters of Light:**

Elmer L. Towns and Ed Stetzer (Chicago: Moody Press, 2003).

1. Challenge. The first accomplishment is to alert many Christians to the “false preachers” that are evident in Christianity today. There are many believers who are so tolerant (a quality of postmodernity) that they want to accept any and all who claim to be preachers of the Gospel. This book will challenge people to think, evaluate and to determine who are valid ministers of the Gospel, and those who do not fit New Testament criteria.
2. Prophecy. This book will focus on the prophetic element that there will be “false messiahs” and “false preachers” when many will not “endure sound doctrine,” but will be lovers of themselves. Obviously, our society portrays many of those qualities that Paul describes in the “end times,” i.e., departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrine of devils (1 Timothy 4:1).
3. Defining the line. This book will determine where to draw the line between Christianity and false Christianity. This book will attempt to help people determine what is Christian and what is not Christian in the various reflections of Christianity.

# COURSE SYLLABI

**COURSES TAUGHT BY ELMER TOWNS FROM 2001-2003.\***

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SEM</b>	<b>COURSE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>WORKTEXT</b>	<b>BOOK</b>
2001	FALL	BIBL 110	LU	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT
2001	SP	EVAN 120	LBI	SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CG	FASTING SP BR/PRAYING LORD'S PRAYER/10 GREATEST REVIVALS
2001	FALL	EVAN 500	LBTS	SPIRITUAL FACTORS FOR CHURCH GROWTH	FASTING SP BR/PRAYING LORD'S PRAYER/10 GREATEST REVIVALS
2001	FALL	EVAN 510	LBTS	EVAN & CG	EVERY CH GUIDE; INTO THE FUTURE
2001	SP	EVAN 500	LBTS	SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CG	FASTING SP BR/PRAYING LORD'S PRAYER/10 GREATEST REVIVALS
2001	MOD	EVAN 597	LBTS		10 GREATEST REVIVALS, CG
2001	MOD	EVAN 610/910	LBTS	SPIRITUAL FACTORS FOR CHURCH GROWTH	
2001	MOD	EVAN 851	LBTS	21ST CENTURY TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES	INTO THE FUTURE
2001	FALL	THEO 201	LU	THEO 201	WHAT THE FAITH IS ALL ABOUT
2001	FALL	THEO 202	LU	THEO 202	WHAT THE FAITH IS ALL ABOUT
2002	MOD	EVAN 697	LBTS		
2002	MOD	EVAN 997	LBTS	REVIVAL AND CHURCH GROWTH	
2002	FALL	BIBL 110	LU	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT
2002	SP	BIBL 110	LU	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT
2002	FALL	CHMN 101	HONORS		UNDERSTANDING THE DEEPER LIFE
2002	SP	EVAN 500	LBTS	SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CG	FASTING SP BR
2002	SP	EVAN 550	LBTS	CHURCH PLANTING	PLANTING GROWING CURCHES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
2002	SP	EVAN 597			
2002	MOD	EVAN 500/900	LBTS	SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CG	FASTING SP BR/PRAYING LORD'S PRAYER/10 GREATEST REVIVALS
2002	FALL	EVAN 510	LBTS	EVAN & CG	EVERY CH GUIDE
2002	MOD	PACO 852	LBTS		
2002	MOD	EVAN 851	LBTS	21ST CENTURY TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES	INTO THE FUTURE
2002	MOD	THEO 201	LU	THEO 201	THEO FOR TODAY
2002	FALL	THEO 201	LU	THEO 201	THEO FOR TODAY
2002	SP	THEO 202	LU	THEO 202	THEO FOR TODAY
2003	FALL	BIBL 110	LU	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT	A JOURNEY THROUGH NT
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2003	SUM	EVAN 500/910	LBTS	SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF CG	FASTING SP BR/PRAYING LORD'S PRAYER/10 GREATEST REVIVALS

2003	FALL	EVAN 510	LBTS	EVAN & CG	EVERY CHURCH GUIDE
2003	MOD	EVAN 851	LBTS	21ST CENTURY TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES	INTO THE FUTURE
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2003	SP	EVAN 550	LBTS	CHURCH PLANTING	PLANTING GROWING CURCHES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
2003	FALL	THEO 201	LU	THEO 201	THEO FOR TODAY
2003	MOD	THEO 202	LU	THEO 202	THEO FOR TODAY
2003	SP	THEO 202	LU	THEO 202	THEO FOR TODAY
2003	MOD	CLED 510/997	LBTS	BIBLICAL MODELS OF LEADERSHIP	FLA CLASS
2003	FALL	THEO 697	LBTS	THEO 201	THEO FOR TODAY

For complete course descriptions, go to, [http://www.liberty.edu/media/pdf/Catalogs/2003/2003-2004\\_LU\\_Catalog.pdf](http://www.liberty.edu/media/pdf/Catalogs/2003/2003-2004_LU_Catalog.pdf).

## COURSE SYLLABI/WORKTEXTS

I have written worktexts for many of my classes, i.e., BIBL 110<sup>1</sup>, CLED 510/997<sup>2</sup>, EVAN 500<sup>3</sup>, EVAN 500/900<sup>4</sup>, EVAN 510<sup>5</sup>, EVAN 550<sup>6</sup>, EVAN 610/910<sup>7</sup>, EVAN 851<sup>8</sup>, EVAN 997<sup>9</sup>, THEO 201<sup>10</sup>, and THEO 202<sup>11</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Elmer L. Towns and David Brown, *A Journey Through the New Testament* (Fort Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Biblical Models for Leadership* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2002).

<sup>3</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Evangelism and Church Growth* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

<sup>4</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Spiritual Foundations of Church Growth* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

<sup>5</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Evangelism and Church Growth* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

<sup>6</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Biblical Foundations of Church Planting* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

<sup>7</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Spiritual Foundations of Church Growth* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000)..

<sup>8</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Tools and Techniques* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

<sup>9</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Revival and Church Growth* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

<sup>10</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Theology 201* (Ft. Worth, TX: Thomson Custom Publishing, 2002).

<sup>11</sup> Elmer L. Towns, *Theology 202* (Ft. Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace, 1999).

# FACULTY MEMBER'S SELF-EVALUATION ON TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS: A FOCUSED NARRATIVE

(Faculty Member Evaluations completed by staff may not be viewed online.)

**Elmer L. Towns**

Faculty Self-Evaluation

*For any statement on (FACULTY SELF-EVALUATION FORM) with which you disagreed, please provide a specific analysis of the areas needing growth. Take account of and respond to the assessments of students, peers and department chair.*

## University teaching:

I teach large classes, i.e., Theology 201 and Theology 202 (approximately 300-400 students) and Bible 110 New Testament Survey (approximately 300-400 students). These are not classes where you can have discussion; however, this year I have assigned readings from journals and contemporary Christian authors on various topics relating to the course. I have a graduate assistant who is coordinating this scholarly reading. Each student is assigned to read two articles and write a response to them, then a graduate student will meet in small groups to discuss the student's response. In the small group, students are given a grade according to their response and participation. This small group discussion helps to focus on the need of the students, their questions and fosters learning involvement. As this method of using graduate students is sharpened in focus, I will use more student interaction with graduate students in future years.

## Seminary teaching:

I require various types of involvement in my seminary classes, i.e., reading and evaluation of books (usually 1,400 pages per course for Master's level work, 2,500 pages for Doctoral level work). Students have to read current contributions in the area of evangelism/Church Growth. Students also have to listen to tapes from other seminary professors and leaders in evangelism. They must write a response to these tapes. Also, student must participate in practical evaluation of local churches and their practice of ministry. These local church activities are then graded and become a part of the student's grade.

Since most of the seminary classes have less than 50 students, i.e., there is a good deal of interaction and discussion concerning the issues of the course.

# FACULTY MEMBER'S SELF-EVALUATION OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES, INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, AND CHURCH/COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Elmer L. Towns**

Faculty Self-Evaluation

*For any statement on (FACULTY SELF-EVALUATION FORM) with which you disagreed, please provide a specific analysis of the areas needing growth. Take account of and respond to the assessments of students, peers and department chair.*

## **Scholarly Activity**

*In the space below, please describe and assess your scholarly activity related to your teaching area over the past three years. Please include information such as advanced study, research projects, scholarly research leading to publication or presentation, professional consulting activity, efforts to improve instructional practices, memberships and activities in professional societies and associations, and publishing activity.*

Journal articles. In the past three years, I have written and published several journal articles as follows:

*The Conservative Theological Journal* is a print vehicle for conservative evangelical scholarship from a normative dispensational perspective.

Elmer L. Towns, "Answering the Arguments of Post-Tribulation Rapture Position," *The Conservative Theological Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 19 (December 2002) : 291-313.

Elmer L. Towns, "Salvation by Grace Through Faith," *The Conservative Theological Journal* Vol. 7, No. 20 (March 2003) : 27-39.

*Journal of The American Society for Church Growth* is a professional journal of Christian contributors/leaders worldwide whose ministry activities are based on the basic and key principles of church growth as originally developed by the late Donald McGavran.

Elmer L. Towns, "Church Planting in the Urban Setting: The Key to Reaching America," *Journal of the American Society for Church Growth*, Vol. 9 (Spring 1998) : 41-52.

Elmer L. Towns, "Evangelism in a Postmodern World," *Journal of the American Society for Church Growth*, Vol. 13 (Spring 2002) : 37-49.

*Journal of Evangelism and Missions* is a print journal published annually by Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, in Germantown, Tennessee.

Elmer L. Towns, "The Beginning of the Church Growth Movement," *Journal of Evangelism and Missions*, Vol. 2, (Spring 2003) : 13-19.

*Strategies for Today's Leader* is a published magazine to help Christian leaders grow the church effectively by providing practical insights, helpful resources, and proven methods from experts in the fields of theory and experience.

Dr. Towns was requested to contribute book reviews and various articles for a number of years to this global church growth magazine.

Elmer L. Towns, "How a Power Church Agency Can Be a Catalyst to Help Local Churches Focus on and Be Equipped to Fulfill the Great Commission," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, April-June issue, 1998, n.p.

Elmer L. Towns, "The Rising Revival: First Hand Accounts of the Incredible Argentine Revival—and How it Can Spread Throughout the World," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, July-September issue, 1999, n.p. (Book review of book written by C. Peter Wagner).

Elmer L. Towns, "What the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Will Look Like," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, October-December issue, 1999, n.p.

Elmer L. Towns, "High Expectations: The Remarkable Secret for Keeping People in Your Church," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, January-March 2000 issue, 2000, n.p. (Book review on book written by Thom S. Rainer).

Elmer L. Towns, "Anointed Evangelistic Methods," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, April-June issue, 2000, n.p.

Elmer L. Towns, "The Parable of the Blazing Red Fluorescent Cross," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, July-September issue, 2000, n.p.

Elmer L. Towns, "The Essence of the Church," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, July-September 2001 issue, n.p. (Book review on book written by Craig Van Gelder).

Elmer L. Towns, "Turn Your Church Inside Out," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, July-August issue, 2002, n.p. (Book review on book written by Walt Kallestad).

#### Scholarly writing:

I have published the following scholarly books (these do not include popular books):

*Into the Future* by Elmer Towns and Warren Bird (Baker Book House, 2000).

This is a textbook used by many seminaries for their courses on church trends, current practices, and futuristic thinking of Christianity. This textbook deals with trends of the future.

I have tried to keep abreast in writing about the future of the church, i.e., *Ten Sunday Schools That Dared to Change* (Regal Books, 1994), *Ten of Today's Most Innovative Churches*, (Regal Books, 1991), and *A Practical Encyclopedia of Evangelism and Church Growth* (Regal Books, 1996).

#### Future Publications:

*Perimeters of Light* is a book to be published with Ed Stetzer (Moody Press, 2003).

This is a textbook that examines the "theology of methodology." At present time I am discussing with the publisher a tour of several colleges and seminaries to present lectures on the "theology of methodology," i.e., *Perimeters of Light*.

#### **Institutional Service**

*Describe and assess your service and professional contributions to the university over the past three years. Include such activities as Senate committee memberships, special projects, special departmental assignments, and any other non-teaching professional service you have rendered to the institution.*

In the past three years I have served as dean of the School of Religion and as such I conduct the bi-weekly meeting of the Dean's Council, i.e., the department chair of the School of Religion. Also, I conduct the monthly faculty

meeting of the School of Religion faculty. Also, I have also served on the Faculty Interview Committee, and monthly meetings of the Dean's Council, Dr. Boyd Rist, moderator; bi-monthly meeting, Chancellor's meeting, Dr. Jerry Falwell, moderator; advisor and counselor to the Chancellor concerning special topics, messages, and presentations.

Answer mail for the Chancellor regarding theological, practical and biblical matters relating to both university and church.

Fund-raiser. Coordinated the Sam Towns Memorial Golf Tournament (Oct. 7, 2002, a total of \$13,000 raised during that event); coordinated fundraising for the Homiletics Laboratory in the School of Religion; the Cabell Foundation challenged Liberty University with a \$50,000 financial goal. Thus far, I have raised \$26,000 from various sources towards meeting this challenge. I expect the remaining \$24,000 to be raised before 12/30/03.

Represent Liberty University at church dedication, special anniversary services of churches, and other church events.

Usually traveling with the Chancellor, I have been present for approximately 10 such events in the past three years.

### **Church & Community Services**

*Describe and assess your civic, church-related, or community service over the past three years that is related to your teaching field or contributes to your role at Liberty.*

For the past sixteen years I have taught the televised Pastor's Bible Class at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. (See OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS section in Curriculum Vitae for listing of lessons taught).

During the past three years I have spoken at a number of church, denominational, and interdenominational meetings. Below is listed my speaking engagements for the past three years.

### **TRAVELING ITINERARY FOR ELMER L. TOWNS \*\*2001**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>	<i>PRESENTATION</i>
Jan 2-5	Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, TX	Dallas Theological	Spiritual Factors
Jan 7	Emmanuel Ch. of the Nazarene	Madison Hgts. VA	Towns	
Jan 11-12	Oprhyland Hotel	Nashville, TN	Children's Ministry	Teaching Conference
Jan. 15-16	North Metro First Baptist Ch.	Atlanta, GA	Georgia Bapt. Conf.	Evangelism
Jan. 20	Open Door Baptist Church	Culpepper, VA	Towns	
Jan. 26-27	High Point High School	Beltsville, MD	GWCEA	
Feb. 2-3	Jasper First Church of the Naz.	Jasper, AL	Alabama Naz. Dist.	SS. Conference
Feb. 9-10	Victory Hwy. Wesleyan Ch.	Painted Post, NY	Towns	SS Leadership Seminar
Feb. 16-17	Southwestern Christian Min.	Oklahoma City, OK	Nazarene Dist.	Teaching to Influence Lives
Feb. 20-22	CCC Arrowhead Springs Center	East of LA, CA	Pacific SW Dist. Wes.	Pastors' & Wives' Retreat
Feb. 24	Donselson Fellowship Church	Nashville, TN	Randall House Pub.	Teaching to Influence Lives

Mar. 1-2	Assemblies of God Theo. Sem.	Springfield, MO	Assemblies of God	VBS seminar
Mar. 2-3	Liberty Baptist Church	Sweetser, IN	Towns	Spiritual Factors
Mar. 10	First United Brethren Church	Lansing, MI	Ch. Growth Seminars	Teaching to Influence Lives
Mar. 29-30	Westminster Theo. Seminary	San Diego, CA	Council on Ecc.	
Mar. 30-31	Prince Ave. Baptist Church	Athens, GA	Towns	Prayer, fasting and revival
Apr. 6-7	Berean Baptist Church	Houston, TX	Towns/Benoit	Prayer and fasting
Apr. 20-21	Beulah Baptist Church	Washington, D.C.	Towns	Church Health and Growth
Apr. 24-25	Pastor's Conference	Coshocton, OH	Wingfield Encounter	Prayer, Fasting, and Evangelism
May 5	Liberty Baptist Church	Bristol, TN	Towns	Teaching to Influence Lives
May 25	Providence Christian School	Savannah, GA	Towns	Graduation speaker
June 2	The Tabernacle	Danville, VA	Ch. Growth Seminars	
June 8-9	NA	Lincoln, NE	Nebraska Naz. Dist.	Spiritual Factors to Fix SS
June 15-16	Evangel Theo. Seminary	Harrisonburg, VA	ETS	Modular
June 24	Cannon Creek Baptist Church	Dallas, TX	Towns	
June 29-30	Evangel Theo. Seminary	Harrisonburg, VA	ETS	Modular
July 16-20	Philadelphia Biblical Univ./DTS	Philadelphia, PA	Dallas Theo. Sem.	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Tools - Modular
Aug. 17-18	NA	West Texas	West Texas Naz. Dist.	SS Convention
Aug. 25	NE Oklahoma Naz. Dist.	Tulsa, OK	Towns/Toler	Teaching to Influence Lives
Sept. 4-7	Lausanne Researchers Conf.	Thailand	Towns	
Sept. 8	Porterville First Nazarene Ch.	Porterville, CA	Town	SS Convention
Sept. 13	Arlington Conv. Center	Arlington, TX	Gospel Light	National Sunday School Conv.
Sept. 22	Tuscaloosa First Ch. of the Naz.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Towns	Teaching to Influence Lives
Sept. 28-29	Church of God	Lebanon, OH	Towns	Ministerial Training Conf.
Oct. 5-6	First Assemblies of God	Charlotte, NC	Towns	Prayer and fasting
Oct. 13	North Cleveland Church of God	Cleveland, TN	Towns/Benoit	Prayer and fasting
Oct. 19-20	Church of the Nazarene	Alexandria, LA	Towns	Leading SS Into the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
Oct. 23-25	Sports and Rec. Plus	Eagle Eyrie, VA	Towns	Evangelism Conf.
Oct. 26-27	NA	Detroit, IL	Towns	SS Convention
Nov. 9-10	Church of God	Pasadena, TX	Towns/Toler	Teaching to Influence Lives

## TRAVELING ITINERARY FOR ELMER L. TOWNS \*\*2002

<i>DATE</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>	<i>PRESENTATION</i>
Jan. 2-5	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	EVAN 997--Modular
Jan. 15-18	First Baptist Church of Orlando	Orlando, FL	Campus Crusade for Christ	Beyond All Limits
Jan. 18-19	First Assembly of God	Battle Creek, MI	First Assembly of God	Fasting and Revival
Jan. 27	First Baptist Church of Arnold	Arnold, MO	First Baptist Church of Arnold	Stewardship
Feb. 2	New Life Comm. Baptist Church	Gahanna, OH	New Life Comm. Baptist Church	Prayer and Fasting
Feb. 8-9	Grace Church	Fresno, CA	CCD Christian Ed. Leadership Conf.	Teaching to Influence Lives
Feb. 24-27	Lake Wales Church of God	Lake Wales, FL	Lake Wales Church of God	Prayer and Fasting
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	Ridgecrest Conference Center	Ridgecrest, NC	Mid-Atlantic Christian Ed. Assoc.	Sunday School Conference
Mar. 9	Southside Church of the Nazarene	Richmond, VA	VA Christian Ed. Association	Sunday School Conference
Mar. 13	Central Baptist Church	Hixson, TN	Central Baptist Church	Ten Greatest Revivals Ever
Mar. 22-23	26 <sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church	Huntington, WV	26 <sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church	Sunday School Conference
Apr. 5-6	Faith Tabernacle Christian Center	St. Paul's NC	Faith Tabernacle Christian Center	Leading SS into the 21st Century
Apr. 12-13	Anchorage Baptist Temple	Anchorage, AK	Anchorage Baptist Temple	Fasting and Prayer for Revival
Apr. 20-21	Providence College	Otterburne, MB	Providence College	Graduation
May 2-4	Ft. Worth Convention Center	Ft. Worth, TX	Gospel Light	National Sunday School Convention
May 14	Laurel Nazarene Church	Laurel, DE	Wingfield Ministries	Fasting and Revival
May 15	Westmont United Methodist Church	Johnstown, PA	Wingfield Ministries	Fasting and Revival
May 17-18	Cathedral of Praise Church of God	Roanoke, VA	VA Church of God Association	Fasting and Prayer Retreat
June 3-7	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	Modular-EVAN 500 Church Growth I
June 24-28	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	Modular-EVAN 851

July 12-13	Southside Baptist Church	Lakeland, GA	Southside Baptist Church	Teaching to Influence Lives
July 26	Stinson Institute	Evansville, IN	General Baptist Association	Leadership Conference
Aug. 2-3	Sharon Baptist Church	Sharon, TN	Sharon Baptist Church	Sunday School Leadership
Aug. 23-25	New Life Comm. Baptist Church	Gahanna, OH	New Life Comm. Baptist Church	Seminar and Dedication Service
Sept. 6-8	First Assemblies of God Church	Kenosha, WI	First Assemblies of God Church	Fasting and Prayer for Revival
Sept. 13-14	Pasadena First Ch. of the Nazarene	Pasadena, CA	Los Angeles District of the Nazarene	Teaching to Influence Lives
Sept. 21	Appalachian Conf. Camp Grounds	Dublin, VA	Appalachian Conference	Spiritual Factors to Build a Healthy S.S.
Sept. 28-29	Atlantic Baptist University	Moncton, NB	Canada Atlantic Dist. S.S. Ministries	Team Day-Sunday School Conference
Oct. 11-12	New Grace Bible Institute	Rocky Mount, NC	New Grace Bible Institute	Sunday School Growth
Oct. 18-20	Providence Theo. Seminary	Otterburne, MB	Providence Theo. Seminary	Pastors and Christian Workers Conf.
Oct. 25-26	Cyprus Wesleyan Church	Columbus, OH	Cyprus Wesleyan Church	Five Star Sunday School
Nov. 2-3	First Assembly of God	Concord, NC	First Assembly of God	Fasting and Revival
Nov. 7-9	World Outreach Worship Center	Newport News, VA	World Outreach Worship Center	Building the House of Prayer
Dec. 30-Jan. 3, 2003	Christ Fellowship Church	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	Biblical Leadership-Modular

### **TRAVELING ITINERARY FOR ELMER L. TOWNS \*\*2003**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>	<i>PRESENTATION</i>
Jan. 6-10	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	Revival-Modular
Jan. 10-11	First Pentecostal Holiness Church	Lexington, NC	First Pentecostal Holiness Church	Sunday School Seminar
Jan. 17-18	Trinity Baptist Church	Jacksonville, FL	Trinity Baptist Church	Teaching to Influence Lives
Jan. 24-25	First United Methodist Church	Niceville, FL	First United Methodist Church	What Every S.S. Teacher Should Know
Feb. 1	Bethlehem Wesleyan Church	Denton, MD	Bethlehem Methodist Church	Training Sunday School Teachers

Feb. 8	Pentecostal Holiness Church	Lake City, SC	SC Conference of the Pentecostal HC	Teaching to Influence Lives
Feb. 16	Heritage Church	Dublin, VA	Heritage Church	Prayer and Fasting
Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Milan Baptist Church	Milan, OH	Milan Baptist Church	Teaching to Influence Lives
Mar. 2	First Assembly of God Church	Kenosha, WI	First Assembly of God Church	Teach Us to Pray
Mar. 8	First Church of the Nazarene	Huntington, WV	First Church of the Nazarene	Teaching to Influence Lives
Mar. 15	Westside Church of the Nazarene	Largo, FL	First Church of the Nazarene	Teaching to Influence Lives
Apr. 5	Lakeside Baptist Church	Roanoke, VA	Creative Christian Ministries	Christian Education Convention
Apr. 11-13	Faith Christian Fellowship Church	Newton, OH	Faith Christian Fellowship Church	Ten Greatest Revivals Ever
Apr. 25-26	Northside Baptist Church	Brunswick GA	Northside Baptist Church	Sunday School Seminar
May 2-3	Central Church of the Nazarene	Winter Haven, FL	Central FL District of the Nazarene	Christian Education Seminar
May 12-16	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty University	Theology 202-Modular
May 19-23	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Tools and Techniques -Modular
May 25	Heritage Church	Dublin, VA	Heritage Church	Fasting
June 2-6	Liberty University	Lynchburg, VA	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	Spiritual Foundations of Church Growth
June 8	Calvary Community Church	Lincoln, NE	Calvary Community Church	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Calvary
June 13-14	Sunday Road Baptist Church	Ansted, WV	Hopewell Association	Fasting
June 28	Four Square Gospel Church	Lexington, VA	Evangelical Pastors Prayer Group	Pastors Prayer Group
July 30	First Baptist Church of Stuart	First Baptist Church of Stuart	Stuart, FL	Building an Evangelistic S.S.
Aug. 4-8	Winebrenner Theo. Seminary	Findlay, OH	Winebrenner Theo. Seminary	21 <sup>st</sup> Cent. Tools & Techniques for Church Growth
Aug. 15	Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute	Hendersonville, NC	Carolina Baptist Association	Sunday School Leadership Conf.
Aug. 25	Greenstreet Baptist Church	High Point, NC	Greenstreet Baptist Church	Sunday School Conference
Sept. 5-6	Highland Crest Baptist Church	Green Bay, WI	Highland Crest Baptist Church	Bible Conference
Sept. 12-13	Fellowship Baptist Church	Forney, TX	Baptist Missionary Assoc. of America	Teaching to Influence Lives
Sept. 16	Victory Tabernacle Church of God	Richmond, VA	Victory Tabernacle Church of God	Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough
Sept. 19-21	Metropolitan Church of God	Birmingham, AL	Metropolitan Church of God	Fasting
Sept. 22-23	Northridge Ch. of the Nazarene	Charlottesville, VA	VA District Church of the Nazarene	Pastors Conference: Breaking Ch. Barriers
Sept. 26-27	South Salem Ch. of the Nazarene	Salem, OR	Oregon Pacific Nazarene District	Oregon Pac. Nazarene Dist. Meeting

Oct. 5-8	Thomas Road Baptist Church	Lynchburg, VA	Thomas Road Baptist Church	Super Conference
Oct. 10	North Heights Lutheran Church	St. Paul, MN	MN Church Ministries Assoc.	What Every Pastor Should Know About S.S.
Oct. 11	First Baptist Church of Moore	Oklahoma City, OK	Towns/Toler	Teaching to Influence Lives
Oct. 17-18	N/A	Alexandria, LA	LA District Church of the Nazarene	Teaching to Influence Lives
Oct. 24-25	Monclova Road Baptist Church	Monclova, OH	Monclova Road Baptist Church	Sunday School Seminar
Oct. 28-30	N/A	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Global Pastors Network	Fasting and Prayer
Nov. 5-6	Sylacauga Free Will Baptist Church	Sylacauga, AL	AL State Assoc. of Free Will Baptist	Pastors Conf.
Nov. 14-15	Central Baptist College	Conway, AR	Baptist Missionary Assoc. of America	Teaching to Influence Lives
Nov. 21-22	Evangelical Theo. Seminary	Harrisonburg, VA	Evangelical Theo. Seminary	Revival
Dec. 5-6	Donahue Family Church	Pineville, LA	Donahue Family Church	Sunday School Conference
Dec. 29-Jan 2, 2004	Christ Fellowship Church	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Liberty Baptist Theo. Seminary	21 <sup>st</sup> Cent. Tools & Tech. EVAN 851

# FACULTY MEMBER'S SELF-EVALUATION OF ANALYSIS AND PLANS FOR GROWTH

**Elmer L. Towns**

Faculty Self-Evaluation

## **Analysis and Plans for Growth**

*Having described your contributions to the institution, having reviewed the various evaluations of your courses and teaching, and having personally evaluated your teaching activity, what changes did you document as necessary in your continuing activities that would increase your overall effectiveness as a member of the teaching faculty of this institution? Provide a plan for development based on that assessment. Be very specific and include plans for in-service training, restructuring of teaching assignment, greater involvement in university committees, teaching resources and library acquisitions, or anything else that would increase your effectiveness as a faculty member. Since this plan, in combination with those of other faculty in your department establishes department goals, include budget specifics.*

One of the areas of growth in the past two years is the upgrading of PowerPoint presentations for all of my classes. At the present time, all of my class lectures are on PowerPoint, and there is an accompanying worktext that is available for student use; obviously, the worktext coordinates with the PowerPoint. In the coming year I am attempting to: (1) add graphics, artwork, pictures of actual locations, illustrations, and other teaching aids to PowerPoint to upgrade the presentation to its highest possible level of excellence.

Add current research and journal articles to the various levels of PowerPoint so that interested students may get more information that is relevant to each topic.

I see the next step in PowerPoint is to be able to correlate my lectures directly to the students' personal computers so they don't have to take pencil and paper notes; but rather, take notes through their PCs. Hence, students may also transfer illustrations, pictures, maps, etc.; however, this transfer of material must be accompanied by significant and meaningful class-learning experiences. While transferring to a student's computer has great potential, it can also bypass the internal learning of the student when it goes simply from the professor's computer to the student's computer.

I am very concerned how students learn. As the computer becomes an extension of the human mind, and the human mind becomes an extension of the computer (such as pencil and paper in the past became an extension of the student), I want to make sure I understand how modern day students learn, how I should teach, and how the process can be assessed. I believe there needs to be a greater involvement in learning by students; and I am very concerning about finding how that can happen.

Continued scholarship:

I have several writings projects in the future. This involves several topics that need to be addressed. Since the late 60s I have been dealing in the area of methodology, having written several books that are "trend setters," or at least introducing new methods to the field of evangelism and Church Growth. There obviously will be more trends in evangelism and Church Growth in the future. I am interested in the effectiveness of these trends, and what methods will be most effective in the future. I plan to continue to research, write, and communicate these results.