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## REASONS WHY BIBLE COLLEGE IS NOT JUST FOR FUTURE PASTORS

Higher Education for a Higher Purpose





Have you always thought that Bible college is only for people who want to become pastors?

Did you know that many Bible college graduates go on to amazing careers that have nothing to do with pastoring a church? It's true! There are many opportunities for graduates of Bible college including social work, business, and education just to name a few.

So, why should you consider Bible college?

# 1 To Build a Strong Faith Foundation for Life

Maybe you are not sure what's next for you after high school, or maybe you know exactly what you want to do, but feel you will thrive in a Christian atmosphere. Bible college is an excellent place for you to build a solid faith foundation in your life based on God and Scripture, develop professionally, and make lifelong friends. When you make the decision to attend a Bible college, you are committing yourself to a like-minded community and choosing to center all areas of your life around the Lord and Scripture.

As you pursue God during your college years, it is crucial that Scripture be at the center of your life. God speaks to us through His word and shows us how we are to live our lives including how to fulfill His call on our lives. At a Bible college you will be immersed in Scripture, learn how to read and interpret the Bible in a way that will ground your foundational beliefs, and also nourish your spiritual life.

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## To Find Christian Role Models

Adulting is not easy. Your time at Bible college will provide you with the opportunity to be mentored by older students as well as faculty and staff whose faith has strong roots. You will be able to learn from their decades of learning and spiritual maturity, gleaning wisdom that will light your path so as you move into adulthood. This is a special, unique time in your life that will help you solidify your faith as you move into the career God has planned for you.

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## To Develop a Biblical Worldview

The world is starved for a biblical worldview in all sectors. In Bible college you will learn and/or improve your view of the world through God's holy Word. A biblical worldview leads you to believe in moral absolutes, miracles, human dignity, and the possibility of redemption. This knowledge can and should be applied in any career you choose. For example, imagine bringing the love of Christ into a social workers career. The training you receive at Bible college will enable you to bring a level of peace and calm into very difficult situations. In short a biblical worldview can help you to have a radical effect on a person's life, including your clients and coworkers.

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## To Develop Leadership Skills

Are you a leader? Did you know successful leadership can be developed through deep study of the Bible? Strong leadership skills can take you into a variety of different careers. A good leader is modest, humble, compassionate, kind, energetic, enthusiastic, and is a visionary. All of these skills are developed at Bible college. In Bible college you will be given a variety of opportunities that will help you grow in all of these areas. Blending education with Christ-like leadership skill development encourages you to lead by example in every area of your life, including any career you choose.

# 5 To Successfully Launch

Did you know many Bible colleges have a variety of one and two year programs in addition to a Bachelor's program? This is so you can receive training in the Bible even if you do not want to pursue a four-year degree. A one or two year program can be a great choice to help you dig into God's Word, receive strong spiritual training, and solidify your faith so you can successfully launch into the next season of your life. In fact, there is a good chance your credits will transfer to a Bachelor's program, and in the meantime, you could save a lot of money because some Bible colleges are much more affordable than other private higher education institutions.

# Wondering What is Next for You?

Remember, Bible college is not just for future pastors! Still not sure? Have questions about attending Bible college? We invite you to call Admissions any time at **585-582-8260** or email us at **[admissions@elim.edu](mailto:admissions@elim.edu)**, we would love to answer your questions!

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