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## EX CATHEDRA!

### Top 10 Reasons You Need Ministers' License & Credentials

**1. To ensure that you are not leaning to your own understanding**

Peer reviews are very important in every area and walk of life. Educators demand that students read peer reviewed journals. People with "real" doctorate degrees must have their dissertations reviewed by professional peers and colleagues. Obtaining a minister's license means that your doctrinal teachings and views are biblical, orthodox, and safe. <sup>9</sup> *Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.* <sup>10</sup> *And let these also first be proved...* **1 Tim. 3:9-10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *They should be tested first, and then, if they pass the test, they are to serve.* **1 Tim. 3:10 (GNT)**

**3. To be supported and sometimes defended and protected**

Being a "card-carrying" member of a family or ministry system where there are others of like faith that has your back is a great benefit. Since no man is an island, licensing makes you part of the mainland. *And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.* **Acts 4:32 (KJV)**

**5. To support the work of the ministry, unselfishly**

It's easy to only place our finances into a ministry that "we" ourselves are overseeing and benefitting from. In these cases, we are essentially "supporting" ourselves, our mission, our goals, and often our empires. When we pay license and other organizational fees, we are effectively pouring into other international ministries and relief efforts, giving support to people other than our selfish selves, which is the will of God.

**7. To verify your belief and adherence to the doctrine**

Renewing your license confirms that you are still holding on to the faith that was once delivered to the saints. It is your confession and promise that you are maintaining correct orthodoxy and doctrinal integrity. Since many false prophets are gone onto the world, licensing makes us glad to know that you are not one of them.

**9. To gain easy access to most prisons and hospitals**

Some institutions ask for credentials, some don't, but why take chances? With valid, updated credentials you will be ready when that critical point of ministry appears. Even Paul laid out his license on multiple occasions. Notice how he acknowledges both the credential

**2. To show that you are a team player**

The scriptures are replete with examples of God's people remaining in fellowship and enjoying the sweetness of communion together. **Acts 2:42, Ps. 133:1-3** No man is an island, no man stands alone, and nobody likes the look of a weird and isolated hermit.

**4. To verify that you are "accountable" to "someone" other than yourself**

Speaking on issues pertaining to husband and wife, the apostle Paul said this, *"Place yourselves under each other's authority out of respect for Christ"*. **Eph. 5:21 (GWT)**. It makes sense that we should at least in some sense "submit" ourselves to a conference of other godly colleagues. If you get out of line or off track, who can help you? Who will you allow to straighten YOU out and set you back on the right track? Long story short, credentials and licensing are much about accountability which means safety for both you and the people that you lead. **Proverbs 13:1** – *"A wise son heeds his father's instructions, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."*

**6. To indicate that you have been examined by a team of colleagues and**

**peers**

Licensing means that you choose to submit the actions of your life and ministry to the scrutiny and even voluntary critique of other leaders and apostolic persons of like faith. This helps you to maintain balance, gain spiritual strength, also to verify and document growth and Kingdom living. Being examined by a spiritual jury of "godly peers" should be viewed as a benefit, an honor, and a privilege.

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**8. To follow biblical norms and obey the scriptures**

Before GPS was invented, it was a known fact that many males were hesitant about asking other men for direction. Likewise, for some men the subject of being under subjection is a tough one, but it's a must. Licensing is a constant reminder and humbler. It could indicate that, at least in some respect, you are not self-guided by arrogance or pursuing the wrong destiny. *When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they*

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